The Crown Managers Partnership

Transboundary Collaborative Solutions to Ecosystem Management at a Landscape Scale
Not Just Another Place…

Arctic Ocean

Atlantic Ocean

Pacific Ocean
Jurisdictional Complexity in the Crown of the Continent

- First Nations/Tribal land
- National Parks
- US Bureau of Land Management
- US Fish & Wildlife
- US Forest Service
- Federal
- Provincially Protected Areas
- State Trusts
- Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks
- Provincial/State
- Private Conservation Land
- Plum Creek Timber
- Private Land
Linkages and Liabilities

- Protected Areas
- ATV Use
- Mining
- Resource Access
- Development
- Water Resources
- Climate Change
- Invasive Species
Crown Managers Partnership Genesis

- International Peace Park
- A broader partnership
Crown Managers Partnership

- Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
- Alberta Environment
- Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, Fish and Wildlife Division & Land and Forest Division, Community Development
- Alberta Parks Recreation and Tourism
- BC Forests, Cranbrook Forest District
- BC Sustainable Resource Development
- BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection, Environmental Stewardship
- Blackfeet Tribe
- Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes
- K’tunaxa Kinbasket First Nation
- Blood First Nation
- Montana State Flathead Basin Commission
- Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks
- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Montana State Lands and Forests
- Parks Canada, Waterton Lakes National Parks
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service, Flathead National Forest & Lewis and Clark National Forest
- U.S. National Park Service, Glacier National Park
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Universities of Montana, Calgary and Mount Royal
CMP Annual Forums

- February 2001, Cranbrook BC
- April 2002, Whitefish, MT: Cumulative Effects
- April 2003, Pincher Creek, AB: ALCES
- Feb 2004, Cranbrook, BC: Fire
- March 2005, Kalispell, MT: Invasive plants
- March 2006, Lethbridge, AB: Watershed Partnerships
- March 2007, Cranbrook, BC: Ecological Health
- March 2008, Kalispell, MT: Carnivores
- February 2009, Pincher Creek, AB: Biodiversity
- April 2010, Fernie, BC: Climate Change
- March 2011, Polson, MT: Aquatic Invasive Species
- March 2012, Lethbridge, AB: Connections to the Land, Tribal and First Nations in the Crown
- March 2013, Cranbrook BC: Large Landscapes; Working Across Boundaries
- March 2014, Missoula, MT: Climate Change Adaptation
CMP Structure and Guidance

- Cooperative agency partnership; CMP doesn’t manage, agencies do.
- Various agencies, state, federal, tribal, first nations participants
- Steering Committee
- Secretariat
- Strategic Plan (revised 2011)
- Annual Forums
- Projects
CMP’s Evolving Role and Perspective

- 2001-05: Focus on common issues.
- 2005-11: Ecological Health Project – Understood the relevance and tool that EH would give us to do large landscape planning and management to maintain health of the ecosystem. Lots of other groups began to form. We were the only trans-boundary managers group.
- 2014-15: Large Landscape Conservation, climate change, Invasives
Collaborative Research

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Ecological Health Project Team

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Rocky Mountain Monitoring Network
Accomplishments & Benefits

- Invasive Plant Guide for the Crown
- Aquatic Invasive Species Guide
- Transboundary AIS Response Plan
- Transboundary Grizzly Bear Monitoring
- Landscape Scale Data/Trend Analysis
- Alberta-Montana MOU
- British Columbia-Montana MOU
- Annual Forums since 2001

- Demonstrate collective stewardship capacity.
- Coordinated approach to address crown wide challenges.
- Learn from each other, reduce duplication.
- Enhance institutional, science and management capacity.
Other Crown Initiatives

- Crown of the Continent Educational Consortium
- Crown Roundtable
- America’s Great Outdoors
- Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council
More Crown Initiatives

- Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative
- Blackfoot Challenge
- Crown of the Continent Initiative