

## LCD Leadership Team

7/27/21

Attendees: Mary T McClelland, Sean Finn, Harvey Locke, Alisa Wade, Craig Harding, Kris Temple, Mary Riddle, Phil Matson, Tracy Lee, Natalie Poremba, Kelly Cooley, Peggy Holroyd, Brooke Kapeller, Erin Sexton, Tara Collins, Constanza von der Pahlen

### Session Recording

#### **LCD Updates (Sean)**

- Phase 1 technical report
  - Phase One technical Report Final Draft - gets into the nitty gritty of source data - Phase 1 was about testing of software - the report ends with internal recommendations - it was reviewed by the technical team - encourage anyone to look at as much as they'd like or pass it on to technical staff - we'd be happy to take any feedback on that
  - Sean will send out the Phase 1 technical report
- Phase 2 processing
  - Sean is in the process of drafting the timeline/next steps for phase 2 - will have it sometime between now and our August call
- Social, Cultural, and Economic team
  - Think more deeply about how to identify Crown-wide features
  - No major updates here this month

#### **News from the Field (All)**

- Salazar Center 2021 Symposium focused on transboundary partnerships (Sept. 28-30); attendance can be in person or virtual
- Kelly Cooley - The Terrestrial Invasive Plant guide 3rd edition is in Kelly's hands!!! Woot! - added additional species, updated abundance maps, revised introduction; very dry in AB
- Alisa Wade - Climate Adaptation Science center just closed call for proposals - north central has 24 proposals to review over the next month and will be notifying perspective PIs about awards around beginning of sept, about 5 proposals are very relevant to the Crown; big snow model with Ben Livna at CU Boulder will be spinning up in the next month or two and come out in the next 1-2 years
  - Pilot model was built for Glacier and Rocky Mountain NP - in May 2020 had a workshop on snow modeling - North Central Climate Adaptation center felt there was great value in that model and now ben is expanding that work
  - Also, for those interested in invasives, the North Central is spinning up a RISCC - regional invasive species and climate change. CASCs spinning these up across the US; here's the NE one that kicked it off. <https://www.riscnetwork.org/>
  - Also, meant to share this if folks haven't seen it - not funded by CASC, but part of a CASC-funded concept: Davis et al., 2021, Climate variability and post-fire forest regeneration in the Norther Rockies [https://www.firescience.gov/projects/16-1-01-15/project/16-1-01-15\\_final\\_report.pdf](https://www.firescience.gov/projects/16-1-01-15/project/16-1-01-15_final_report.pdf)
- Craig Harding - NCC

- Funding given to 5 Needle Pine restoration program - will work with folks to do some planting
- working on camera trap project to look at wildlife movement
- Projects near Waterton - new project near Yarrow Creek; project on eastern edge; and another one that is about 5 km from eastern edge of the park

### **West Glacier Community Vision (Mary McClelland)**

- West Glacier is a microcosm for this LCD work - grassroots effort to bridge West Glacier and Glacier - surrounded by wild and scenic river, USFS land, Glacier
- West Glacier is a summer season place - not enough visitation for the businesses to stay open outside of the summer
- Received grant - major stakeholders = Flathead County and Planning, MT Outdoor Recreation office, NPCA, USFS, UM, Montana House, NPS, Pursuit (used to be Glacier Park Incorporated)
  - Tried to create a vision that met everyone's needs and shared values
  - Open up communication lines
- Listening to and getting the support of the major stakeholders was critical
  - ie. PLanning and Zoning Director - very grateful for all of his help
- Vision
  - West Glacier envisions their community as a place where recreation, healthy lifestyles and sustainable development converge to provide a high quality of life while retaining unique historic character, habitat and abundant natural scenic beauty
  - How do you get everyone to talk to one another
- Major challenges
  - Unincorporated village - no govern't, just have themselves
  - What does "preservation" mean?
- Goals:
  - Create a safe and resilient community
    - Wildfire
      - Montana House - leadership in helping
    - Oil trains passing through
  - Support sustainable outdoor recreation opportunities while conserving wildlife habitat and natural resources
    - Lot of rafting companies
    - Local and regional trail connectivity; flathead river corridor and access
    - supported by Canyon Plan
- Reaching out to the community
  - Newsletters, public service announcements, emails and mailing
  - Newsletter on Fire
    - Will go into short term rentals, posted in businesses
- Next steps:
  - August 11th - county planning board consideration - will move forward with community driven interests regardless of outcome
- Questions

- How do you engage so many disparate stakeholders?
  - With any community with disparate views - everybody needs to be heard; able to bridge gaps by focusing on something that everyone cares about
- In re: pre-fire planning and resilience, I just learned about these "PODs":  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/rmrs/potential-operational-delineations-pods>
- Mary Riddle: Speaking for Glacier National Park, wanted to further focus on West Glacier vision plan - has set the community up to deal with future issues; high visitation is not just a park issue, it is a much greater flathead valley issue; having a vision plan like this puts the community in a good position to engage in that discussion; also, West Glacier community initially began and was developed by someone that had a vision - risk has always been once that ownership passes on, will that look change?; west glacier is a unique community to be on the doorstep of a national park