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Adaptive Approach to Providing Translation and Transfer of Technical, Ecological Restoration Information to Land Managers

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Recent Congressional action to pass a Healthy Forest Initiative indicates that a policy framework will soon be in place to support aggressive application of fuel reduction treatments at the landscape scale. Land managers (and the concerned public) can be overwhelmed with the question of how these landscape scale treatments should be designed, implemented, and monitored. The Ecological Restoration Institute has provided two training workshops for land managers to support the design and application of science-based restoration treatments that solve the underlying problem of forest health. We learned that in order to develop the necessary culture in the workplace for public land managers to develop restoration treatments, we needed to transfer similar information to their supervisors. With feedback from several forest supervisors, we are prepared to move ahead with translation and transfer of information on a scale that must keep pace with the mandated aggressive approach for restoration-based hazardous fuel reduction treatments. We have summarized our efforts here to design effective workshops and the feedback that guided our adaptive approach to developing training.

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