



2024 Forest Stewardship

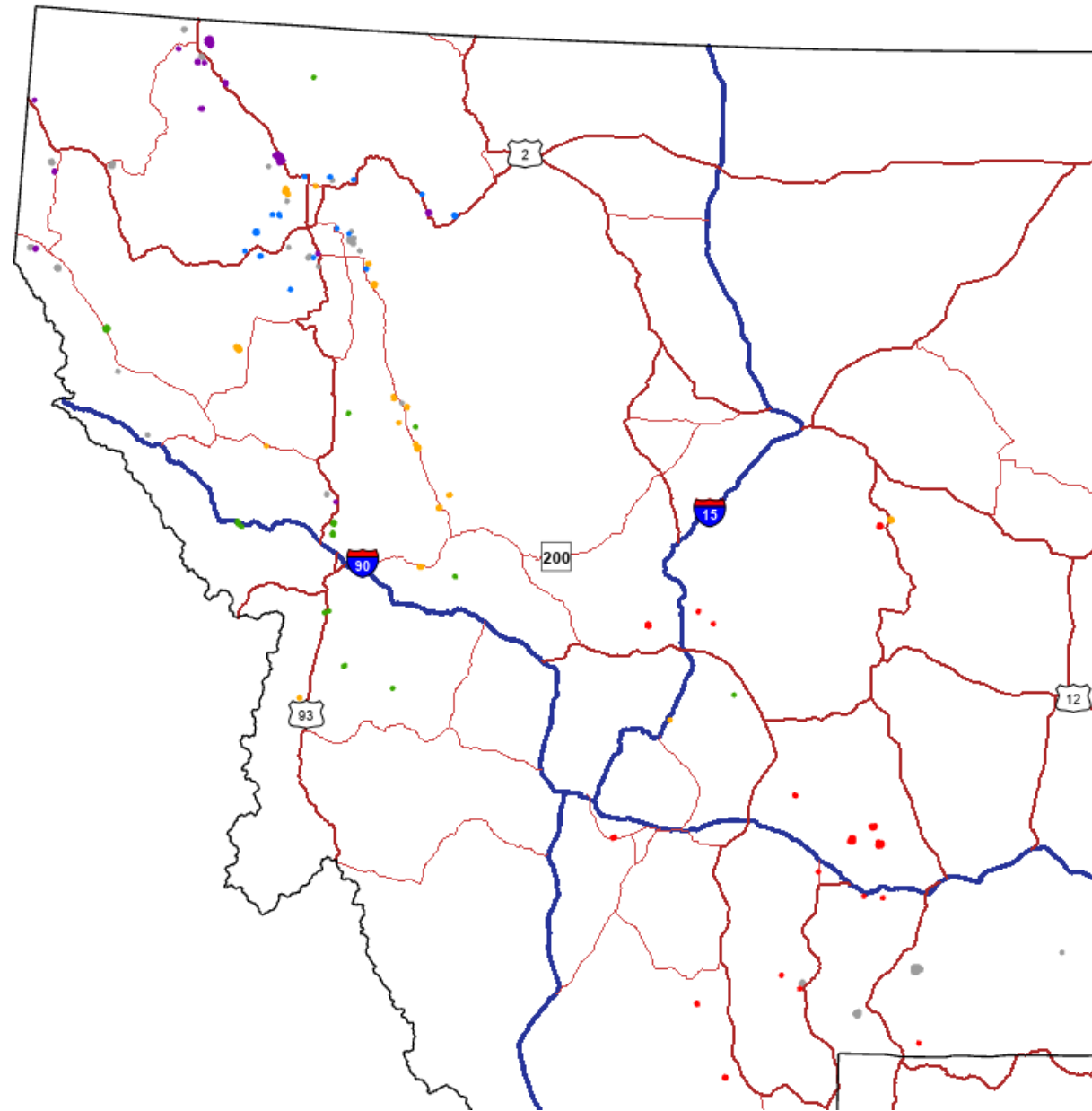
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2024 Forest Stewardship Participation

Workshops	Ownerships	Participants	Plans	Acres owned	Acres in Plan
Frenchtown	14	25	9	859	352
Bozeman	18	32	10	2,622	446
Kalispell	16	29	9	633	167
Eureka	15	33	5	1,964	265
Condon	17	30	1	2,086	20
Total 2024 workshops	80	149	34	8,154	1,250
WS Re-verifications from previous years	--	--	2	--	82
Monitoring	--	--	18	--	2,612
Total Verified and Monitored in 2024	--	--	54	8,154	3,944

2024 Workshop Participants



- Forest Stewardship Workshops
- Monitoring-Grey
 - Frenchtown-Green
 - Bozeman-Red
 - Kalispell-Blue
 - Eureka-Purple
 - Condon-Orange

30 Advisors

Teaching and/or site visits including monitoring

11	Private Consultants	8	DNRC
3	MSU	8	Industry
1	NRCS		



The [workshop] content was excellent and expanded my knowledge quite a lot. I feel better equipped to manage my [forest's] difficult areas now.

-2024 Participant

Photo by Lexi Smith. Polebridge, MT

A thank you to all the advisors who help with the Stewardship workshops! Your enthusiasm for helping forest owners is inspiring.

Enjoyed the different opinions of [advisors].
Also, that no question was dismissed. Very respectful!

-2024 Participant



Photos by Lexi Smith. 2024 Workshops

Demography

All Workshops

* 70 completed the evaluation

Age		
<40	40-60	>60
6	24	35

Purchased Property	Reside on Property
53	42

* 64 completed this question

Years Owned					
<5 years	5-10 years	11-20 years	21-30 years	51-100 years	>100 years
21	18	12	9	3	1

Workshop: Acres of forest land owned/managed

Minimum: 1 Maximum: 1,200 Total: 6,078

From evaluation data

- 28 1-20 acres
- 17 21-50 acres
- 9 51-100 acres
- 11 101-500 acres
- 3 501-1000
- 1 >1000

My husband and I have benefitted from this class. It helped us understand more about our forest land and make good decisions concerning the future of our forest land.

- *2024 Participant*



Photo by Lexi Smith. Columbia Falls, MT

Forest Management Plans

Commercial Harvests/Salvage

7 Owners

210 total acres

Intermediate Treatments

45 Owners 1,451 total acres

Precommercial Thinning	45
Planting	21
Pruning	37

* 70 completed the workshop evaluation

Forest Management Plans

Number of acres participants plan to implement management practices that conserve or improve the following:

Wildlife Habitat	58 owners	4,887 acres
Water Quality	33 owners	1,312 acres
Forest Health	60 owners	4,303 acres
Wildfire hazard reduction/resilience	62 owners	4,294 acres

* 70 completed the workshop evaluation

2024 Monitoring

MSU - Stewardship

18 Monitored

2,612 Total acres under plans

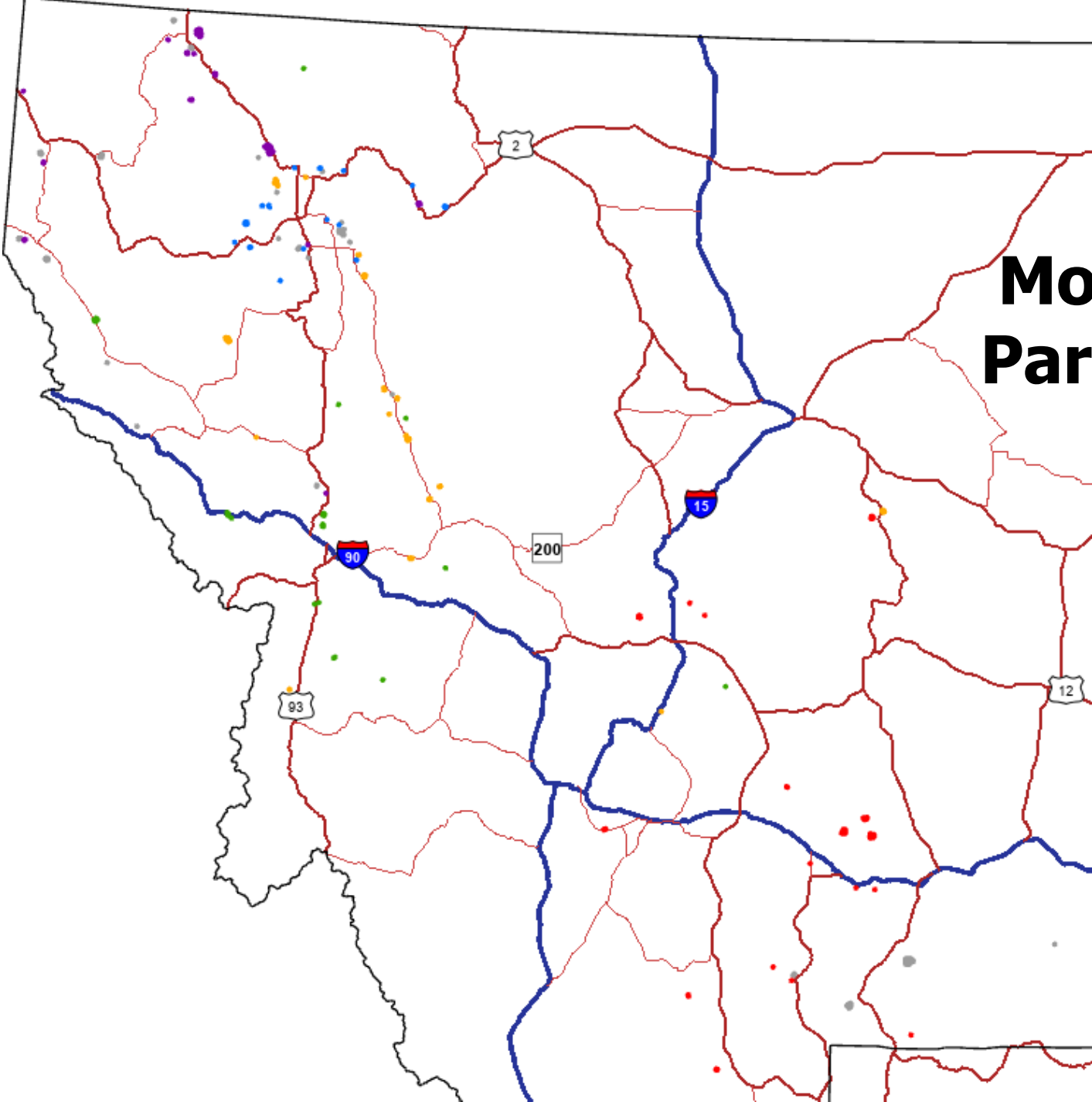
Great to hear about participant success from our advisors:

A timber harvest was done to open land for grazing opportunities and reducing fuel load for fire. Spoke with landowner to discuss need for commercial weed spraying as spotted knapweed was prevalent around the property. Landowner will be looking into potential funding/grants to help with invasive weed control and will also be looking into tree seedlings to help with regeneration.

- 2024 Monitoring Comment



2024 Monitoring Participants



Stewardship
Mandatory
Monitoring - Grey

Activity	# Owners	Acres
Harvesting	15	533
Tree planting	9	339
Pre-commercial thin	6	173
Road Maintenance	7	9
Insect & disease mgmt.	6	420
Weed mgmt.	10	229
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	7	375
Build/Home site defensible space	7	16
Forest Aesthetics	7	200
Riparian	2	2
Air, water & soil protection	4	72
Fish, wildlife and biodiversity	5	453
Threatened/endangered	2	209
Grazing	3	39
Recreation	7	1,366
Special Sites	1	1

Activities Completed



6 used cost share from: EQIP, County, NRCS, Haz. Fuels Grant, DNRC

Activity	# Owners	Acres
Harvesting	8	135
Tree planting	3	52
Pre-commercial thin	5	83
Road Maintenance	3	1
Insect & disease mgmt.	5	86
Weed mgmt.	11	898
Fire Resilience/Haz fuel red	8	192
Build/Home site defensible space	5	10
Forest Aesthetics	6	80
Riparian	4	13
Air, water & soil protection	5	210
Fish, wildlife and biodiversity	3	36
Threatened/endangered	2	1,095
Grazing	2	35
Recreation	6	316
Special Sites	1	5

Activities Planned



2024 Logger Workshop

Montana Logging Association in Kalispell

- 14 attended in 2024
- 156 active ALP members
- 600 participated since 1994



Environmental Ed for Educators and Youth

5 PD/Outreach Events

466 Participants

- Early Educators Workshop in Great Falls in conjunction with Project WET & Project WILD
- Carroll College PD for Early Service Teachers
- Missoula Community Forestry Day



2025 Workshops

Logger WS MLA-Kalispell.... TBD

Landowner WS

- Frenchtown..... May 22-23 & 30
- Bozeman..... June 12-23 & 20
- Kalispell..... July 24-25 & August 1
- Plains..... August 14-15 & 22