



2-3-2 COHESIVE STRATEGY PARTNERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Land managers, private landowners, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in both Colorado and New Mexico came together in 2016 to develop a cohesive, multi-faceted strategy to address forest health concerns and protect and enhance water quality in the region. The ensuing collaborative was named the 2-3-2 Cohesive Strategy Partnership, for the two major watersheds, three rivers, and two states within the landscape. The 2-3-2 is lovingly referred to as a "conglaborative," or a conglomerate of collaboratives, including the San Juan Headwaters Forest Health Partnership, the San Juan-Chama Watershed Partnership, the Rio Grande Water Fund, and several other landscape scale funding initiatives.



MISSION

By regularly convening diverse partners, promoting coordinated and holistic planning, and elevating local efforts, the 2-3-2 Partnership aims to facilitate cooperation and information-sharing between organizations working toward landscape conservation with an emphasis on watershed resilience in southern Colorado and northern New Mexico. Partners of the 2-3-2 are committed to integrated management strategies that include wildlife, aquatic health, and communities alongside forest health and water quantity deliverables.

VISION

Working collaboratively across public and private lands, agencies, and organizations, the 2-3-2 Partnership coordinates efforts to promote resilient landscapes that protect and improve water resources for communities and habitat for wildlife within and downstream of the 2-3-2 boundary.



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OBJECTIVES

-  Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfire.
-  Increase the number of fire adapted communities.
-  Restore natural fire regimes.
-  Increase forest health and diversity.
-  Improve fish and wildlife habitat and connectivity.
-  Conserve critical wildlife habitat to aid in threatened and endangered species recovery.
-  Improve water quality and watershed function.
-  Mitigate climate change impacts.
-  Improve response to fire.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Awarded \$3 million/year for ten years to fund the Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP), which overlaps with about 2/3 of the 2-3-2 landscape.
- Developed a multiparty monitoring plan to serve the 2-3-2 and the Rio Chama CFLRP.
- Coordinated revisions of the Colorado and New Mexico Forest Action Plans.
- Coordinated work to improve watershed resilience in areas that provide critical drinking water for downstream communities and cities.
- Partnered to complete the first ever TREX (Prescribed Fire Training Exchange) in Region 2 of the USFS.
- Supported defensible space work for low-income housing through CAFA programming.



2-3-2 Partners on a tour at the Headwaters of the San Juan River and the San Juan-Chama Project.



2-3-2 Partners participate in a stream restoration project.

INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED?

Contact alex@mountainstudies.org for additional information about the Partnership and details about upcoming meetings.