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### **Social, Cultural, and Economic Features**

- **Y2Y looking at emerging economies**
  - How can we add to economic diversification
  - What's coming in behind - what is happening here
  - Ray Raster has done lots of this with Headwaters - what are the opportunities and what is happening
  - Changes in new land use creates new opportunity for new economies (ie. tourism)
- **Ideas for SCE team from LT**
  - Transition from fossil fuels to renewables - currently renewables are available on private land only
  - Dark skies
  - Carbon sequestration - timber and ranchers and grasslands
  - water sources and quality, irrigation infrastructure/efficiency? That's the big tradeoff for water for conservation vs. humans (mostly); no idea how you'd measure that
    - Water availability for all uses and the trade off's there of (ie. CKST Compact)
  - assessment of human population numbers, densities (type of growth) and impacts on the landscape?
  - <http://maps.tnc.org/resilientland/>
  - These are open forums, if you want to join SCE, let us know!
- Collaboration with Tribal Partners
  - Flathead Lakers - collabing with CSKT on firewise, habitat conservation, etc - contact Constanza - one portal that everyone recognizes

### **Conceptual Models and Expert Surveys**

- Developed models for each feature - opportunities to deliver conservation
- Send out survey monkeys to subject matter experts
  - Typically would be done through in person meetings, but not an option, currently!
  - About 15min each
- Responses
  - Set a response rate that you're looking for and if you are not meeting that, then resend the expert list to the leadership team
- Decision: we will proceed with this approach

### **News from the field**

- Salazar center is hosting conservation impacts virtual conference

- Sept 30th - recognizing residential school survivors and lost children - now a national holiday in CA - reconciliation

### Land Use Planning in AB's Crown of the Continent

- Presenters
  - Chad - Director of Land and Env'tal planning South
  - Peggy - South planning team - integrated resource planner
- Planning is hard!
  - Failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success!
- Cumulative effects
  - Acknowledging the finite carrying capacity of air, water, and land - take a more holistic approach and consider the cumulative effects rather than looking at projects in isolation
- Hierarchy
  - Provincial direction > regional plans > subregional and issue specific plans > management plans > operational plans
- South Saskatchewan Regional Plan
  - Sets long term vision for the region with balanced economic, environmental, and social outcomes and objectives
  - Directed creation of new conservation areas
  - Created Environmental Mgmt Frameworks to manage for air and water quality
  - Directed subregional mgmt plans

### Sub-regional Planning



○ classification: Protected A



- Environmental values
  - Species at risk
  - Watershed integrity
  - Wildlife corridors
  - Critical habitat
  - Water quality

- Habitat quality and quantity
- Economic values
  - Ranching and grazing
  - Oil
- Unrealized opportunity in recreation economy
  - Recreation contributes 2.8B to GDP in AB
  - Increased wealth in gateway communities
- Social values
  - Measuring experiential values
  - Other social effects
    - Noise
    - Indigenous values
      - Need access to land for traditional use activities
      - Concerns about volumes of users
- Footprint plan
  - Motorized access
    - 2 categories (restricted and open)
    - Recreation mgmt plan
      - Created public land use zones
      - Direct away from sensitive areas
      - Require motorized users to stay on designated trails
    - Created designated trails map
      - Continually evaluating and improving
- Connie's additions
  - Implementation is difficult - educating the public to accept new normal
  - Need to still look at the fixation on motorized
  - Positive movement forward for the Gov't of AB
  - Coal exploration expansion has created a dilemma in the livingstone
  - In AB, also looking at new way of doing landuse mgmt called Crown lands vision
    - how do you see the regional planning and positive steps laid out continuing under the potential Crown lands act?