



GREAT NORTHERN LCC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Grouse Mountain Lodge; Whitefish, MT

September 20-21, 2011

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

September 20

- Meeting Day 1 (Whitefish)
- McDonald Lake boat tour, Glacier National Park (optional)
- Dinner at Lake McDonald Lodge (optional)

September 21

- Meeting Day 2 (Whitefish)
- North Fork Flathead River rafting tour (optional)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:00 AM	***	Coffee available in the meeting room
8:30	Scott Bischke	Call to order; Introductions of all present
8:45	Chas Cartwright	Welcome to Crown of the Continent and Glacier National Park
9:00	TBA	The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Conservation Program
9:30	Rick Manwaring	Organization and responsibilities of Ministry of Forest, Land and Resource Operations with respect to coordination across the US-CAN boundary
10:00	***	Break (describe evening events for folks to consider until lunch)
10:15	Rick Manwaring Tony Wideski	Land use planning in BC and the landscape approach
10:45	Kaaren Lewis	BC's Conservation Framework
11:15	Converse Olliff Guertin	GNLCC Business Activities I a. Decision on governance document including discussion of quorum (Tom)
11:45	***	Lunch – on your own; restaurant in-house
	Tom Olliff	Strategic Framework process—how we got here and where we going (Tom)
1 PM	Yvette Converse Nina Chambers	Strategic Framework progress report: what we're learning (Nina) a. DRAFT vision statements b. DRAFT conservation priorities c. Partner Forum scoping

Gary Tabor

Decision—Agreement to next steps in Strategic Framework development (Yvette, Tom):

1. Comment, direction and approval for current process and preliminary results
2. Process to arrive at SC vision and conservation priorities decision in November
3. Next steps after vision and conservation priorities

2:30 *** Break

Aligning Landscape Programs of GNLC partners

2:45 Tom, Yvette, Rick Sojda and Partners

- National alignment of LCCs and Climate Science Centers (Rick Sojda)
- A model for alignment: the Landscape Assessment Demonstration Project
- Potential programs to consider: CAN land use frameworks, REAs, WGA, AGO, CFLRP, LWCF, I&M Networks, JVs, NFHAP (WNTI), SWIG, NPS Call to Action, others
- **Decision:**
 - prioritization of programs for alignment
 - specific mechanisms for alignment among partners (e.g., MOUs, planning, process, data, leveraging capacity and funds)

4:30 PM *** Adjourn

(Optional) Evening cruise and dinner (on your own) with members of the Western Mountains Initiative
Western Mountain Initiative (<http://westernmountains.org/>) will be meeting at Lake McDonald Lodge in GNP.

5:30 PM **Meet in front of Grouse Mountain Lodge for shuttle to Lake McDonald**

6:30 **Cruise on Lake McDonald on the GNP 'DeSmet'**
Cruise will be sponsored by the Glacier Fund and will include light snacks and a cash bar.

7:30 **Return to docks and dinner at Lake McDonald Lodge restaurant**

9:00 **Drive back to Whitefish**

9:45 PM **Arrive at Grouse Mountain Lodge**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:30 AM *** Coffee available in the meeting room

8:00 Scott Bischke **Call to order; review of yesterday's efforts and outcomes.**

GNLCC Business Activities II

- 8:15 Yvette Converse a. Report out on funding results from process defined at April 2011 SC meeting (Yvette / Tom)
- Tom Olliff b. Future funding discussion
- Tribal capacity grant program
 - Funding for next year, including status of 2012 RFP
 - GNLCC operating budget
- John Wessels c. Other agency funding contributions

GNLCC projects—linking science to management

- 9:15 TBA
- GNLCC meta-information: how our science fits together (Sean Finn, GNLCC)
 - Science and coordination in Flathead and CotC Ecosystem (Erin Sexton, CMP & GNLCC)
 - How Connectivity gets applied from coarse to fine scale (TBA)

- Socio-economics of the GNLCC (Ray Rasker, Headwaters Economics)
- Linking Landscape Science to Management in the Southern Crown (TBA)

10:00	***	<i>Break (head count for rafting trip; hotel check out)</i>
10:15	TBA	GNLCC projects—linking science to management (cont.)
		Wrap up
11:30	Scott Bischke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for future meetings • Review of action items (as needed)
12 noon	***	<i>Adjourn (for those departing, travel safely!)</i>

(Optional) Rafting trip on the North Fork of the Flathead River

Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On your own for those leaving • Box lunch provided in bus for those going rafting
12:45 PM	Meet in front of Grouse Mtn Inn for bus ride to rafting put in
2:00	Raft trip
	Bus trip back to Whitefish
5:30	Will return to Grouse Mtn Lodge for those staying another night and to drop those folks off who have cars waiting and/or will still catch a late flight out from the Kalispell airport.
	<i>Everyone travel safely!</i>

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