Transboundary Collaboration in the Crown of the Continent
Crown Managers Partnership

A forum for promoting collaboration amongst agencies managing natural resources:

- Montana
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Federal, Tribal/First Nations, State, Provincial
- Voluntary
- Agencies Manage, CMP provides a framework
Not Just Another Place...
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Crown of the Continent Ecosystem

- Large, intact ecosystem
- High profile setting
- Unique attributes
- Peace Park
- Intl. designations
First Nation / Tribal Lands
Parks Canada / U.S. National Parks Service
B.C. Ministry of Environment
Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation
B.C. Ministry of Forests
United States Forest Service
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development
United States Fish and Wildlife
Montana DNRC (State Forests)
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Private Land
Counties / MDs / Regional Districts
Cities / Towns / Villages

Jurisdictional Complexity
IUCN/UNESCO attention

The Flathead watershed: a shared resource.

“There is, in the view of the mission, no possibility of proceeding with mining in the Flathead watershed without creating an unacceptable direct impact on the Outstanding Universal Value of the property, and there does not appear to be a compromise position in this regard.”

British Columbia Vows Ban on Mining, Drilling Near Glacier National Park
B.C. Hot Spot

- Natural resource economy
- Recreational pressures
- Elk Valley mining
- Protected Areas Agenda

Tembec
CPAWS
Nature Conservancy
Canada

NO Flathead Park
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Crown of the Continent ~ Protected Areas ~

Crown Managers Partnership
Montana Hot Spot

- Bipartisan Political Support
- Existing Protected Areas
- Rocky Mountain Front
- North Fork Preservation Act
- Subdivision
Alberta Hot Spot
Crown Pressures

- Climate Change
- Invasive weeds
- Fire Management
- Urban and rural residential development
- Tourism and recreational use
- Resource use and extraction

- Environmental Quality
- Water Quality, quantity, fisheries, aquatics
- Wildlife habitat – fragmentation and loss
- Degradation of ecosystem goods and services
Linkages and Liabilities

- Protected Areas
- Resource Access
- Subdivision
- ATV Use
- Water Resources
- Mining
- Climate Change
- Invasive Species
Environment does not Recognize Jurisdictional Boundaries
Crown Managers Partnership Genesis

20th Century:
• International Peace Park

21st Century:
• A broader partnership
Crown Managers Partnership History

- Feb 2001, Cranbrook: Trans-boundary collaboration
- April 2002, Whitefish: Cumulative Effects
- April 2003, Pincher Creek: ALCES
- Feb 2004, Cranbrook: Fire
- March 2005, Kalispell: Invasive plants
- March 2006, Lethbridge: Watershed Partnerships
- March 2007, Cranbrook: Ecological Health
- March 2008, Whitefish: Carnivores
- Feb 2009, Pincher Creek: Biodiversity
- April 2010: Fernie: Climate Change
CMP Modus Operandi

Structure:

- Cooperative agency partnership (CMP doesn’t manage, agencies do)
- Participants: federal state and provincial agencies, tribes and First Nations, educational institutions
- Steering Committee

Guidance:

- MOU
- Strategic Plan
- Annual Work Plan
- Annual Forums
Indicators of Ecological Health

- Landscape
- Biodiversity
- Water quality/quantity
- Invasive Species
- Climate
- Air quality
- Cultural
Implementation

Next step - Do something
Aquatic Invasive Species
Aquatic Invasive Species Indicators

Invasive Mussels

Invasive Plants (EWM)
CMP AIS Strategy

- Fix the “weakest link”
  - No program in AB in 2012
  - By 2013, pilot program launched with:
    - Ministerial Order
    - 1-800-hotline
    - Monitoring
    - Education
    - Inspections
Transboundary AIS Protocol

- Prevention
- Detection
- Response
- Education
Focus Group Testing
CMP Collaboration with GNLCC: Perimeter Defense
Unique Opportunities
Landscapes Indicator

CROWN OF THE CONTINENT
Roads

CROWN OF THE CONTINENT
Number of dwellings

Legend:
- Census
- Number of dwellings
- 0 - 29
- 30 - 99
- 100 - 249
- 250 - 499
- 500 - 999
- 1000 - 1999
- 2000 - 2499
- 2500 - 4999
- 5000 - 9999
- 10000 - 19999
- Major Cities (polygons)
- International Borders
- Provincial Borders
- Major Lakes
- Rivers
- Islands
- Provincials
- Other

Census data sources:
- Statistics Canada provided by B.C. Ministry of Environment and Government of Alberta
- U.S. Census Bureau provided by Montana State Library
Landscape Indicator
Grizzly Bear Distribution
Fragmentation
Benefits of Collaboration
Managing Across Boundaries

UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.
—The Lorax
The End