

PROSPECTUS: GREAT NORTHERN LCC ADVISORY TEAM+ MEETING

*February 22 and 23, 2012
Chico Hot Springs, Pray MT*



ATTENDEES

The AT+ is expected to be made up of Advisory Team “plus” members of three other key GNLCC groups:

- Several members of the GNLCC Steering Committee
- Several participants from the Partner Forum leadership groups
- Members of the GNLCC Science Community

MEETING FOCUS

This meeting covers US-based and trans-boundary GNLCC operations. Focus of the meeting will be on finalizing GNLCC conservation priorities for presentation to the Steering Committee. While the AT+ is expected to discuss conservation priorities associated with interactions *between* Partner Forums, the meeting will *not* focus on what happens *within* each Partner Forum. As such, a discussion of broad strategies for implementing GNLCC conservation priorities is expected, but more specific implementation planning will be left to the Partner Forums.

MEETING GOALS

AT+ pre-meeting effort

Led by Nina Chambers and Gary Tabor, the AT+ will create a Draft Strategic Framework that identifies a near-complete set of GNLCCC conservation priorities. This Framework will serve as the basis for meeting efforts.

Primary meeting goal (major effort)

1. Develop a definition for each GNLCC Conservation Priority as presented in the Draft Strategic Framework. Steps in this process will include:
 - a. Create/define a hierarchical, landscape level relationship diagram for the GNLCC (top down approach; full group exercise)
 - b. Create/define a ecosystem level relationship diagram for each GNLCC forum (bottom up approach; breakout by forums)
 - c. Develop GNLCC dashboard or scorecard depicting state of GNLCC conservation priorities

Secondary meeting goals (minor efforts)

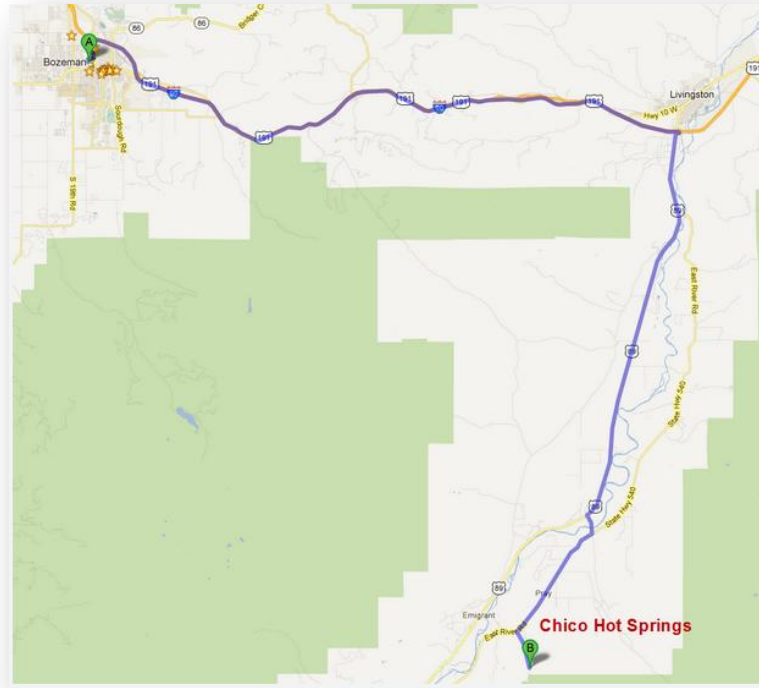
2. Agree on GNLCC Vision statement to take to the Steering Committee
3. Start discussion on broad strategies to for implementing GNLCC conservation priorities

DESIRED MEETING OUTCOMES

- ✓ A fully defined list of AT+ endorsed, GNLCC conservation priorities for presentation to the Steering Committee at its next meeting (Kamloops BC, May 15/16 2012)
- ✓ An AT+ endorsed GNLCC Vision statement, again for presentation to the Steering Committee.
- ✓ For each conservation priority, a listing of broad implementation strategies.

TRAVEL

- We will be meeting at Cho Chico Hot Springs ~50 miles from Bozeman, and ~20 miles north of Gardner MT and the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. The nearest airport to Chico is in Bozeman. Attendees arriving by air should expect to either rent a car, car pool with other AT+ members, or request a ride down with GNLCC staff from Bozeman. A simple map is provided below.



LODGING (AND FUN!)

- We have 20 rooms on hold in Chico for Feb 21 (Tue), Feb 22 (Wed) and 2 rooms for Feb 23. The room block is under GNLCC or Great Northern LCC. Chico is providing everyone the federal government rate.
- Attendees are responsible to make their own reservations. Contact Chico at (406) 333-4933 or online at www.chicohotsprings.com/.
- Chico has a wonderful hot springs so don't forget your swim suit!
- Notable: Chico has relatively poor wireless internet service. Cell service is available.

FOOD

- Food is on your own at the local Dining Room, Bar, or Grill.
- We have two tables of 8 (their largest table size) reserved in the Chico Dining Room for the night of Feb 22. People can order and get individual checks.
- Mating coffee and break snacks will be provided.

MEETING AGENDA

Most attendees are expected to arrive the evening of Feb 21.

Day 1 (Wed, Feb 22)		
Morning (expect 8 AM start)	Review draft Strategic Framework	Presentation to the group with discussion
	AT+ agreement on GNLCC vision to present to SC for approval	Group discussion and word-smithing
Afternoon	<u>CORE MEETING EFFORT</u> Develop greater definition of GNLCC conservation priorities based on Strategic Framework draft	<p>Group discussion seeking to arrive at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agreement/modification of priorities in Draft Strategic Framework (see diagram on next page where we will begin our discussions) 2. Create/define a hierarchical, landscape level relationship diagram for the GNLCC (top down approach; full group exercise) 3. Create/define a ecosystem level relationship diagram for each GNLCC forum (bottom up approach; breakout by forums) 4. Develop GNLCC dashboard or scorecard depicting state of GNLCC conservation priorities <p>Part of priority discussion will be discussion and capturing such details for each priority as:</p> <p>CONSERVATION PRIORITY 1...N</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Type priority—species, habitat, process, ... b. Temporal scale—5-year timeframe c. Spatial extent/applicability d. Relevant jurisdiction(s) e. Socio/economic considerations f. Funding—LCC funded, or LCC supported but not funded? g. Key uncertainties, fundamental questions that drive GNLCC research goals and funding?
Evening	Dinner possibility	Two tables of 8 reserved in the excellent Chico Dining Room
Day 2 (Thu, Feb 23)		
Morning	Continue from day 1	Continuation of conservation priority definitions.
Afternoon	Develop broad strategies to implement conservation priorities	<p>Group discussion with potential for breakout by forums. Focus will be on broad strategies dealing with big picture conservation priorities that are cross-cutting to all three forums (e.g., science, information, technology, monitoring, coordination, collaboration or such). These strategies will serve as initial guidance to Partner forums in working towards addressing our common landscape goals. They will fit into the GNLCC Strategic Framework as shown below:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">GNLCC VISION</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">CONSERVATION PRIORITY 1</p> <p style="margin-left: 120px;">IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FOR CONS. PRIORITY 1</p> <p style="margin-left: 160px;">a) Strategy 1</p> <p style="margin-left: 160px;">b) Strategy 2</p> <p style="margin-left: 160px;">c)</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">CONSERVATION PRIORITY 2</p> <p style="margin-left: 160px;">...</p>
Adjourn 330 PM	To allow for travel home	

SIMPLE REPRESENTATION OF CONSERVATION PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN DRAFT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

