



# Great Northern LCC Steering Committee Meeting

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*Tamastlikt Cultural Institute; Pendleton, OR*

*13/14 April 2011*

Decision Point Briefings (total 5)

## **1. A Collective Landscape Vision**

### **DRAFT VISION STATEMENT**

**A Landscape Legacy:** A diversity of natural landscapes that support the GNLCC values.

**Decision:** The SC is being asked to discuss and comment on draft vision statement and agree on process to refine draft through Strategic Framework development.

**Background:** A vision statement has been drafted consistent with GNLCC purpose, goal and value statements. This draft will be discussed at this meeting. The Vision Statement will be refined through the process of developing the Strategic Framework.

## **2. GNLCC Strategic Framework**

**Decision:** The SC is being asked to approve the proposal to develop the Strategic Framework

**Background:** A proposal has been circulated for review by the steering committee, and will be further presented and discussed at this meeting. The proposal is based on staff guidance and input, and has been thoroughly vetted with the Advisory Team (AT). The purpose of the strategic conservation framework is to provide more specific direction for GNLCC priorities and inform implementation plans, communication strategies, and partnership building.

## **3. Initiation of Sage-Steppe Partner Forum and Incorporate in Strategic Framework**

**Decision:** The SC is being asked to approve the plan to initiate the Sage-Steppe Partner Forum (to be presented) and to agree to the process to incorporate the Partner Forum process into the Strategic Framework.

**Background:** A blue-print for the Partner Forum Process has been reviewed and generally approved by the SC. As per phone conferences by the SC, the AT was asked to lay out a plan for initiation of the Sage-Steppe Partner Forum. The AT has recommended that the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative and the Arid Lands Initiative are 2 key partners to the SS Partner Forum Leadership Team. These 2 Partnerships are interested in this role and beginning a process to define next steps. The AT has also recommended that the Partner Forum process be rolled into development of the Strategic Framework.



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Decision Point Briefings (continued)

### 4. Capacity Grants Program

**Decision:** The SC is being asked to approve an on-line fillable travel support template as a next step in development of a Capacity Grant Program.

**Background:** The SC and AT have discussed how to support non-Federal partners in participation and engagement in the Great Northern LCC. At the October 21-22 SC meeting in Boise, a Capacity Grant Program was proposed. Capacity to support State agencies was addressed directly through funds to State agencies (\$20K per 5 States) in FY11. An important next step is to support travel to Tribal, Canadian and relevant non-government organizations. We have already begun to provide travel support. This would allow us to institutionalize the program and standardize the decision-making for travel support.

### 5. FY11 Funding Appropriation

**Decision:** The SC is being asked to approve a FY11 GNLCC Funding Allocation.

**Background:** It is anticipated that approximately \$1 million will be available in FY11 to support shared GNLCC science and information needs to support high priority landscape conservation efforts. An FY11 Funding Guidance announced acceptance of proposals from Feb 2 thru Mar 2, 2011. The GNLCC Staff and AT Proposal Review Team has processed and reviewed proposals, and has developed a recommendation for appropriation of FY11 GNLCC funds. The document attached should provide background for this decision.