

## Region 5 Joins the Sustainable Operations Western Collective!

On Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, Region 5 demonstrated its commitment to advancing Sustainable Operations capacity by becoming the 7<sup>th</sup> Region to sign the Sustainable Operations Western Collective Charter. The Western Collective provides a support structure to help the Agency go farther, faster by connecting place-based efforts with the national, policy- and reporting-driven program.

Over the past two years, Region 5 has increased its involvement with the Western Collective as a “contributing member,” providing in-kind support to five teams. Participating in the Western Collective as a formal member is the Region’s next step on its “journey of green discovery.”



R5 Deputy Regional Forester, Ron Ketter, signs the Sustainable Operations Western Collective Charter. R5 Regional Office Green Team Members (From left to right: Lara Polansky, Renee Jewell, Tiffany Mattice) join to celebrate the moment.

The Charter signing took place as part of a web-based, Virtual-to-Virtual Western Collective Board Meeting and Peer-Learning Session, yet another example of the innovative approaches employed by the Western Collective to integrate environmental footprint considerations into daily decisions, habits, planning, and operations.