

Collaboration, County Payments and Community Well-Being


A New Contract for Public Lands Communities



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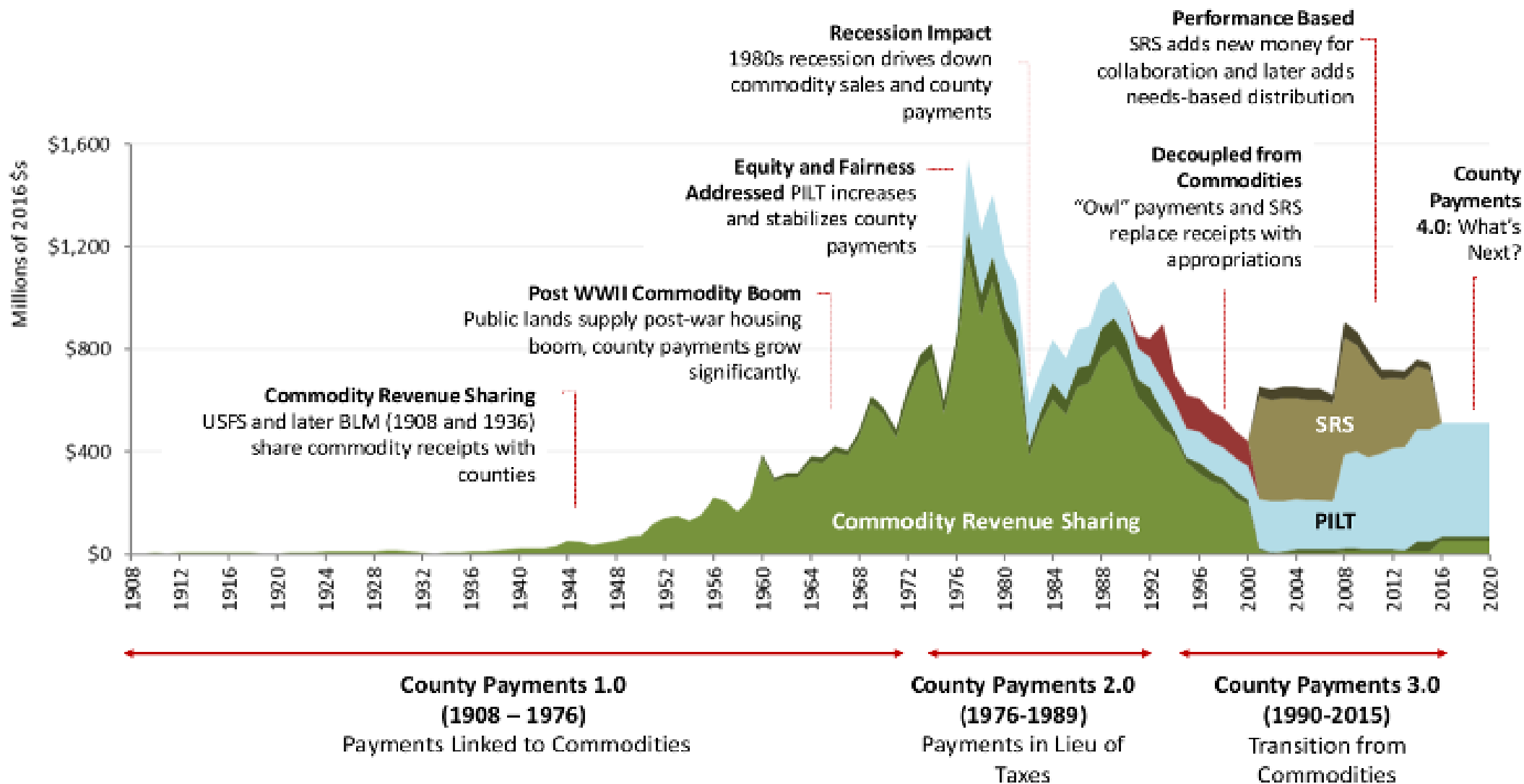
Outline of presentation

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- I. County payments: what they are and their political future
 - II. Collaboration's impact on pace and scale of restoration
 - III. Federal contracting for local benefit
 - IV. Putting it all together: a logic model
 - V. Future directions



COUNTY PAYMENTS

A brief overview and current context



Payment Rates for Various Counties

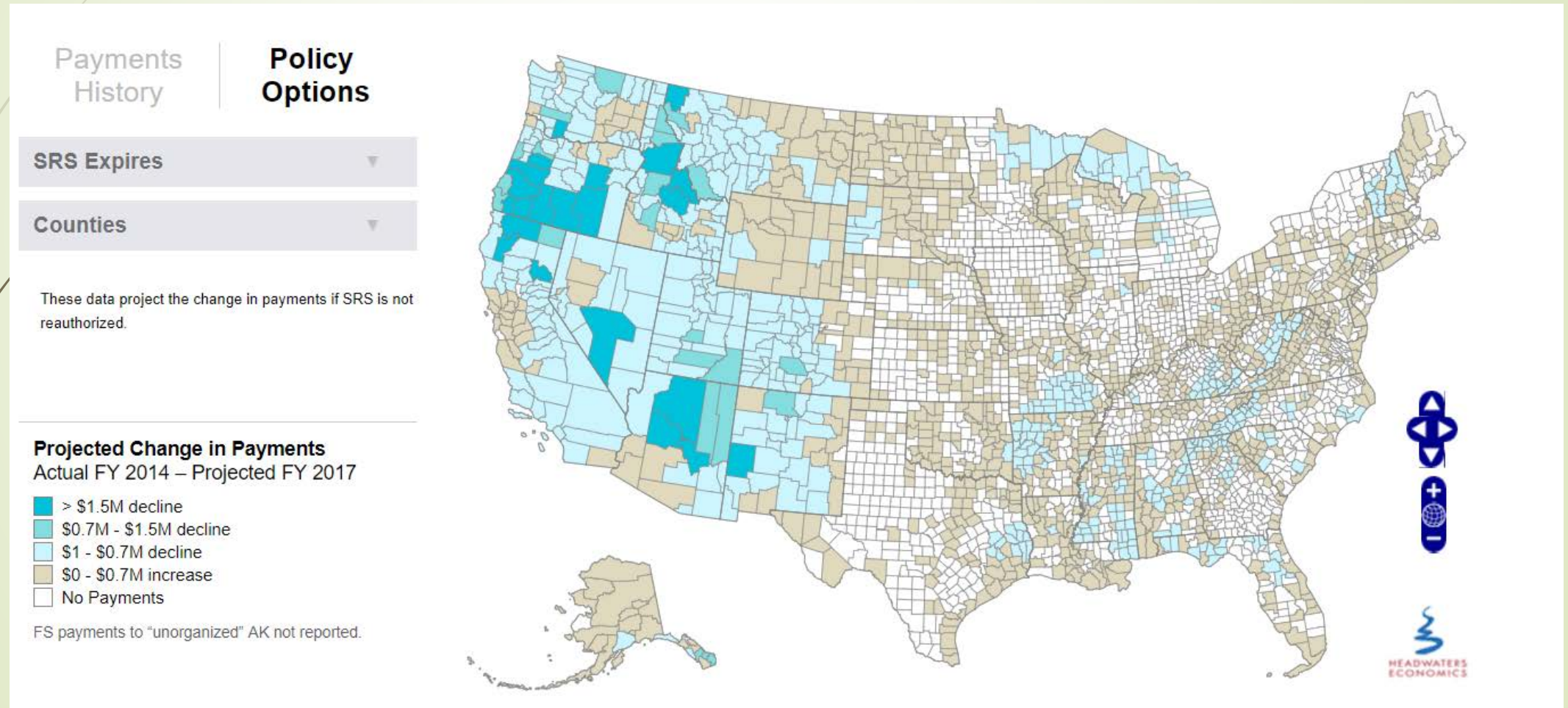
County	Total Payments (SRS, PILT, BLM, FWS)	Federal Acres	Federal Ownership	Total \$/acre	% of County Budget (2012)
Clearwater	\$1,959,200	845,357	53%	\$2.32/acre	23.7%
Elmore	\$3,500,843	1,353,981	68%	\$2.59/acre	26.5%
Idaho	\$8,615,375	4,525,959	83%	\$1.90/acre	71%
Lemhi	\$2,944,605	2,641,224	90%	\$1.11/acre	14.1%
Shoshone	\$3,137,070	1,231,988	73%	\$2.49/acre	32%
Valley	\$2,662,215	2,048,595	86%	\$1.30/acre	23.6%



Current Status of County Payments

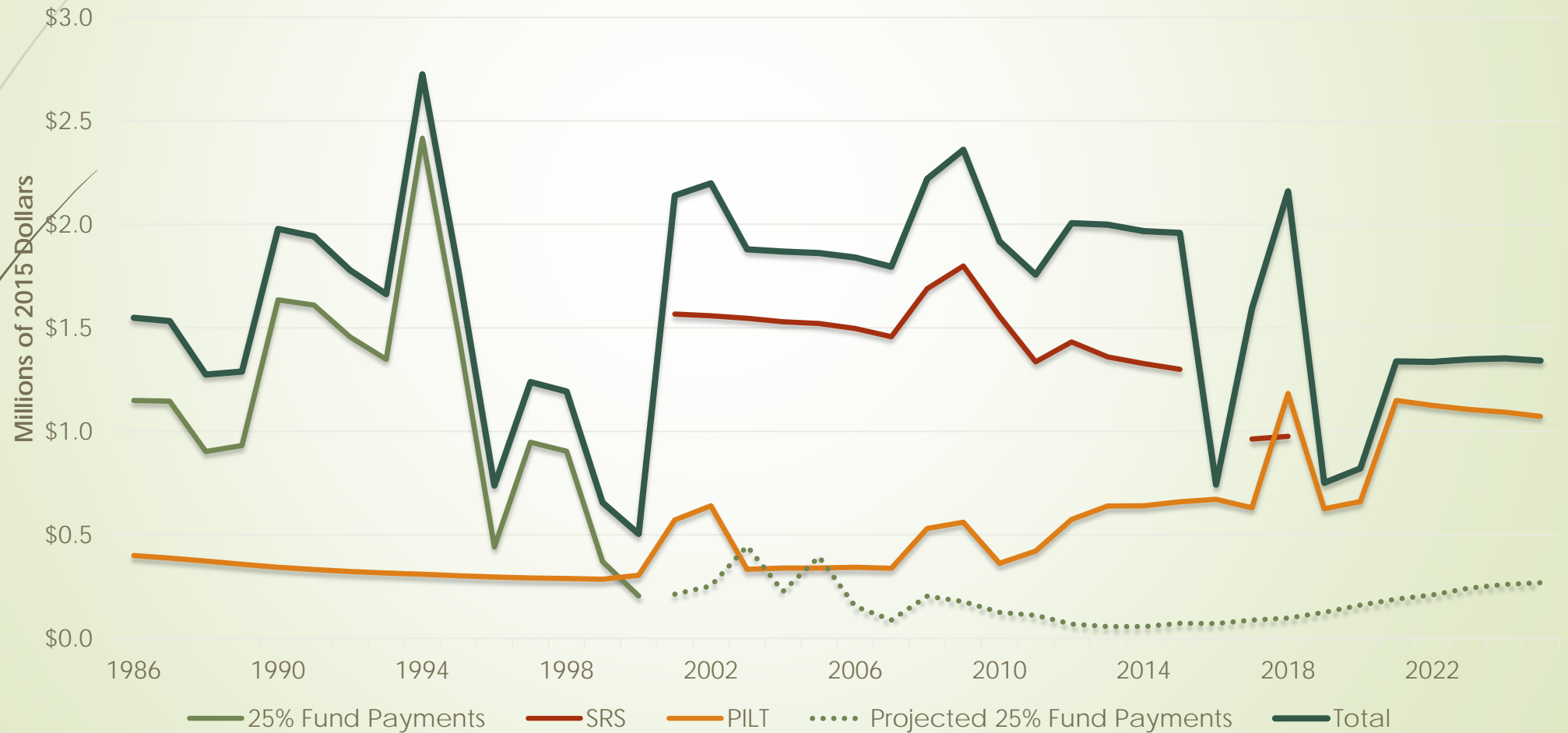
- ▶ SRS payments lapsed in 2016, all counties received their 25% payment instead
- ▶ Congress renewed SRS for two more years (FY17 and 18)
- ▶ Future of program is again in question starting in FY19
- ▶ Opportunity to modify or restructure programs:
 - ▶ Permanent Trust Fund
 - ▶ Single Payment System
 - ▶ Compensation equity for reserved lands
 - ▶ Funding fix for county road budgets

Projected Changes in County-level Payments if SRS Expires



Payment History and Future Projections

CLEARWATER COUNTY, IDAHO



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MINERAL COUNTY, MONTANA





COLLABORATION IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN WEST

A project to understand how collaboration is impacting the pace and scale of restoration on public lands



Test Run on the Idaho Panhandle NF

- ▶ Data Sources:
 - ▶ Planning timelines and legal outcomes (PALS)
 - ▶ Planned, Accomplished and Completed Activities (FACTS)
 - ▶ Commercial veg. outputs – timber volume, value (TIM)
 - ▶ Collaboration: NFF, IFRP, Websites, CFLRP
- ▶ Metrics
 - ▶ Pace: elapsed days from project initiation to signed decision; number of decisions per fiscal year
 - ▶ Scale: Number of unique activities per planning area; Number of acres planned/accomplished
 - ▶ Legal Outcomes: appeals/objections and litigation
 - ▶ Collaboration: collaborative ownership of projects
- ▶ Unit of Analysis: NEPA Project

Appeals/Litigation, continued

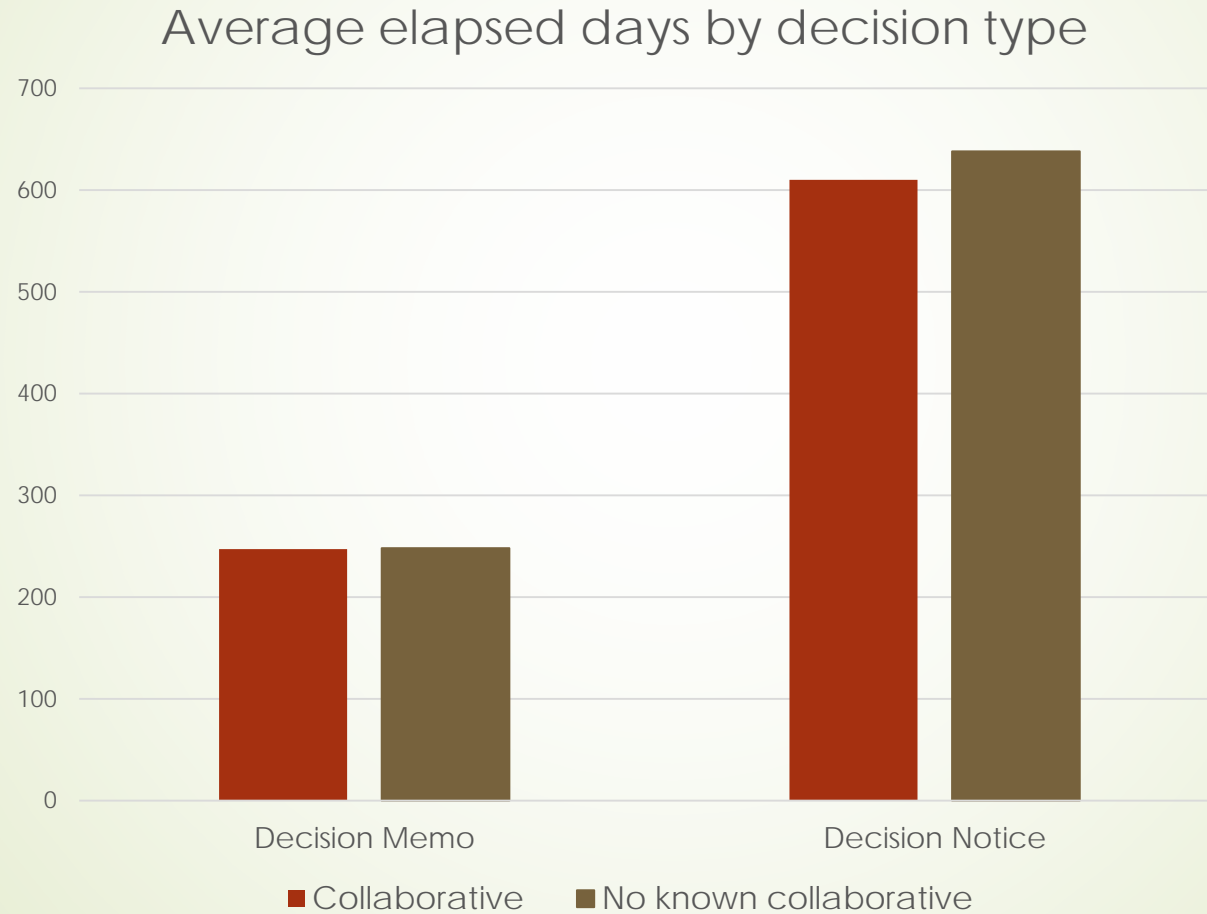
Collaborative Group	N	% Appealed (no.)	% Litigated (no.)
KVRI CFLRP	12	25% (3)	0% (0)
Panhandle Forest Coalition	7	0% (0)	29% (2)
Priest Community Forest Connection	1	100% (1)	0% (0)
None	75	23% (11)	9% (1)

FINDING: Impact of collaboration on appeals and litigation is mixed;

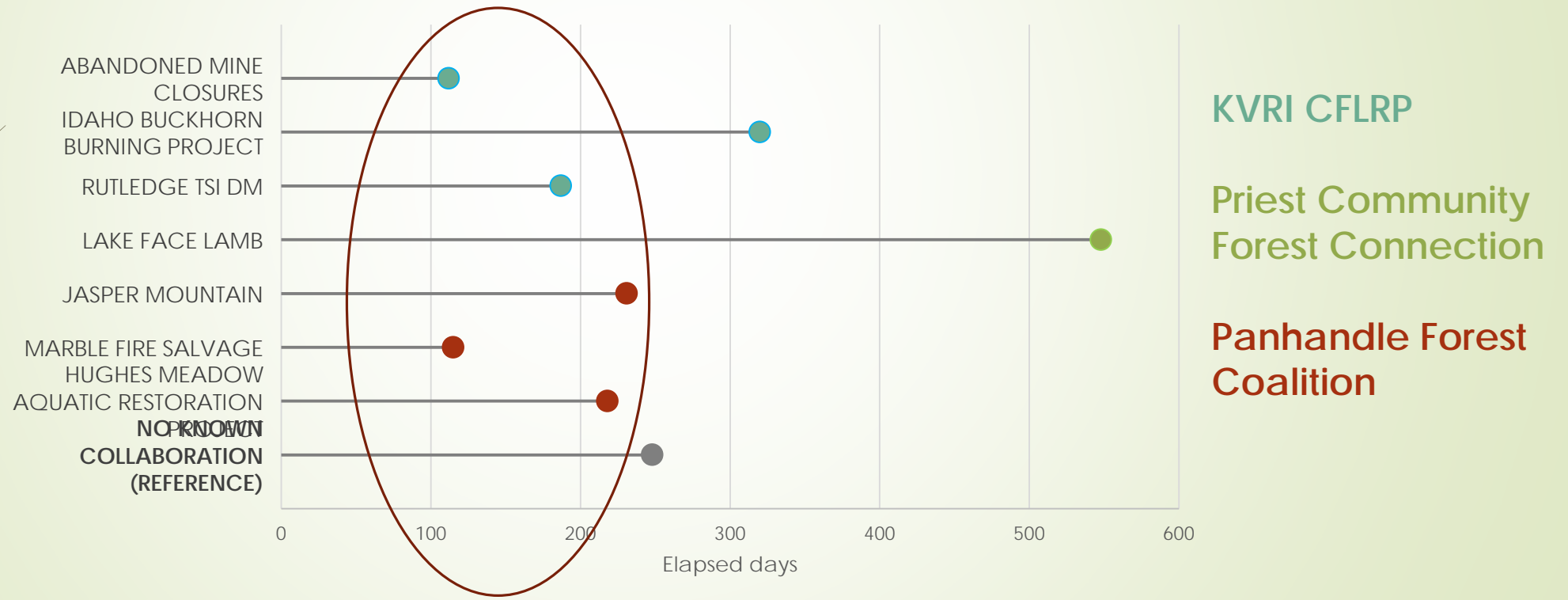
KVRI projects appear to be associated with a reduction in litigation

PFC projects are associated with reduced appeals/objections.

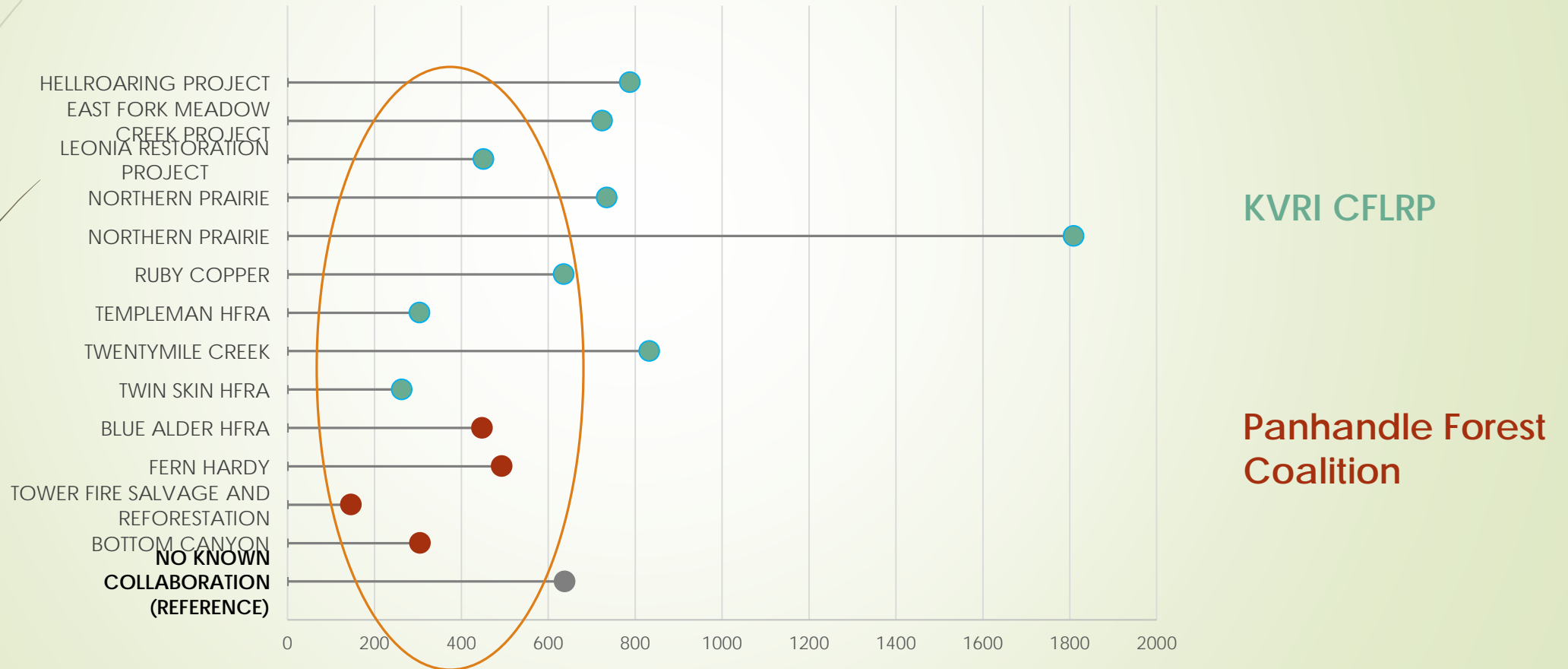
Pace & decision type



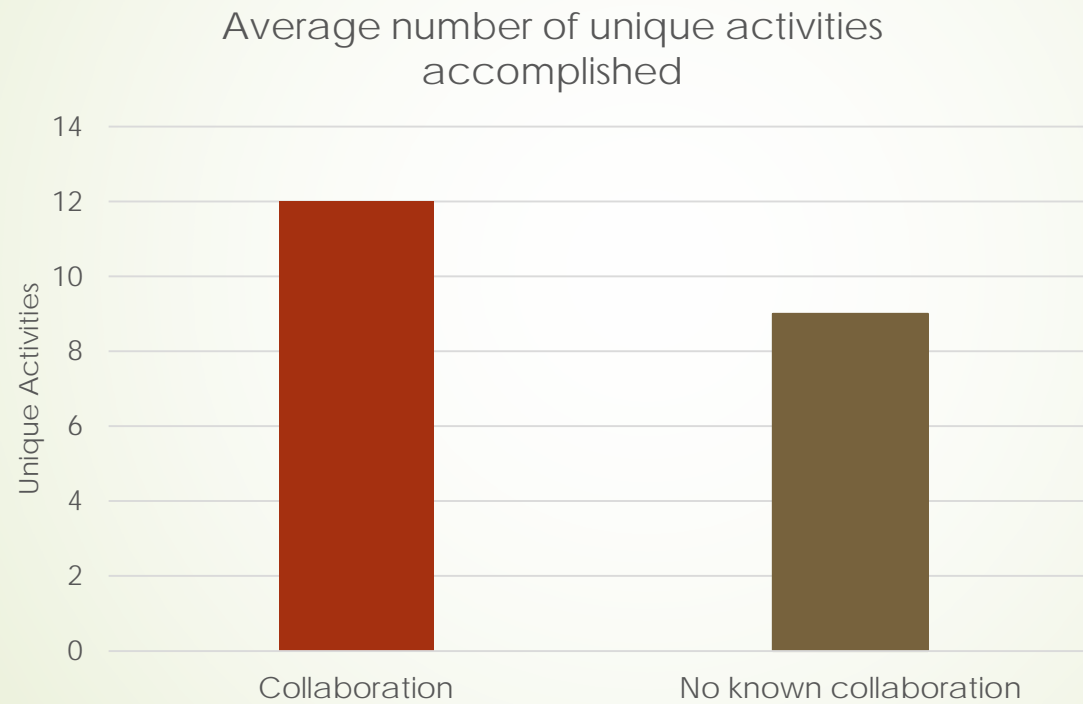
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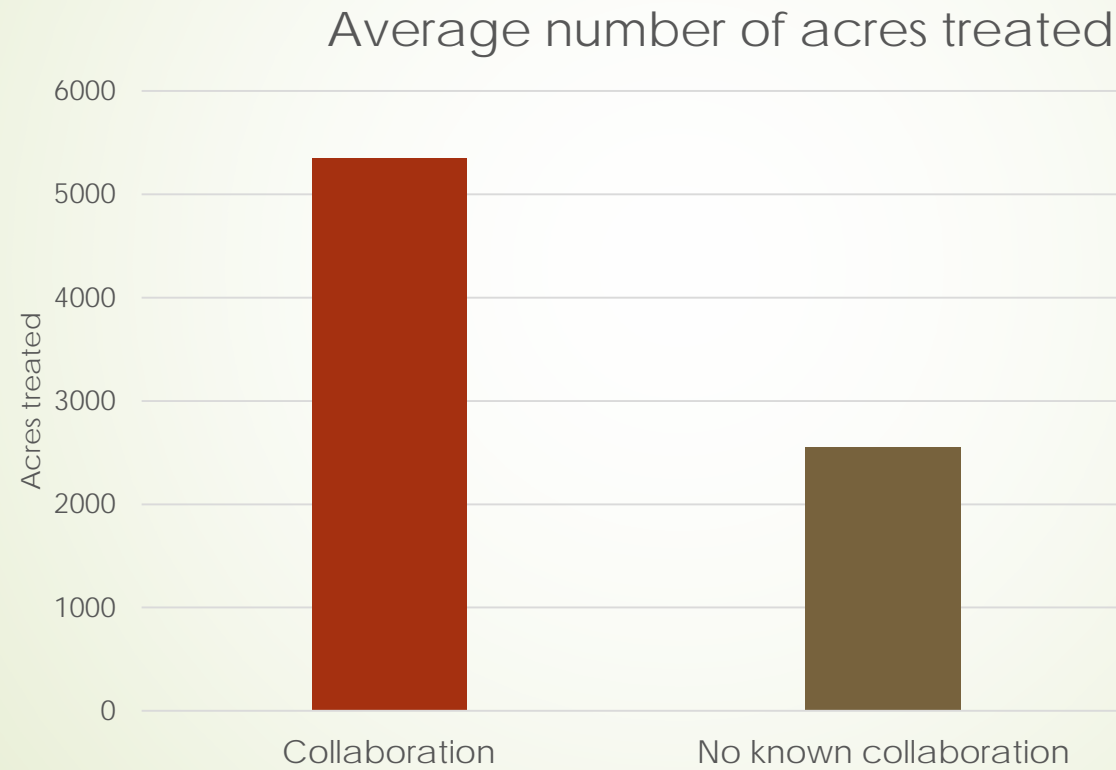
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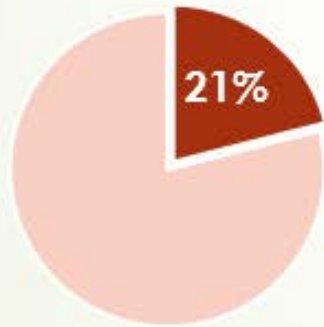




PROCUREMENT CONTRACTING FOR LOCAL BENEFIT

Why federal contracting matters to the well-being of forest-dependent communities

\$14.7 million



- Rural communities within 2-hour radius of project





Public Procurement for Social Benefit

Could enactment of a local preference authority enable forest communities to invest in and build the capacity needed to be more engaged in stewarding our national forests?

- ▶ Since at least 2012, Congress has provided authority to the Secretaries of Ag and Interior to give a local preference on procurement contracts for restoration-related activities.



Creating a Comprehensive Vision for Public Lands Communities

- ▶ Model community-level economic impact of:
 1. Expiration of SRS scenario/full GNA implementation/modified federal payment formulas
 2. Increases in activity due to collaborative engagement and commitment
 3. Increases in share of non-commercial activity conducted by local forestry businesses

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