



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #8

May 14-15, 2014 * Waterton Lakes Community Center * Waterton, Alberta
(all events in the North Classroom)

**A meeting about developing and demonstrating management collaboration
around GNLCC themes across geographic and agency jurisdictions**

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH — TRANS-BOUNDARY SPECIES CONSERVATION (OPTIONAL)

9:30 AM to 11:30	<i>An optional learning and discussion opportunity for GNLCC US & Canadian wildlife partners</i>	US-CAN trans-boundary T, E, & S species conservation and recovery
	Blair Hammond , Manager of Ecosystem Conservation Canadian Wildlife Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of Canada’s federal approach to “species at risk” recovery, including recovery priorities and comparison with US approach. • An overview of MULTISAR—a landscape level approach to multi-species conservation in Southern Alberta region. • Opportunities for improving science collaborations, complimentary recovery planning, and better coordinated recovery implementation. • Anticipated outcomes include identification of one or more opportunities for improved collaboration, including coarse filter landscape-level approaches that may have applicability to the trans-boundary GNLCC meso-region.
	Brandy Downey , Senior Species at Risk Biologist; Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development	

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH — STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

11 AM	Registration	Coffee/tea available; lunch on your own
12 noon	Scott Bischke Meeting facilitator	Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from the GNLCC Chair Noreen Walsh • (Scott) Self-introductions, all present • (Scott) Agenda overview
12:20	Ifan Thomas Superintendent, Waterton Lakes National Park, Parks Canada	Local Parks welcome Parks Canada and the GNLCC
12:35	Dana Woodworth Deputy Minister, Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation	Local Provincial welcome Alberta and the GNLCC
12:45	Fred Stenson Banff Centre Faculty member	The Lakes Within: The History and Protection of Waterton Fred is the two time winner of the 2003 Grant MacEwan Author's Prize for best Alberta book. Introduction by Bill Dolan, Alberta Tourism, Parks & Recreation.
1:45	all SC members starting with Robyn Thorson	Shared outcomes and the GNLCC Business Model: Part I How has GNLCC science capacity and coordination supported landscape conservation for your organization (round table discussion)
2:15	Break	Coffee/tea available (get field trip #s; note quick turnaround)
2:30	Ian Dyson	Shared outcomes and the GNLCC Business Model: Part II Implementing the GNLCC business model for shared landscape outcomes
3:15	Sean, Yvette	GNLCC FY14 funding recommendation Final approval for FY14 funding recommendations— SC Decision request
4:30	Adjourn	
4:40	Field Trip (all invited!) on local landscape coordination—Bill Dolan lead; travel by own cars <i>Conservation, government and the work of NGOs in the Canadian Crown of the Continent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill—Short (15 min) presentation at Community Center on the background and work of several NGOs and how they have connected with government • Grab coats, then group travel to the bison paddock overlook (weather permitting, 10 min drive, own vehicles) • Short presentations from NGOs on their focus in CCE (organizations, not speakers, confirmed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeff Bectell—Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association ○ Danah Duke—Miistakis Institute ○ Katie Morrison—Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society ○ Kim Pearson—The Nature Conservancy of Canada ○ Connie Simmons—Oldman Watershed Council 	
~6:30	Return to Community Center	Dinner, evening on your own

THURSDAY, MAY 15TH — STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

8:15	Room opens (in use before this)	<i>Breakfast on your own. Coffee/tea in the meeting room.</i>
8:30	Scott Bischke	<p>Welcome Back—Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of any new attendees • Agenda overview for the day
8:40	<p>(1) Roiann Matt (2) Erin Sexton (3) Caryn Miske (4) Ian Dyson</p>	<p>GNLCC science: supported and potential (<i>time shown includes Q&A</i>)</p> <p>(1) (15 min) CSKT Climate Adaptation Strategy (2) (15 min) Transboundary Flathead MOU (3) (15 min) CMP Aquatic Invasive Species regional strategy (4) (30 min) Crown Manager Partnership (CMP) overview—connecting management indicators & science to the GNLCC Strategic Framework</p>
9:55	Break	Coffee/tea available
10:15	Kevin Martin	Region 6 US Forest Service requests addition of White headed woodpecker and dryland forest to GNLCC strategic conservation frameworks— SC Decision request
10:45	GNLCC staff, others, as noted	<p>GNLCC Steering Committee Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report on GNLCC Program Performance and Evaluation (15 min; Mary McFadzen) ○ US National LCC News, including climate policy and landscape mitigation (20 min; Tom Olliff/Yvette Converse) ○ Report on LCC Council (10 min; Madeline Maley) ○ NAS review of LCC Strategy (5 min; Steve Torbit)
11:40	Sean Finn	<p>GNLCC Science Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Followed by SC discussion • Timeline for review and approval
12:30 PM	Lunch	On your own (please complete meeting review forms—thanks!)
1:45	Forum Team Leads or representatives	<p>Update on Partner Forums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rocky Mountain • Updates (5 min each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cascadia ○ Sage Steppe (including InterLCC Sage Grouse status) ○ Columbia Basin
2:30	Group	<p>Wrap-Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine next SC meeting—date and location • Any next steps / action items to record • Feedback from Steering Committee (<u>collect reviews</u>) • Closing remarks
3	Adjourn	<i>Please travel safely!</i>

BRIEFING STATEMENTS

For discussion and decision items at GNLCC Steering Committee Meeting; May 14-15 2014 - Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, CANADA

ITEM 1.—Shared outcomes and the GNLCC Business Model

- (1) How has GNLCC science, capacity and coordination supported landscape conservation for your organization? For this roundtable discussion, please be prepared to share 1-2 examples of how GNLCC or LCCs are helping your organization with landscape scale management and outcomes OR if more appropriate, share examples of obstacles to using landscape scale information.
- (2) Implementing the GNLCC business model for shared landscape outcomes – Discussion and review of the Shared Landscape Outcomes proposal:
http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/gnlcc_outcomes_proposal_04_21_14_final_draft.pdf

Please review this proposal. As per SC discussion on March 25 conference call, 3 Steering Committee members (US Fed, US State and NGO) have reviewed the proposal. The summary of these will be available in hard copy.

The SC should be prepared to:

- Discuss the proposals merit and applicability
- Determine if it is a priority of and feasible for the GNLCC to pursue the 2 pilots identified
- If yes above, determine recommended level of funding for FY14

ITEM 2.—Final approval for FY14 funding recommendations

The SC will review the FY14 Funding Recommendation and make a decision/recommendation to US FWS on allocation of \$720K. This year's Funding Guidance includes 3 categories:

- Tribal
- Strategic Science
- Partner Forum Sponsored

http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/gnlcc_fy14_strategic_sci_prog_panel_results_at_4-25-14.pdf

ITEM 3.—Pacific Northwest Region of US Forest Service requests addition of white headed woodpecker and dry forest to GNLCC strategic conservation frameworks

Kevin Martin, Blue Mountain Forest Supervisor will provide information on white headed woodpecker and dry forests. The USFS has requested the GNLCC SC add these 2 resources to GNLCC Strategic Conservation Framework as conservation targets. The SC should be prepared to discuss the issue and determine if that information is sufficient for a decision OR if a process and timeline can be described to evaluate this request.

http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/gnlcc_fs_r6_dry_forest_woodpecker_conservation_target_030614.pdf

ITEM 4.—GNLCC Science Plan

Sean Finn, GNLCC Science Coordinator will provide an overview of the Final Draft GNLCC Science Plan. A new draft will be available at this meeting. The current draft is found at: http://greatnorthernlcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/draft_gnlcc_science_plan.docx.

The SC is being asked to review and finalize the GNLCC Science plan in upcoming months. A possible review process and timeline could include:

- Outside peer review (academic, government, non-government or other)
- Open review for 30 or 60 days
- Finalize at fall GNLCC SC meeting

MEETING ATTENDEES

(will be part of final packet)

MAP OF WATERTON

