

Sublette County Forest Collaborative

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Interests

Why is forest health in Sublette County important to you?

Group 1

- *Want forest to be productive for forage and cover
- *A healthy, aesthetic forest instills confidence in public land management
- *Want to sustain healthy ground and surface water
- *A healthy forest is important to our recreation infrastructure
- *Forest health encapsulates social economic, and ecological factors which need to be balanced
- *A healthy forest can recover from disturbance and be resilient
- *A healthy forest can provide a variety of ecosystem services over the long-term, such as water, air, wood products, and wildlife
- A healthy forest is appealing
- A healthy forest is important to wildlife and habitat
- *The economic values of tourism, wood harvest, jobs, hunting, and fishing
- *A healthy forest is important to why people move here and their quality of life
- *A healthy forest will help protect houses from burning

Group 2

- *Resilient forests help sustain resilient wildlife populations
- It's a benefit to the county and community that uses it, now and in the future
- Resistance to invasion (pests, etc.)
- Wildland-urban interface: addressing fuels concerns, cattle, protecting property
- *Residents – this is our home, community
- *Livelihood depends on forest as an outfitter
- Multiple use is an integral part of the custom and culture of the community
- *Healthy ecosystems affect every use of the forest and natural resources
- *Jobs
- Ecosystem: both natural and human
- *Tourism
- Expanded opportunities to enhance economic opportunities
- *Natural beauty, nature enjoyment, outdoor learning opportunities
- Scientific learning opportunities
- *Resiliency – ability of forest to adapt and react
- Interested in diversity of species and people
- What reference information do we need to get through this collaborative process?
- *Taking multiple use into account, conflict resolution