Confluence
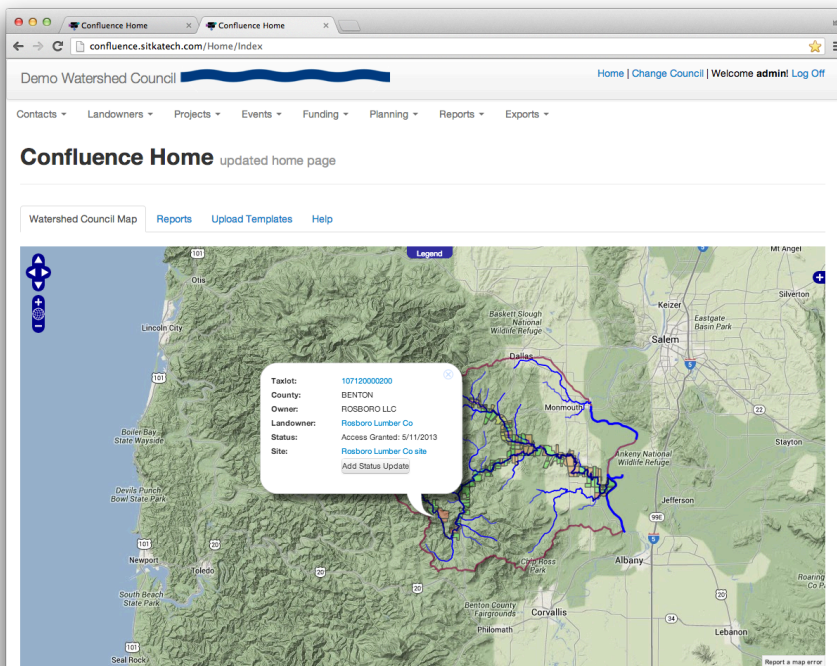## Web-based conservation and restoration activity tracking – confluence.sitkatech.com

In 2013, seven watershed councils in Oregon began using Confluence to manage their accelerating restoration programs. They coordinate landowner contacts, track program enrollment status, plan projects, organize outreach events, record funding sources, set budgets, maintain monitoring data, and capture site activities by "drawing" directly on a web-based map.

Confluence is designed for any conservation organization managing on-the-ground work – including soil & water conservation districts, land trusts, and municipalities. Confluence is built to scale – each organization's data is managed separately to ensure accurate, program and project records. All that's required is a computer and an internet connection.

Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF), with major funding from Meyer Memorial Trust (MMT) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), hired Sitka Technology Group (sitkatech.com) to develop and maintain Confluence for the benefit of its model watershed partners. Sitka is a Portland-based software company committed to developing adaptive management systems that increase the pace, scale, and effectiveness of conservation programs.

BEF and Sitka would like to leverage their investment by making Confluence available as a software service (SaaS) to the broader community.

See the backside for a list of Confluence's functions.

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A few things you can do in Confluence:

- Manage lists of people & organizations, including contractors and partners

- Create contact lists for mailings and events

- Log landowner notes, calls, and meetings

- Track taxlots, visits, access status, restrictions, and program enrollments

- Manage project status, timeline, sites, work plans, and budgets

- View landowner status and project activities on an interactive map

- Draw activity extent on a map (points, lines and polygons)

- Track funding sources and grants

- Manage outreach and coordination events

- Import and export data using spreadsheet templates and GIS shapefiles

- Run reports

"We are pleased with the ongoing development of Confluence and would like to make this application widely available to the restoration community. It's critical that we collectively do a better job tracking institutional memory – landowner contacts, projects, site activities, people, outreach events, grants, and budgets – if we are going to increase the quality and scale of restoration at a pace that amounts to something within a generation."

– Kendra Smith
Willamette Model Watershed Program Director