2nd Annual Transboundary Grasslands Workshop: Developing Transboundary Capacity for Community-Based Prairie Conservation

January 11th-13th, 2017

Days Inn, Swift Current Saskatchewan

Context

The first Transboundary Grasslands Workshop was held on January 19-20th, 2016 in Elkwater, Alberta. The workshop was successful at bringing together government and non-government agencies, landowners, First Nations and academia to discuss transboundary grassland initiatives across Alberta, Saskatchewan and Montana (http://www.albertapcf.org/rsu_docs/tb-grasslands-worksop---summary-notes--final-draft-.pdf). Developing capacity for community-based conservation was a shared interest that will be further explored and developed in this exciting follow-up workshop.

Workshop objectives

1. Identify what efforts are currently working to advance community-based conservation
2. Identify what additional efforts are needed (or gaps in existing capacity)
3. Identify the opportunities for improving transboundary capacity to enhance efforts

Expected outcome

A working plan or set of action items for improving transboundary capacity for community-based prairie conservation in the Transboundary Grassland Partnership's focal region.

Day 1: January 11th, 2017

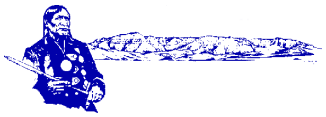
Transboundary Grasslands Partnership: Forum for Indigenous People (everyone welcome)			
Time	Session	Presenter	Title
8:00AM	Registration		
9:00AM	Opening	Elder, Neekaneet Community Rep. HWI - Duane Mistaken Chief	Introduce self and organization
9:15AM	Plenary	Chief Roy Fox, Blood Tribe/Kainai Nation	Protecting Sacred Sites for the Next Generation
10:15AM	Health Break		
10:30AM	Panel		Biocultural Diversity Lens: Sacred Species and Sacred Sites

	Ervin Carlson and Leona Tracey		Blackfeet Buffalo Program
	Ira Provost, Manager PKTS		Piikani Traditional Knowledge Services
	Jennifer McKillop, NCC/ Carol Crowe – Learning the Land Project		Treaty 4 Education and Alliance & Nature Conservancy Canada
12:00PM	Lunch – Carole Crow – BEAR Program		
1:00PM	Plenary	Mt. House of Representative Jonathan Windy Boy	Native Language Immersion Through Legislation
2:00PM	Panel		Capacity in Communities: Constraints, Success and Opportunities
	Johnny Bearcub Stiffarm, Fort Peck/Dennis Jorgensen – WWF (TBC)		Fort Peck Conservation Program
	Gordon Vaadeland, CPAWS SK.		Bison Conservation and Treaty Hunting
	Marsha Heavy Head and Winter Student(s), Blood Tribe (KEPA)		Species at Risk and Community Participation
3:30PM	Health Break		
3:45PM	Wrap Up and Next Steps		

Day 2: January 12th, 2017

Time	**Speaker/Activity**
10:00 to 10:30 am	Introduction and kick-off and Prayer from Nekaneet Elder
10:30 to 12:00 pm	Theme: Community-based conservation • Orin Balas, SK Rancher's Stewardship Alliances • Leo Barthelmess, MT Rancher's Stewardship Alliances • Randall Stokke, Sustainable Canada • Jenifer Anderson & Karl Christians, MT Conservation District • Jeff Bectell, Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association

Time	Speaker/Activity
12:00 to 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 to 2:00 pm	Theme: First Nations' perspectives • LeRoy Little Bear • Paulette Fox
2:00 to 3:00 pm	Theme: Cross-cutting policies and initiatives • Monica Hadarits, Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef • Nancy Labbe (WWF), US Roundtable for Sustainable Beef • Mark Wayland, Environment Canada - Canada's Species at Risk Act and ongoing policy consultations
3:00 to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 to 4:50 pm	Breakout session 1: Reflecting on what we've heard
4:50 to 5:00 pm	Wrap up of Day 1
5:00 to 7:00 pm	The Sage Grouse Initiative – The Canadian Lite Version Miles Anderson and Robin Bloom
Day 3: January 13, 2017	
8:30 to 8:50 am	Introduction for the day and reporting back from previous day
8:50 to 10:15 am	Breakout session 2 - Opportunities and priorities for improved transboundary capacity for community-based conservation
10:15 to 10:45 am	Break
10:45 to 11:45 am	Action planning – Identifying goals and actions to improve capacity over the short, medium and long terms.
11:45 to 12:00 pm	Next steps, closing remarks and workshop evaluation



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