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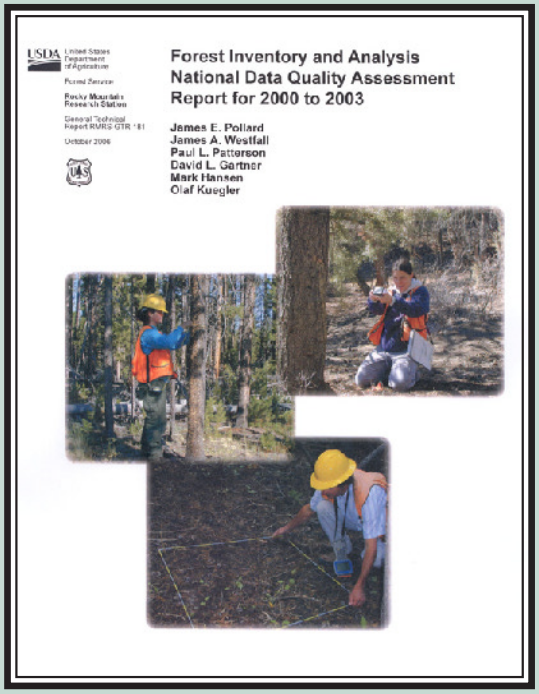

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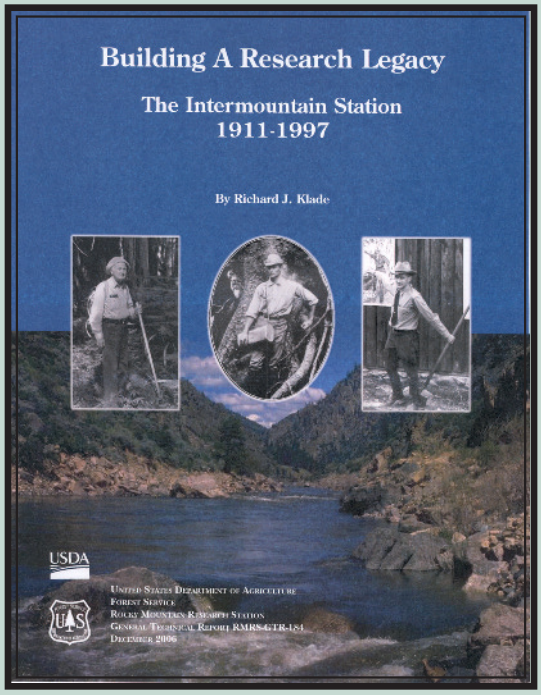

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Wildland fire annotated reading list	**33**	**Collaborative capacity, problem framing, and mutual trust in addressing the wildland fire social problem: An annotated reading list**. Brooks, Jeffrey J.; Bujak, Alexander N.; Champ, Joseph G.; Williams, Daniel R. 2006. Gen. Tech. Rep. RMRS-GTR-182. Fort Collins, CO: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station. 27 p. Also available: http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/pubs/rmrs_gtr182.html We reviewed, annotated, and organized recent social science research and developed a framework for addressing the wildland fire social problem. We annotated articles related to three topic areas or factors, which are critical for understanding collective action, particularly in the wildland-urban interface. These factors are collaborative capacity, problem framing, and mutual trust. The integration of these is a prerequisite of collective action to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, reduce vegetative fuels, enhance public safety and preparedness, and/or create defensible space. Collective action requires partnerships, common goals, and a common language. Understanding the inter-relationships between the factors that enable collective action is important to collaborative partnerships, forest managers, and social science researchers as they work together to address the wildland fire social problem.

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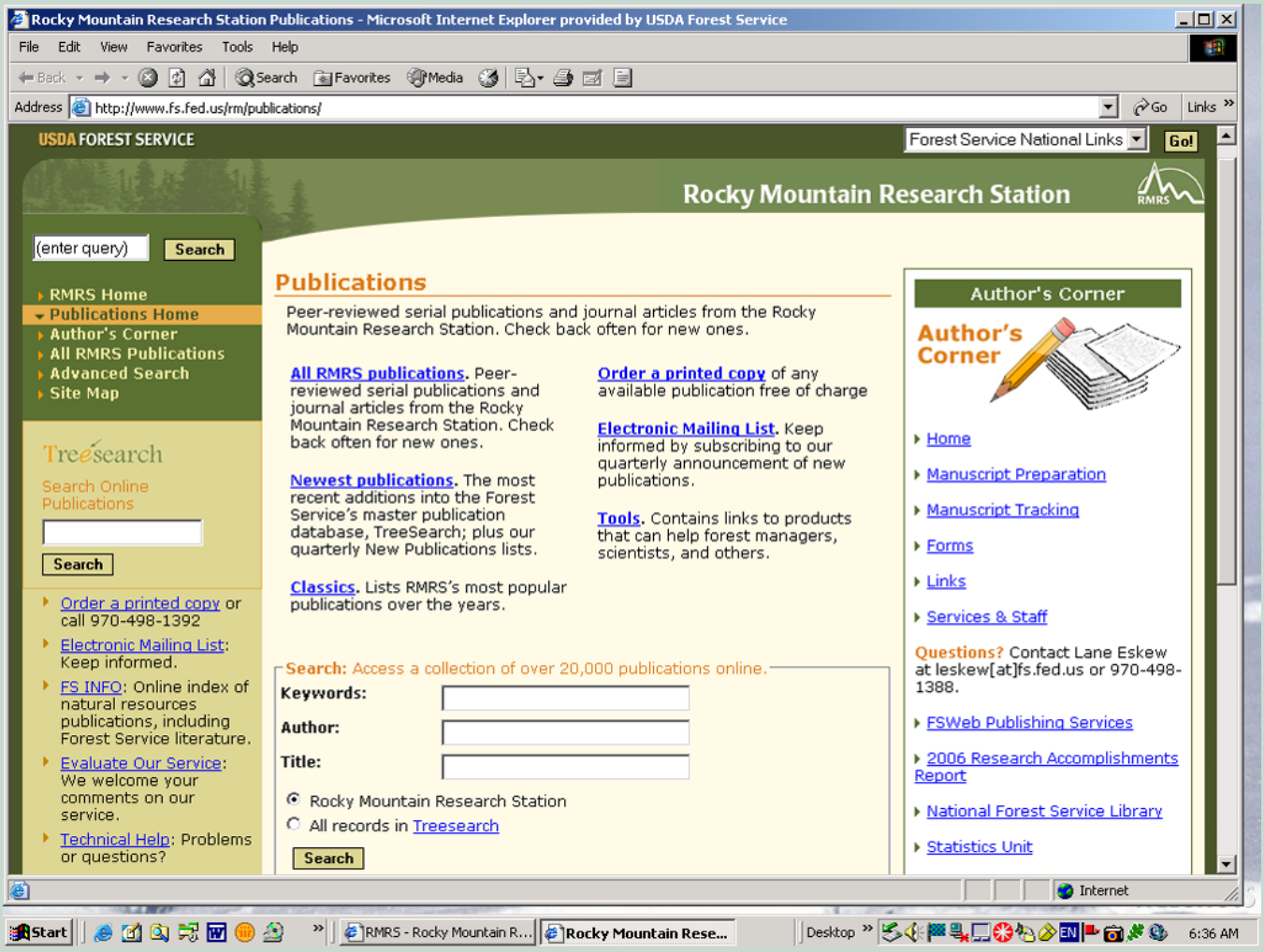

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