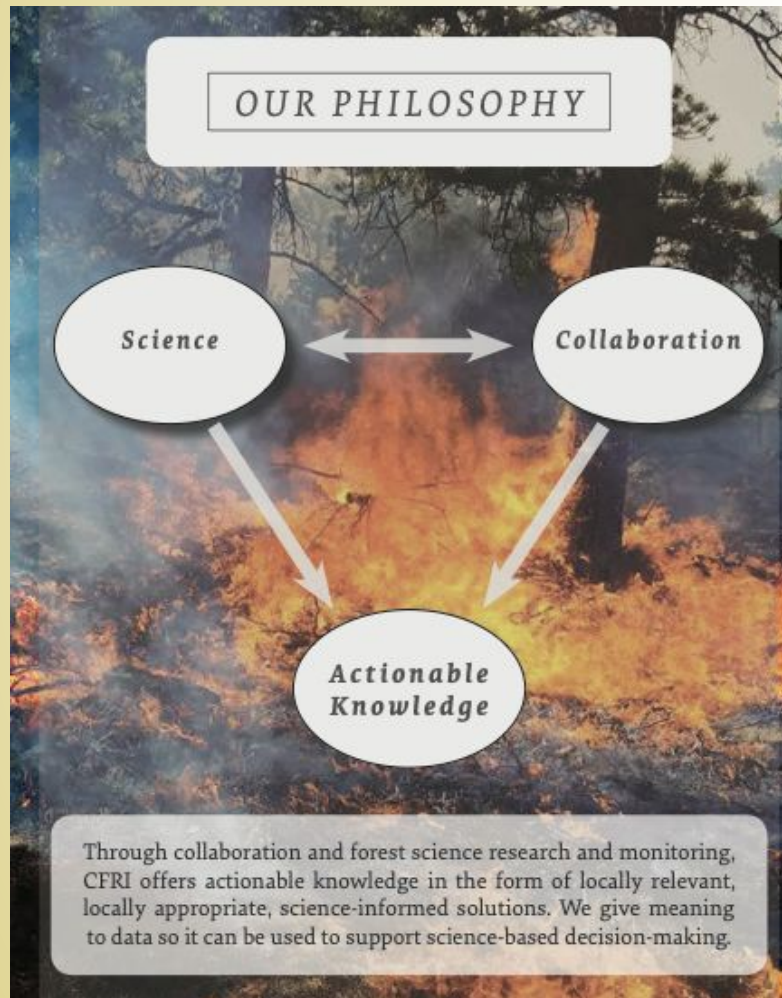


Assessing progress and performance of the SBEADMR collaborative monitoring and adaptive management process



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About the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute



- One of three Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI) in CO, AZ, NM
- Authorized by Congress 2004
- CFRI staff: 24 full time + 20 seasonal at Colorado State University

What do we do and how do we do it:

- Generate and apply locally relevant actionable knowledge to inform forest and fire management strategies
- Work collaboratively, act as bridge between researchers, managers and stakeholders



Setting the Stage



1. Background: monitoring questions & first round of assessment
2. Current assessment questions & status
3. Initial takeaways: successes, challenges, & hopes for the future as SBEADMR winds down
4. Next steps

Background: Monitoring Questions

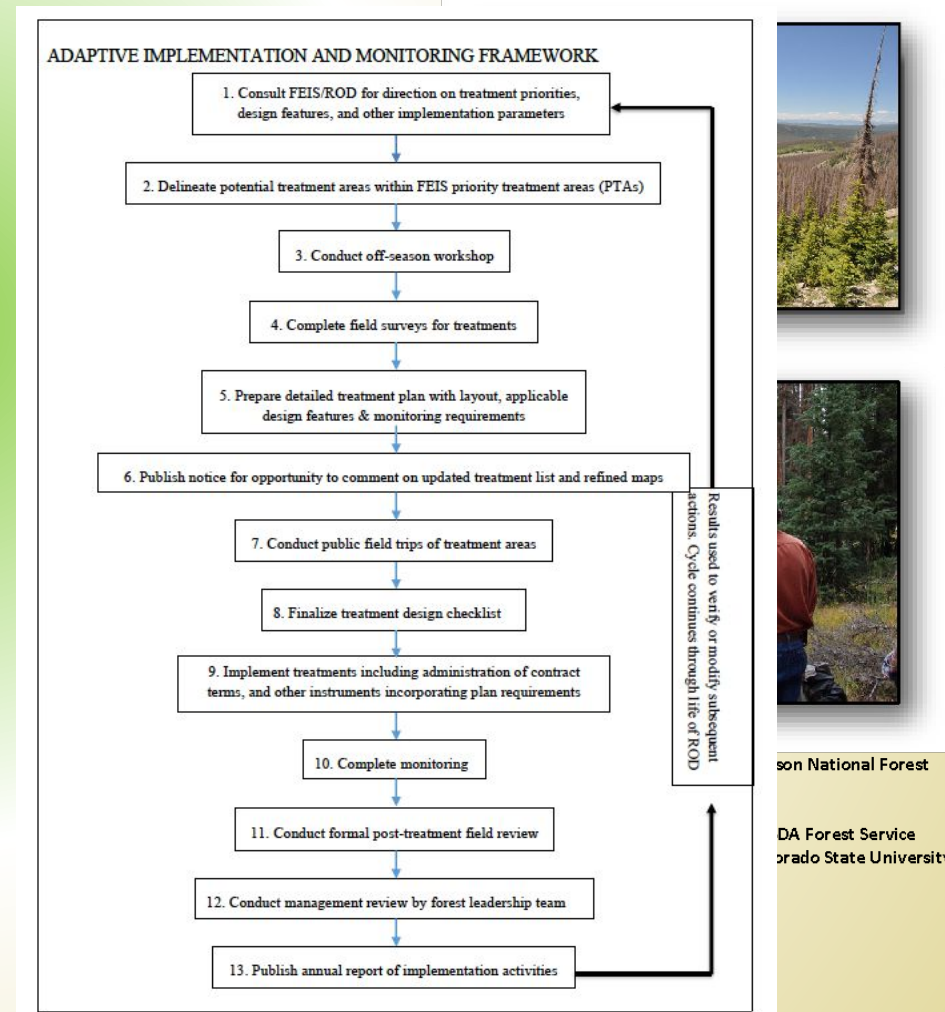


1. Is the collaborative adaptive management process functioning as it was originally intended/expected by participants (focus on recommendations)?
2. To what extent has AMG stakeholder participation changed over the project timeframe?
3. What adaptations have been made over time based on public feedback, monitoring results, etc.?

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A Process for Adaptive Implementation of the Spruce Beetle Epidemic-Aspen Decline Management Response EIS



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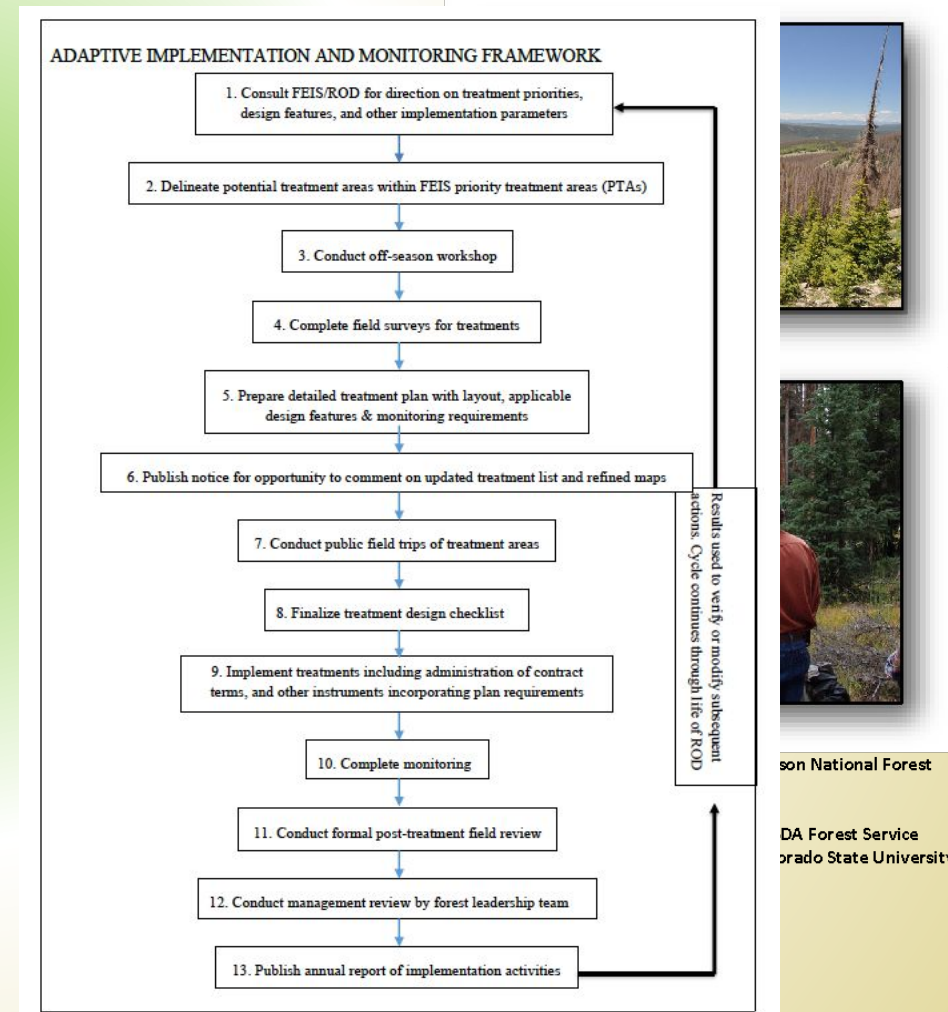
Conducted initial assessment in 2021-2022

Key informant interviews

- 12 semi-structured interviews
- Baseline information on how SBEADMR meeting goals, participant expectations, successes, challenges, recommendations

Questionnaire

- Grounded in findings from interviews
- Administered to – FLT, AMG, Science Team, Resource Specialists, partners, public
- 58 usable responses (30% of sample)



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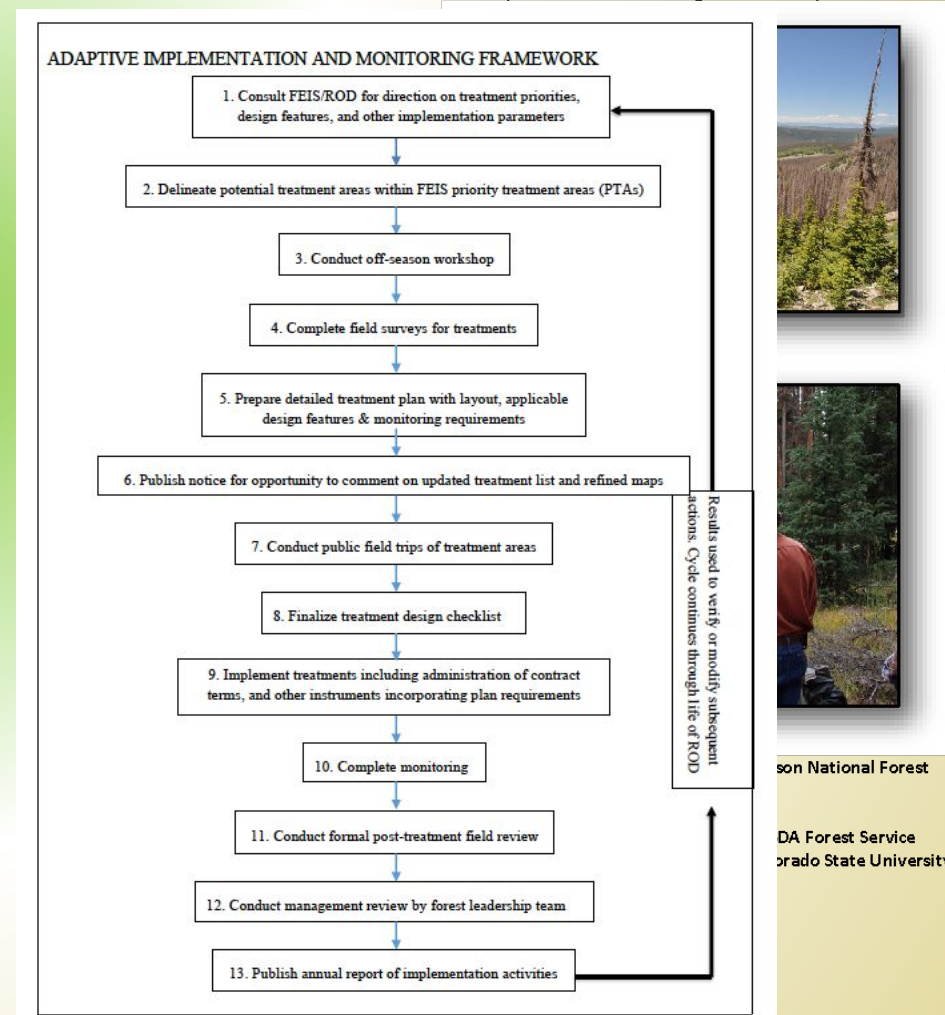
Interview questions

1. What were the major **successes and challenges** of SBEADMR?
2. What are some **changes or events** that impacted collaborative process and outcomes?
3. What are your **expectations and desired outcomes** as SBEADMR winds down?
4. What do you **hope for the future of collaboration** on the GMUG and Western Slope?

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Initial Takeaways: Collaborative successes

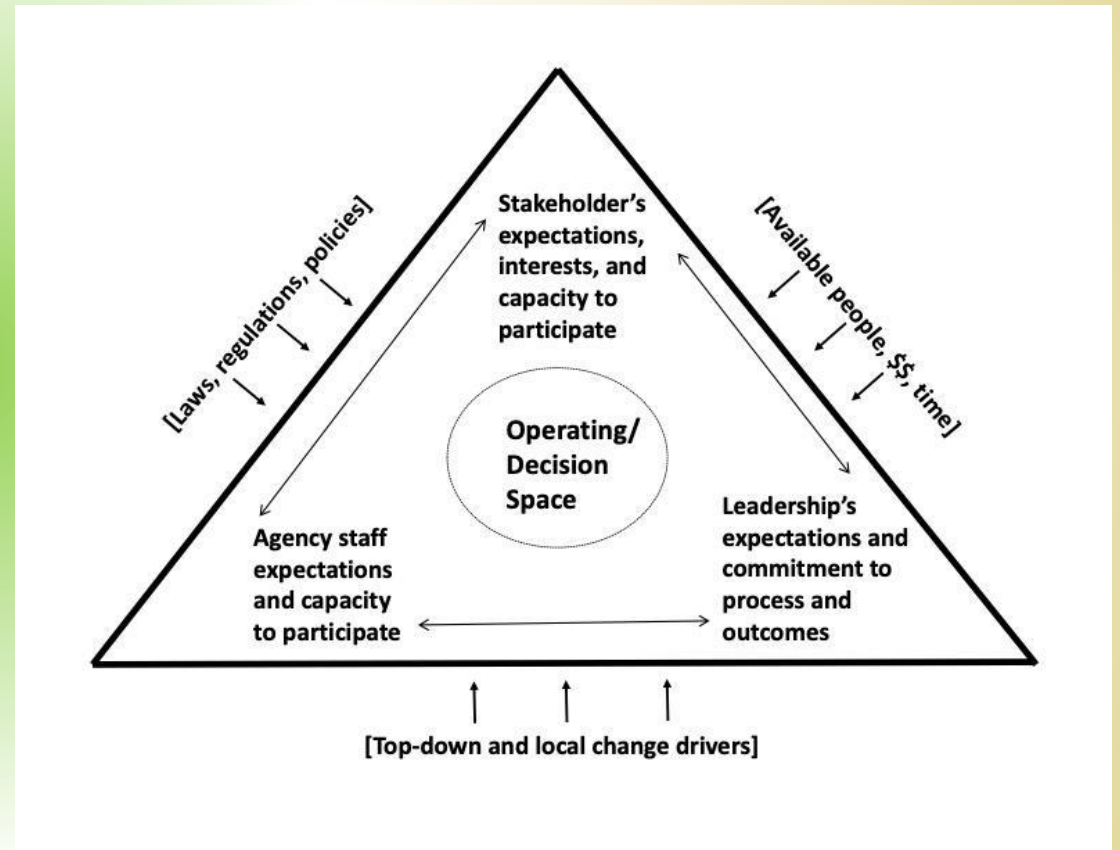
- Opportunity to talk to different stakeholders and hear differing perspectives
- Facilitation of education and learning
- Building and expanding trust to different partners
- Spillover effects
- Structured framework for engagement and streamlining planning and implementation



Initial Takeaways: Changes and transitions that challenged the process



- Turnover and withdrawal from process leading to loss of institutional memory and trust
- Differences in expectations of SBEADMR implementation
- FOIA request
- Other roadblocks to meaningful collaboration across stakeholder groups



Initial Takeaways: Hopes for the future as SBEADMR winds down



Actions as group winds down

- Desire for continued interorganizational collaboration
- Desire for After Action Review
- Question: How can this group continue to engage?

Hopes for continued engagement

- Need for adaptive management
- Science-based decision making
- Scale and focus
- “Go back to kicking the dirt together”

Next steps

- Finish data collection Spring 2026
- Provide more in-depth results during sub-group meeting Fall 2026
- Produce summary report in late-2026, early-2027
- Submit paper for peer review journal in fall of 2027



Thank you!



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