RESTORATION PERSPECTIVES

The Social Facet

–Cynthia Carlstad, LHG
Perspective – Why do I have to listen to a talk about perspective?
Perspective Defined

• A particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.¹

• A mental view or prospect.
  “to gain a broader perspective”²

• The interrelation in which a subject or its parts are mentally viewed.
  “places the issues in proper perspective”²

• The capacity to view things in their true relations or relative importance.
  “trying to maintain my perspective”²

• the art of drawing solid objects on a two-dimensional surface so as to give the right impression of their height, width, depth, and position in relation to each other when viewed from a particular point.
  “a perspective drawing”¹

¹. Google.com; 2. Merriam-webster.com
What I See vs. What Others See

Your home as seen by:

YOU

YOUR BUYER

YOUR LENDER

YOUR APPRAISER

YOUR TAX ASSESSOR
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Common Restoration Practitioner vs. Landowner Perspectives

We want to inundate the floodplain to create off-channel rearing and refuge for juvenile salmon.

We want to farm our land to provide for our family.
Common Restoration Practitioner vs. Landowner Perspectives

Your property has great opportunities to initiate process-based ecosystem restoration.

My property has been in our family for generations. Farming this land is more than a job, it is our way of life.
Our restoration work is essential for the survival of our region’s iconic salmon upon which many depend on as a way of life.

We are and want to be good stewards of our land. We miss seeing the fish in the river.
Common Restoration Practitioner vs. Landowner Perspectives

We will work with you to make sure the project is compatible with your needs.

I don’t trust the government to do what they say they’re going to do.
Native American tribes and the salmon were here long before your family developed in the floodplain.

What about fishing, sea lions, and other problems for salmon—why isn’t anything being done about those? Why do I have to sacrifice?
Common Restoration Practitioner vs. Landowner Perspectives

Restoration is something we know how to do, and we know it helps. That’s why we are asking this of you.

You guys just keep asking for more and more.
Would You Lend A Stranger Something That You Highly Value?
Navigating Differing (Opposing?) Perspectives

1. Recognize and accept.
2. Keep talking; seek to understand first, then there may be more openness to them considering your perspective.
3. Assume good intentions, and bring yours.
4. Be open about your objective; you want something from them, not vice-versa.
5. Commit to the relationship.
6. Look for shared values, and build from those.
7. Expect and accept continued skepticism.
8. Be ready to provide assurances.
The Takeaway Message

Restoration requires working with landowners.
→ And landowners always bring a different perspective.
→ But by accepting that, you cultivate a cooperative relationship.
→ Therefore engaging perspective is essential to getting restoration work done!
Questions and Discussion