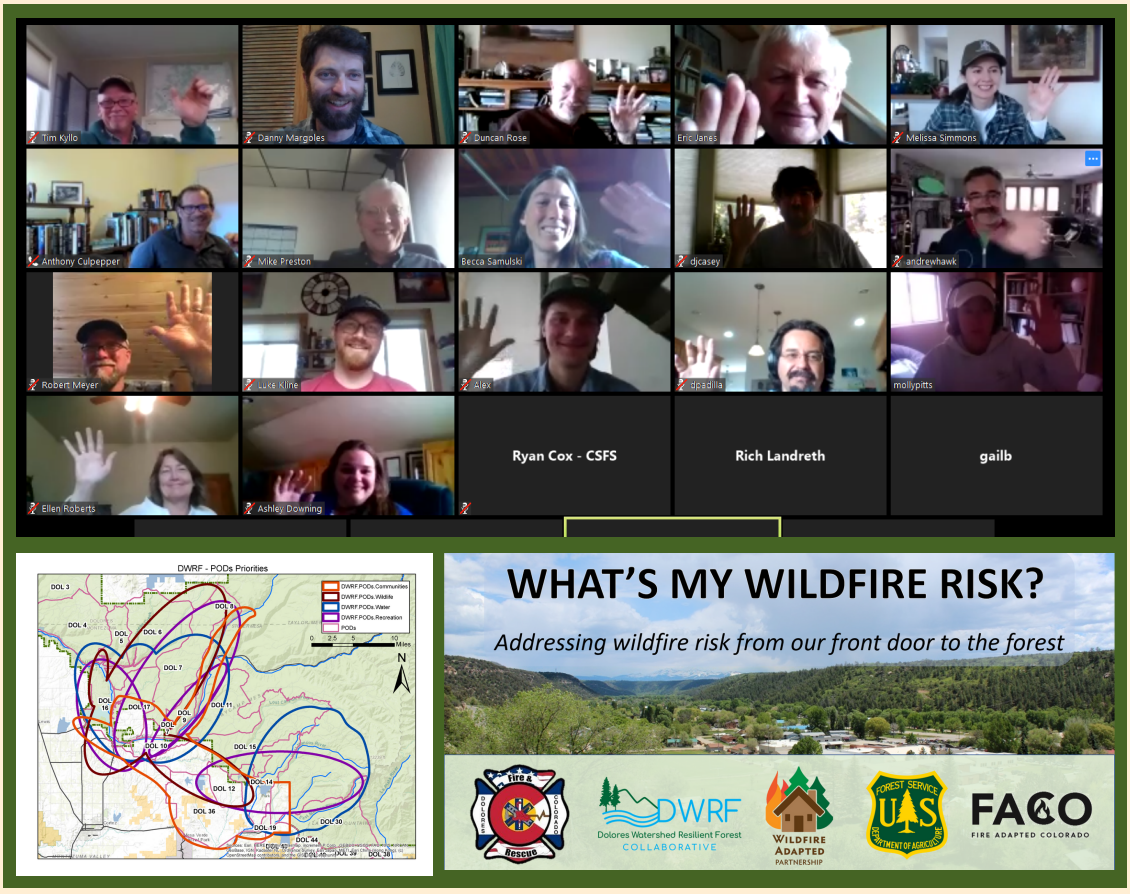
DWRF Dolores Watershed Resilient Forest Collaborative

ANNUAL OVERVIEW - 2020

DWRF IN 2020

As with much of the world, DWRF moved almost exclusively online beginning in March. This was a big change for a collaborative that has met in-person since 2015 and strives to build understanding, trust, and agreement across a diverse group of stakeholders. Yet, throughout the year, DWRF was able to maintain strong and broad engagement through stakeholder meetings, tours, prioritization exercises, participation with the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative, and more. Thank you to all partners for supporting collaborative efforts and your work to advance forest, community, and watershed resilience in Montezuma and Dolores counties.



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PARTNER HOURS AT STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

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PARTNER HOURS DEVELOPING DWRF **PONDEROSA PINE**, **WILDLIFE**, AND **WATER** DESIRED CONDITIONS AND RESILIENCE METRICS

MISSION

Promoting forest, community, and watershed resilience through collaboration.

VISION

A resilient and adaptive upper Dolores River watershed that provides ecosystem services, maintains ecological integrity, and sustains community values in the face of environmental change, supported by a diverse and active collaborative group.

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Program Area Highlights - 2020

Salter Environmental Assessment Tour

Chicken Creek Recreation and Forest Management Tour

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RESILIENT FORESTS AND COMMUNITIES

- Completed comprehensive Desired Conditions and Resilience Metrics for the ponderosa pine systems
- Collaboratively identified treatment priorities across RMRI landscape
- Supported Wildfire Research Team efforts to enhance property owner mitigation outreach

COLLABORATE WITH LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES

- Helped secure the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program for SW Colorado
- Held planning discussions, tours, and presentations on proposed NEPA projects.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

- Direct mailer outreach to all Dolores property owners about their individual wildfire risk
- Public webinar - What's My Wildfire Risk - involving multiple partners
- Science presentations focused on DWRF-specific ecological questions and monitoring outcomes
- Community outreach at Dolores River Festival

FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

- Deepening relationships and participation from forest products producers.
- Updates to working group documents, including products list, desired outcomes, and strategies

COLLABORATIVE EFFECTIVENESS

- Advanced cross-collaborative partnerships
- Strong and diverse stakeholder investment
- Transitioned to new fiscal agent, Onward! A Legacy Foundation

ONWARD! LOCAL LASTING SHARING CARING A LEGACY FOUNDATION