



# INNOVATIVE FINANCE FOR NATIONAL FORESTS GRANT PROGRAM

The Innovative Finance for National Forests (IFNF) grant program supports the development and implementation of finance models that leverage private and public capital other than U.S. Forest Service (USFS) annual appropriations. The goal is to enhance the resilience of the National Forest System and surrounding lands and deliver commensurate returns to stakeholders.



## CHALLENGES FACING NATIONAL FORESTS

National Forests are treasures that benefit all citizens, but they are being degraded by catastrophic wildfire, drought, flooding, insect and disease disturbance, climate change, and development pressure. Government funding alone can't keep pace. More than \$6 billion is needed to maintain recreation infrastructure on National Forests alone. Another \$50 - \$100 billion is needed for forest health treatment on 63 million acres of National Forest lands to reduce catastrophic wildfire hazard, protect drinking water sources, and enhance wildlife habitat.

An estimated  
**63 MILLION ACRES OF NATIONAL FOREST LANDS AND 70,000 COMMUNITIES ARE AT RISK FROM SEVERE WILDFIRES**  
your expertise and an IFNF Award can help

## NATIONAL FORESTS BENEFIT ALL AMERICANS



**DRINKING WATER**

ABOUT **80 MILLION AMERICANS** GET DRINKING WATER FROM THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM



**FISH AND WILDLIFE**

MORE THAN **3,000 SPECIES OF FISH AND WILDLIFE** CALL THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM HOME



**JOBS**

OUTDOOR RECREATION ACROSS ALL NATIONAL FOREST CONTRIBUTES MORE THAN **\$14 BILLION TO THE U.S. ECONOMY** AND SUPPORTS **205,000 JOBS ANNUALLY**



**VISITS**

MORE THAN **168 MILLION VISITS** ARE MADE TO NATIONAL FORESTS EACH YEAR

# IFNF GRANT SOLUTIONS

Leverage private and public capital other than USFS appropriations to:

- Deliver measurable social, ecological, and financial outcomes to many stakeholders
- Demonstrate solutions that promise improved financial sustainability for land management
- Chart a path to landscape-level challenges on and near National Forests
- Generate lessons learned to support agency management and decision making

**34 IFNF GRANTS**  
**\$6.2+ MILLION**  
**25 GRANTEES**  
**14+ STATES**  
*(as of July 2023)*

## FUNDING FOR 3 FOCUS AREAS



## FUNDING FOR 3 PROJECT TYPES



## IFNF AWARD WINNERS LEADING BY EXAMPLE

**PROJECT TYPE: FEASIBILITY**  
**Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc.,**  
**CO:** \$150,000 to explore creating RiverBANK, a revolving loan fund for forest and watershed health and wildfire resilience projects in Colorado adjacent to the Pike-San Isabel National Forest.

**PROJECT TYPE: PILOT**  
**Maine Mountain Collaborative:**  
 \$160,000 to pilot a financial approach to secure recreation revenues to support management of private timber lands acquired by the Exemplary Forestry Investment Fund (a previous IFNF grantee) that are adjacent to the White Mountain National Forest.

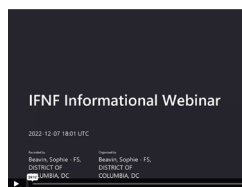
**PROJECT TYPE: SCALING**  
**Salt River Project (SRP), AZ:** \$500,000 to quantify the co-benefits of water and carbon from forest restoration activities in Arizona. SRP will develop a comprehensive project portfolio and finance strategy that packages the water, carbon, and additional co-benefits to help diversify project funding.

## MORE RESOURCES

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IFNF Informational Webinar Recording



2020 and 2022 Grantees and Projects



USFS Conservation Finance Toolkit

