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Partner information needs assessment template July 2022

| Context setting – topics, issues | |
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| What is currently on your to-do list? | |
| What are your top priorities for this coming year? Next 5 years? | |
| In the last 6 months, what topic/resource/challenge has taken up most of your time? | |
| What concerns or challenges do you hear from your organization's leadership? | |
| What concerns or challenges do you hear from field/on-the-ground staff? | |
| Are there any issues or topics for which you need new research to resolve? | |
| Information sources and formats | |
| What issues or topics would it be useful to have synthesized? | |
| How often do you use basic research vs applied? Generalized vs site-specific? | |
| Where do you currently get information? | |
| What's an example of a science product, finding, or tool that has been useful to your work? | |
| What information formats are most accessible/useful to you? (Workshops, one-on-one consultation, field tours, webinars, journal articles, fact sheets, state-of-science syntheses, general technical reports, websites, other) | |
| How often do you use tools or models? | |
| In which science areas do you think the PNW Station (or FS R&D in general) has a competitive advantage over other research institutions? | |

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| Engagement | |
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| How much interest/availability does your organization have for engaging in coproduction? | |
| What can we do to help you connect to the information you need? | |
| What can your organization do to help us anticipate and address your needs? | |
| Barriers and challenges | |
| What barriers prevent you from using science information in your policies or decisions? | |
| Are there any issues for which scientific uncertainty or lack of consensus is hindering you? | |
| On what issues do you most struggle to defend your decisions? | |
| What issues do you find the public least understands? I.e., what public misperceptions most hamper your ability to get work done or meet your objectives? | |