



Steering Committee Meeting #6

*September 24-25, 2012 * Jackson Lake Lodge * Moran, WY*

Meeting Goals/Desired Outcomes

1. Discussion of national and regional programs of significance to the GNLCC
2. Introduction to the USFWS Surrogate Species program
3. **DECISION:** Approval of Strategic Framework
4. **DECISION:** Approval of Communication Strategy
5. Updates on Governance charter revisions
6. Discussion on potential collaboration with Land and Water Conservation Fund

Agenda

Monday, September 24th		
11:00 AM	Registration	<i>Coffee/tea/light snacks available; lunch on your own at the lodge</i>
12 noon	Scott Bischke Meeting facilitator Steve Guertin, USFWS Mark Zacharias, BC Ministry of Environment	Welcome! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greetings from the GNLCC co-Chairs • Self-introductions, all present • Agenda overview
12:25 PM	Mary Gibson-Scott, Grand Teton NP John Emmerich, WGF	Welcome, opening thoughts from local hosts
12:35	Dr. Pete Coppelillo Executive Director, Working Dogs for Conservation	The Evolution of Large Landscape Conservation-- from the World to the West
1:00	1. John Pierce 2. Anne Carlson 3. Tom Olliff 4. Tom Olliff	Program alignment (time shown includes Q&A—thank you!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>State perspective</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (30 min) State of Washington and Western Governors' Assoc. • <i>Federal perspectives</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. (15 min) USFS - CFLRP 3. (15 min) NPS - GNLCC Demo Project 4. (15 min) NPS - Scaling up from regional landscape conservation initiatives

2:20	Break	<i>Coffee available (get final dinner count)</i>
2:40	Steve Guertin	Selecting species for Design of Functional Landscapes (Phase II SHC) and how it fits with the GNLCC existing framework and focal priorities
3:10	Sarah Peterson	Land and Water Conservation Fund Discussion
5:00	Adjourn	<i>(get morning walk count)</i>
5:30	Pre-dinner Mixer	<i>Cash bar with light snacks on the SW Terrace with members of the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI).</i>
715	Dinner	<i>Dinner (self pay) in the very nice Mural Room if desired. We have made multiple reservations with expectation that people will self-organize. Reservations available under GNLCC or Scott Bischke include: 7:15--> 1 table for 6, 1 for 4 7:30--> 3 tables for 4 7:45-->1 table for 6, 2 for 4 8:00--> 3 tables for 4</i>

Tuesday, September 25th		
6:30	Leader TBD	<i>Morning guided walk starting at the front lobby of the Jackson Lake Lodge</i>
7:30	Room open	<i>Breakfast on your own. Coffee/tea/light snacks available in the meeting room.</i>
8:15	Scott Bischke	Welcome Back—Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of any new attendees • Agenda overview for the day
8:20	Yvette Converse Tom Olliff Ben Thatcher	Steering Committee Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (20 min) FY13 funding—national outlook and GNLCC guidance (YC) • (20 min) Update on revisions to GNLCC Governance Charter (TO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Clarification of language on quorum and membership (2) Criteria for membership to SC • (35 min) SC approval of Strategic Framework (YC) • (15 min) SC approval of the Communication Strategy (TO) • (10 min) Update on National LCC program (BT)
10:00	Break	
10:20	Wendy Francis	Introduction to the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative
10:40	1. Michelle Windsor 2. Kirk Nordyke 3. Virginia Kelly 4. Steve Torbit	Program updates (time shown includes Q&A—thank you!) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (20 min) Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) 2. (20 min) Wyoming Interagency Spatial Database & Online Management (WISDOM) 3. (20 min) Greater Yellowstone Coordinating Committee (GYCC) 4. (20 min) Inter-LCC Coordination on Sage Grouse Conservation
12:00	Lunch	<i>On your own (get final field trip count)</i>
1:00	1. Jeff Morissette 2. Gustavo Bisbal	Climate Science Center updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (15 min) North Central Climate Science Center update 2. (15 min) Northwest Climate Science Center update
1:30	Yvette Converse	Transboundary Flathead MOU Aquatic Adaptation Strategy workshop
1:50	Sean Finn	LC Map National proposal
2:10	Yvette Converse Tom Olliff	Update on Partner Forums

2:30	Group	Wrap-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting: date and location? • Feedback from Steering Committee • Next steps / action items • Closing Remarks
3:00	Adjourn (travel safely!)	
4 PM	Hosts: Robert Al-Chokhachy, USGS fisheries biologist Sue Consolo-Murphy, Grand Teton NP Chief of Science and Resources Mgt	Field Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To USGS fisheries and hydrology project on nearby Spread Creek (5 miles from Jackson Lake Lodge) • Meet in front of JLL by 3:50; vans to be supplied by JLL • Come prepared for short walk and consider possibility of inclement weather
~6 PM	Field trip return; Dinner	On your own

Wednesday September 26th (AT plus meeting)

8 AM	Scott Bischke Meeting facilitator	Welcome! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-introductions, all present • Agenda overview
8:15	Tom Olliff	AT+ Business
9:00	Steve Torbit Greg Watson Yvette Converse	Focus on FWS Selecting Species for Design of Landscape Conservation (Phase II SHC) and how it fits w/ the GNLCC existing framework and focal priorities
12 noon	Adjourn (travel safely!)	Lunch on your own
1 PM	Field trip per interest level	Possible field trip to National Elk Refuge; host TBD

Decision/Discussion Point Briefings (total 2)

1) APPROVE THE DRAFT STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK DEVELOPED BY THE AT+

Decision.—The SC is being asked to discuss and approve the Strategic Framework

Background.—The research and outline for the Strategic Framework was developed in conjunction with cooperators beginning in 2011. The completed DRAFT Strategic Framework was created based on a workshop in February 2012, by the AT, GNLCC staff, cooperators, selected members of the SC, and members of the Partner Forum Leadership teams. The DRAFT Strategy:

- Focuses on landscape-scale stressors that fall under the broad headings of climate change, land-use change, and invasive species;
- Proposed four specific conservation goals (1) Maintain large, intact landscapes of naturally functioning terrestrial and aquatic community assemblages; (2) Conserve a permeable landscape with connectivity across aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, including species movement, migration, dispersal, life history, and biophysical processes; (3) Maintain hydrologic regimes that support native or desirable aquatic plant and animal communities in still and moving water systems; and (4) Promote landscape-scale disturbance regimes that operate within a future range of variability and sustain ecological integrity.
- Defines conservation targets—species, habitats and ecosystems, and ecological processes—for three “ecotypic” areas—Columbia Basin, Sagebrush Steppe, and Rocky Mountain—that link to the four goals.
- Articulates “next steps” as supporting partner forums; conducting a gap analysis; developing a science strategy based on the gap analysis; partnering with inventory and monitoring networks to collect and share information; identifying opportunities to focus and leverage resources; and linking conservation to sustainable communities through socioeconomic analysis.

2) APPROVE THE DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH STRATEGY

Decision.—The SC is being asked to approve the Communications and Outreach Strategy.

Background.—The GNLCC DRAFT Communications and Outreach Strategy was first shared with the SC in Kamloops, BC, May 2012. The Strategy:

- Defines “creating the conditions that enhance individual and collective partner implementation of landscape-level conservation” as the primary outcome;
- Articulates four goals: (1) Increase awareness and understanding of the role and value to collaborative landscape conservation; (2) Improve the exchange of knowledge and dissemination of science-based information, tools, and products; (3) Increase opportunities to leverage funding and align existing programs; and (4) Build and foster engagement with Tribes and First Nations.
- Defines Primary Audiences, Objectives, Tactics and Tools, and Assessment Measures

Attendees

An expected list of attendees to the meeting based on RSVPs follows. The facilitator apologizes that in a few instances he did not have a full set of information on each attendee.

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