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SW Idaho Wildfire Resilience: All-Lands Partnership

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Solutions Lab: Wildfire Resilience

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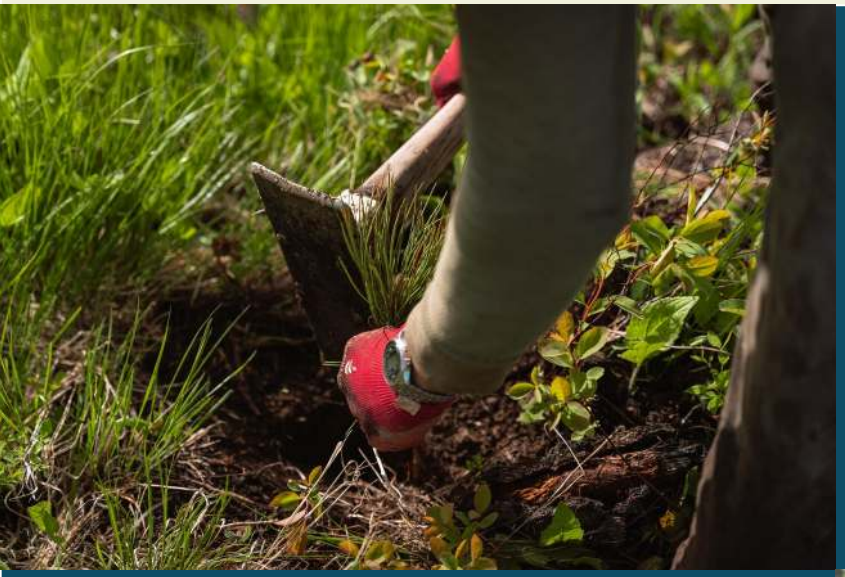
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At the National Forest Foundation, we envision a world where caring for our forests is second nature.

Our mission is to transform America's love of nature into action for our National Forests.

What We Do | Three Impact Pillars



Wildfire Resilience

Making forests and communities better able to withstand wildfire through landscape-wide treatment, community risk reduction, and local collaboration.



Land & Watershed Restoration

Repairing and healing the land and waters that sustain us—bringing back vibrant forests, flowing streams, and resilient habitats for future generations.



Recreation Enhancement

Ensuring accessible, sustainable, and high- quality opportunities for people to connect with nature, while strengthening economies and protecting ecosystems.

How We Work | We are...



Doers

We plan and lead on-the-ground projects to maintain resilient forest systems that can support human and natural needs.



Conveners

We initiate and facilitate networks to coordinate action, share best practices, and deepen sectoral collaboration.



Innovators

We support and scale practices, tools, and models that could evolve or enhance forestry methods and markets.



Storytellers

We deepen and broaden the public's appreciation of public lands to inspire support, stewardship, and funding.

Why NFF and MT 2030?

- As the **congressionally chartered nonprofit partner of the U.S. Forest Service**, we are dedicated to supporting work anchored on National Forests & Grasslands.
- **We understand the place.** Our field staff are embedded alongside forest units and in their communities, working closely with stakeholders.
- Our experienced teams provide **expertise, nimble mindsets, creativity, and solutions**.
- As an independent nonprofit we can build **solution focused** coalitions and **leverage resources**, funding, and partnerships.



From Idea to Implementation

Partnership Framework



It starts with a conversation! We work with Forest staff and partners to identify ‘ripe’ projects and develop a proposed plan of action

- Collaboratively identified
- Value add to Forest & community
- Fits NFF's strategic plan and funding approach



Identify funds available to support project and match

- Forest or other Federal
- State or local government
- Corporate or Business
- Private or Foundation
- Sometimes in phases



Implementation

- Develop appropriate agreements with the USFS, State, etc.
- Manage grants and contracts to implementation partners
- Oversee, coordinate partners, and manage on-the-ground activities
- Monitor and report project accomplishments

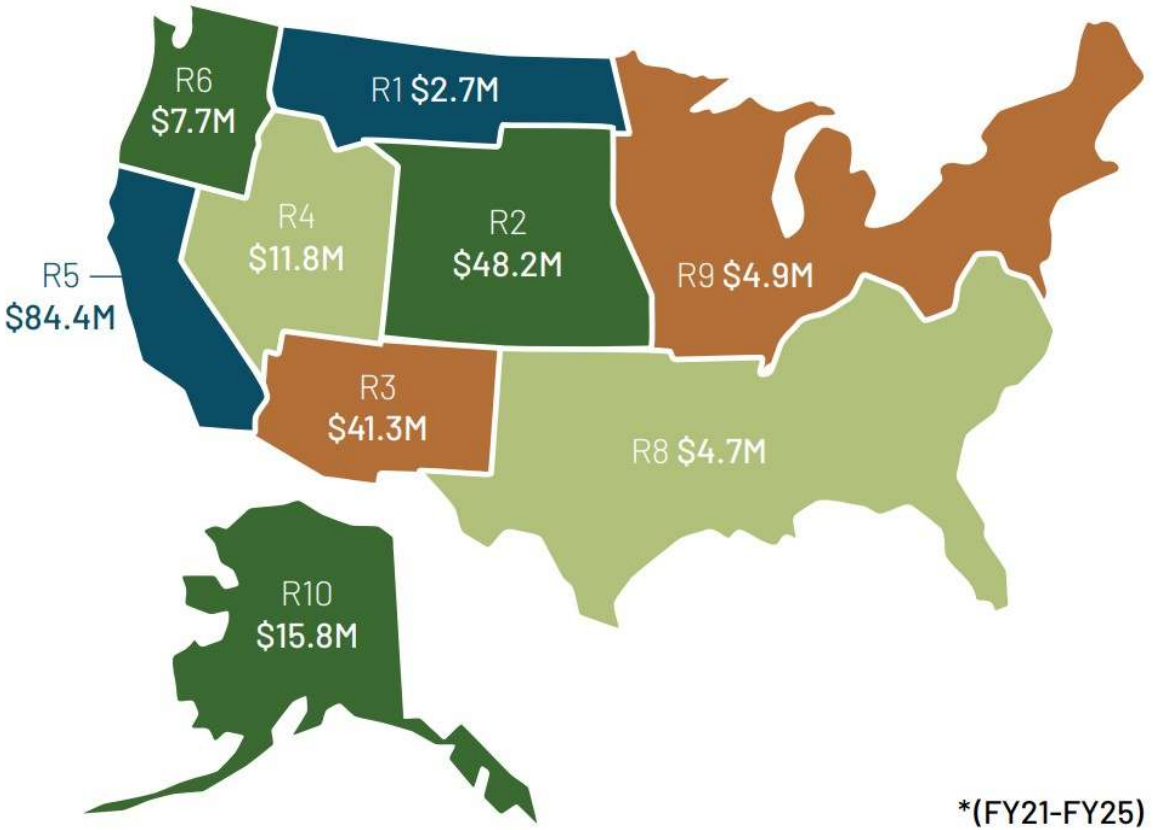
Our Funding Model

Each year, we receive an appropriation from the Forest Service (~ $3M) in addition to project-based funding via partnership-driven agreements and direct grants.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we also raise funds from corporations, foundations, and state and local governments, and individuals.

For every federal dollar, the NFF adds $4 of conservation value.

Field Investments Over Last 5 Years



*(FY21-FY25)

NFF's Intermountain Region







On-the-Ground Impacts

- **UT, NV, Southern ID, Western WY**
- **6 staff across the Intermountain Region**
  - **Southwest Idaho – Boise, Payette**
  - **Central Idaho – Sawtooth, Salmon-Challis, Caribou-Targhee**
  - **Utah – 5x National Forests**
- Supporting **forest and habitat restoration, hazardous fuels, watershed health, community engagement and recreation enhancement** projects across the region.
- Building partnerships and new relationships with every forest & community in region.

Intermountain Initiatives

- UT Recreation Asset Inventory and Enhancement Strategy
- Restoration of 11 Historic Guard & Ranger Stations
- Cottonwood Fire Post-Fire Recovery
- Ski Area Biomass Energy Facility Support: feedstocks & timber industry support





Sawtooth NF – Bald Mountain Stewardship

- Working with Sawtooth NF & Sun Valley since 2020
- Fuels reduction within ski boundary using cut-to-length tethered style
- NFF manages contracts, Wood for Life hauling, ski area partnerships
- Since 2023, NFF has treated more than 603 acres, creating new ski terrain & improving forest health
- Mix of Federal & private funds



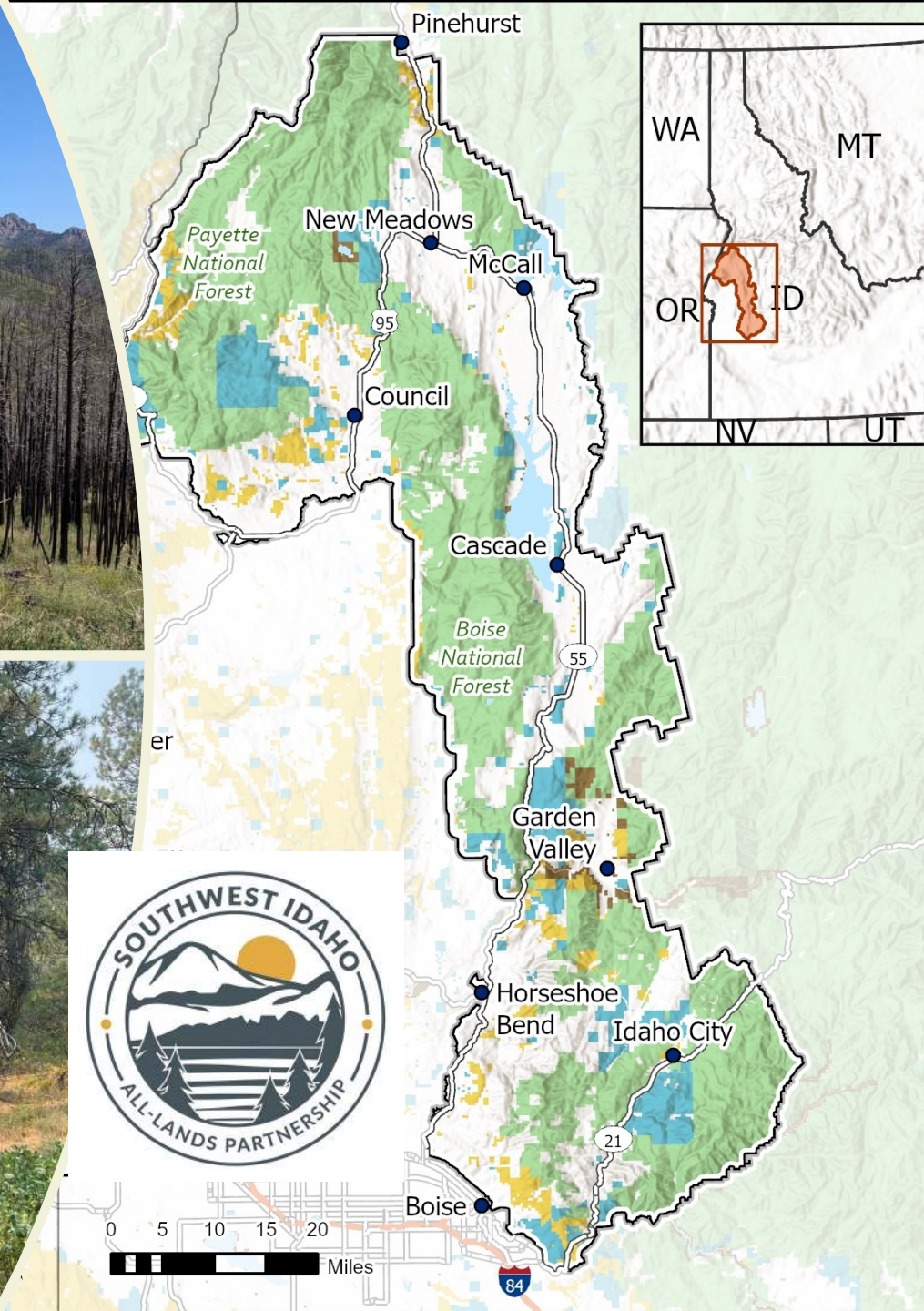


Southwest Idaho Wildfire Resilience

- Original Wildfire Crisis Strategy (WCS) Landscape, 2.2M acres
- Completing fuels reduction treatments on public and private
- Identified 150,000 high priority acres that, when treated will improve wildfire resilience
- Co-created the ***SW Idaho All-Lands Partnership*** to increase pace & scale across landscape
- Manage the Southwest Idaho Forest Fund







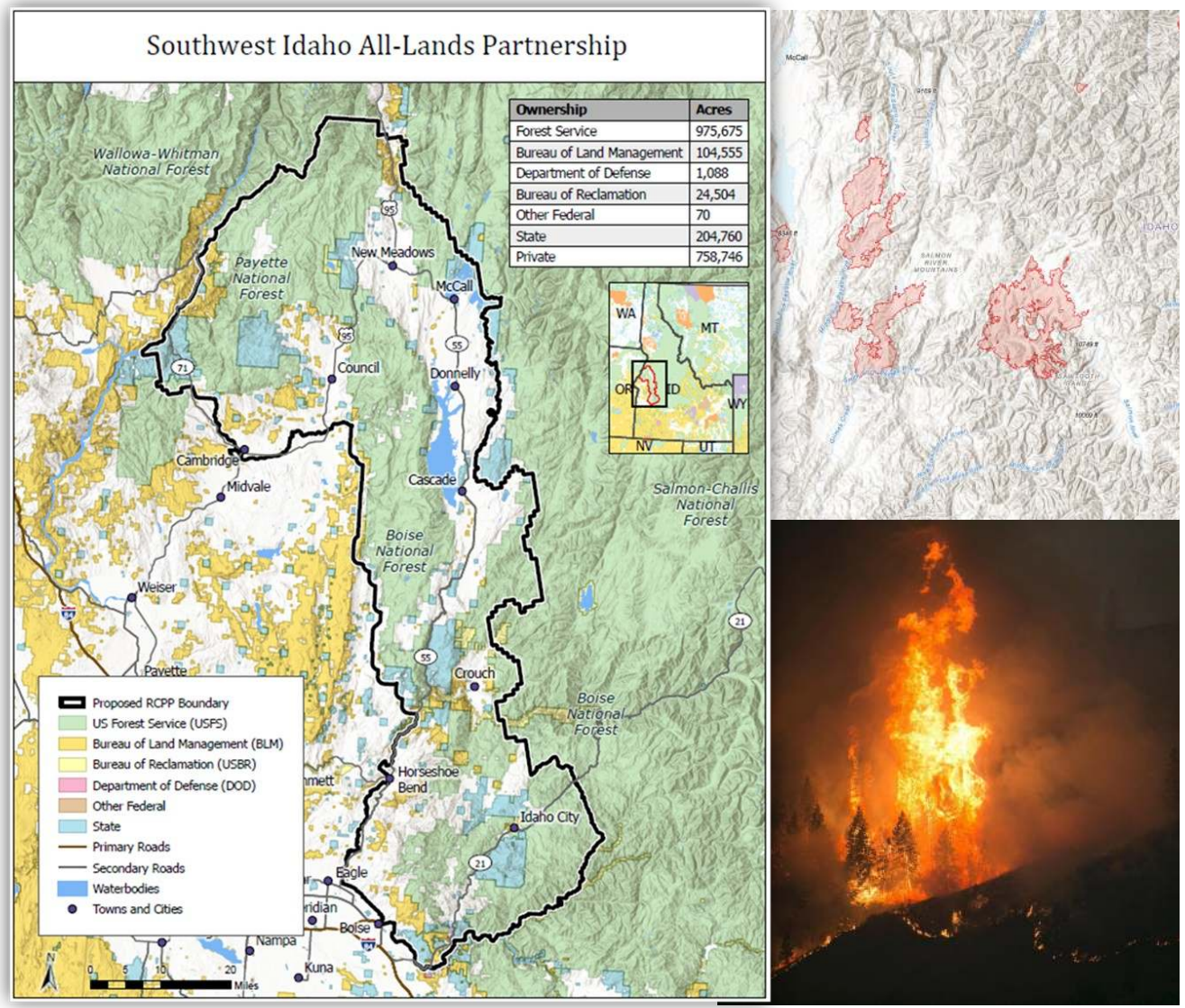


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WHY WAS THE ALP CREATED?

PROBLEM: *Uncharacteristic wildfires have become common*

- Pool funding and capacity
- Foster coordination that increases efficiency and impact
- Add to current, effective cross boundary planning and treatment efforts
- Support the forest products industry
- **Increase the pace and scale of active management that reduces the intensity of future wildfires and increases our ability influence these fires when they do occur**



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THE PARTNERSHIP

Idaho Power Company
Co-Chair: Dani Southard, Wildfire Mitigation Program Manager

Valley County
Co-Chair: Mara Hlawatschek, Wildfire Mitigation Director

Wilderness Ranch FPD
Colton McCarthy, Fire Protection Association Chief

Idaho Forest Group
Tera King, Corporate Resource Analyst

Idaho Department of Lands
Ara Andrea, Wildfire Risk Mitigation Program

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Ty Tyler, Intermountain Program Manager

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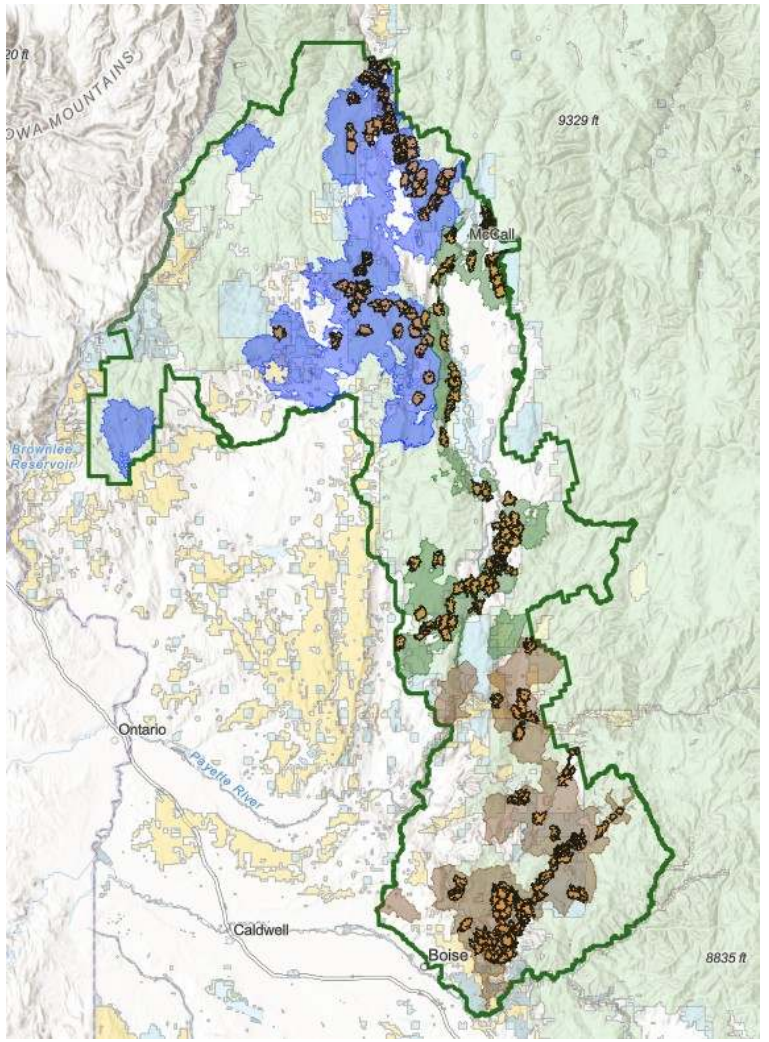
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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP
September, 2026

STEERING COMMITTEE	COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
Co-Chair Mara Hlawatschek *Valley County*	**Chair** Amy Forsgren *USFS*	**Chair** Josh Rodriguez *NFF*	**Chair** Ty Tyler *NFF*
Co-Chair Dani Southard *Idaho Power*	**Staff** Lance Davisson *The Keystone Concept*	**Staff** Lance Davisson *The Keystone Concept*	**Staff** John Riling *USFS*
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THE ALP TREATMENT ROADMAP

- Collaboratively prioritize treatments that maximize impact to fire behavior
- Create shared language for treatment planning amongst different partners
- Communicate with decision makers and funders
- Assess resources and treatments required to change fire behavior
- Empower practitioners across different orgs and agencies with differing resources
- Prioritize Fire Ready Forest Funding



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BUILDING CAPACITY AND CONNECTIONS

- Shared Stewardship and Landowner Assistance Programs
- Technical Service Providers
- County and IDL GNAs
- Idaho Conservation Corps
- Contractor Capacity
- Wood product utilization & market capacity
- Idaho Power & NGOs





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WHAT DOES THIS LOOK LIKE SO FAR?

- Partner and community engagement
- Southwest Idaho Forest Fund
  - $9M in WCS
  - $20.1M in NRCS RCPP funds
  - $340K Thriving Communities Grant
  - $127K Idaho Power support
- Creation of a regional wildfire mitigation treatment roadmap
- Coordination and collaboration between partners



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FIRE READY FORESTS

- Funded at $20.3M by Farm Bill
- Created by the ALP and managed by NFF
- Staff with a full-time NFF Coordinator and foresters from American Forestry Management
- Provides funding for treatments on non-industrial, private land that don’t pencil commercially
- Goal is to treat 8,500 acres in five years
- Kicks off Spring of 2026
- Outreach will begin in focal neighborhoods identified by ALP



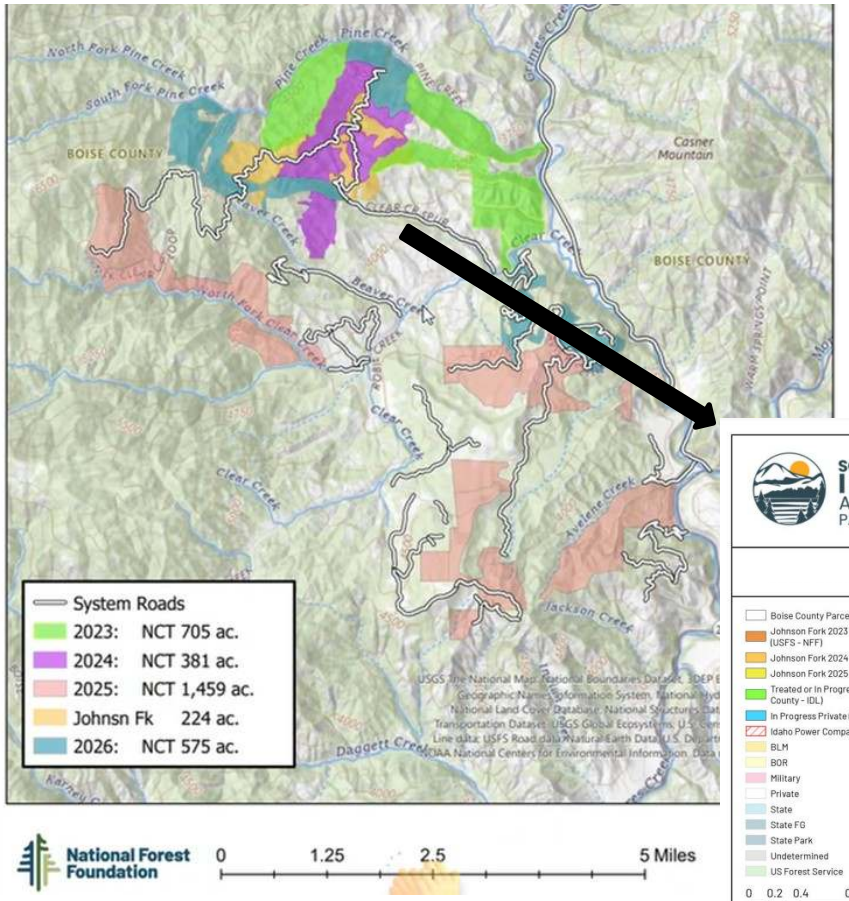
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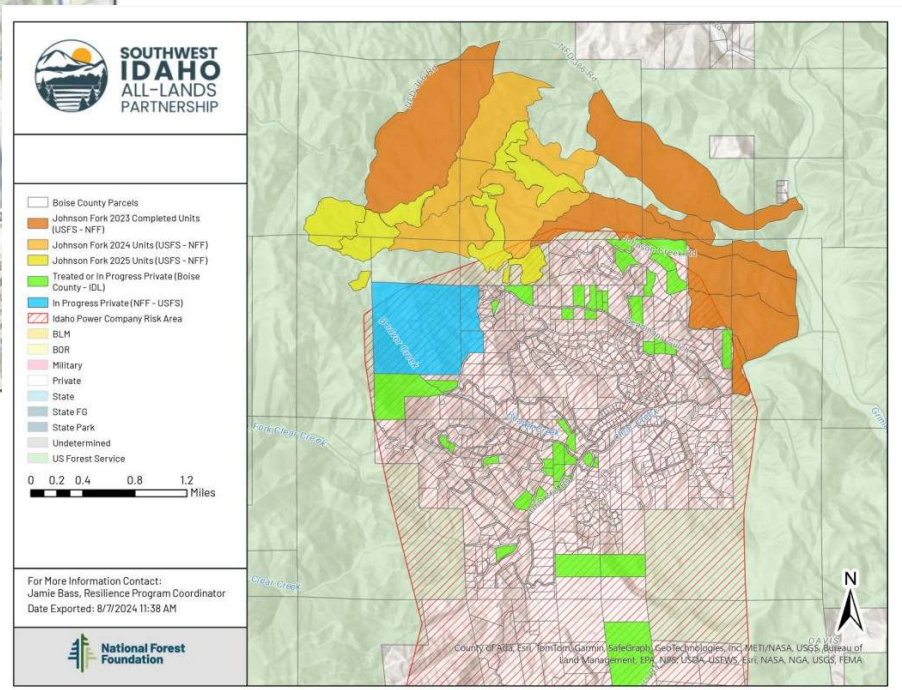
COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS - CLEAR CREEK

2,838 acres treated across federal and private lands with **799** planned for 2026

PARTNERS

- Boise County
- Clear Creek VFD
- IDL
- NFF
- USFS





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WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

- DON'T MOVE FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF TRUST
- Collaboration takes time
- Shared priorities and vision rely on trust
- Agreed upon metrics and ideas for success
- Industry and non-industry are critical partners
- Be creative in thinking about funding



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Questions?

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