

The Future of Federal Family Collaboration in Landscape-Scale Planning

An Interagency HQ-Level Roundtable Discussion

June 26-27, 2013

The Landscape Conservation Cooperatives National Coordination Office, in partnership with federal agencies, has organized this initial conversation about the future of federal agency collaboration in landscape-scale planning. It is envisioned additional conversations will be necessary to fully explore agency interests and opportunities. It is recognized that the federal family does not work in isolation in landscape-scale planning. The intention is to broaden the conversation with states, other partners, and tribes in the future.

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Purpose:

1. To introduce the concept of conserving sustainable landscapes by design (landscape conservation design).
2. To understand why and how federal agencies are currently involved in landscape-scale planning; to learn what is working well, and to hear ideas for improving those and future efforts.
3. To explore how the federal family might collaborate on landscape conservation design, including the potential for the Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC) Network to serve as one of the possible venues.

Agenda:

Wednesday, June 26

- 8:00 AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks** – Edwin Roberson, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management
- Introductions and Acknowledgements** – Rob Campellone, National Landscape Conservation Design Coordinator, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives
- Agenda Review, MeetingSphere¹, and Other Logistics**, – Susan Hayman, Facilitator, EnviroIssues
- 8:30 AM **Integrating Federal Planning: Drivers and Opportunities (Part I)** – Jay Jensen, Associate Director for Land and Water Ecosystems, White House Council on Environmental Quality; Eric Schwaab, Acting Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management, Department of Commerce (*tentative*), Rebecca Wodder, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Department of Interior
- Discussion** – All Participants

¹ MeetingSphere is an online collaboration tool that will be used throughout the Roundtable to support focused Q&A, group discussion, and other facilitated processes.

- 9:30 AM **BREAK**
- 9:45 AM **Conserving Sustainable Landscapes by Design** – *Rob Campellone, National Landscape Conservation Design Coordinator, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives; Tom Miewald, Landscape Ecologist, North Pacific LCC*
- 11:00 AM **BREAK**
- 11:15 AM **Discussion: Conserving Sustainable Landscapes by Design** – *All Participants*
- 12:00 PM **LUNCH** (on your own)
*Screening of *Ocean Frontiers* in main conference room @ 12:30 PM
- 1:00 PM **Case Study: Arid Lands Initiative/Collaborative Conservation Assessment and Prioritization** – *Tom Miewald, Landscape Ecologist, North Pacific LCC*
Discussion – *All Participants*
- 2:00 PM **Federal Agency Landscape-Scale Planning**
2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Selected Agency Presentations on Current Programs & Initiatives:
- Panel 1
 - Session 1: DOA: Farm Service Agency, Forest Service, NRCS
 - Session 2: DOC: NOAA
 - Response to Q&A
 - BREAK (15 min)
 - Panel 2
 - Session 3: DOD: USACOE
 - Session 4: DOI: BLM, BOR, FWS, NPS, USGS
 - Session 5: DOT: FHWA
 - Response to Q&A
- 4:30—5:00 p.m. Group Discussion*
- 5:00 PM **Wrap-Up** – *Susan Hayman, Facilitator*
- 5:30 PM **ADJOURN**

Thursday, June 27

- 8:00 AM **Introductions, Agenda Review, and Logistics** – *Susan Hayman, Facilitator*
Announcements and/or Reflections – *All Participants*
- 9:00 AM **Integrating Federal Planning: Drivers and Opportunities (Part II)**
Landscape Conservation Cooperatives: Reflecting on the Past, Pondering the Present, and Envisioning the Future – *Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Doug Austen, National LCC Coordinator, Landscape Conservation Cooperatives*
Discussion – *All Participants*
- 10:00 AM **BREAK**
- 10:15 AM **Pondering the Present: An Assessment of Strengths, Opportunities, Weaknesses, and Challenges Associated with the Current Federal Planning Paradigm** – *Participants engage in an individual and small group MeetingSphere brainstorming, grouping, and ranking activity.*
- 12:00 PM **LUNCH** (on your own)
- 1:00 PM **Envisioning the Future: Opportunities for Moving to an Integrated Federal Planning Paradigm** – *Participants engage in an individual and small group MeetingSphere discussion activity.*
- 2:45 PM **BREAK**
- 3:00 PM **Identifying Next Steps** – *Participants engage in a MeetingSphere group discussion and ranking activity.*
- 4:30 PM **Wrap-Up** – *Susan Hayman, Facilitator*
- 5:00 PM **ADJOURN**