

Transboundary Grasslands Workshop Survey Summary

1. Please provide your evaluation of the Transboundary Workshop.

very successful	15
somewhat successful	6
not successful	
no response	
Comments	Very well organized, very productive

2. What was the most useful/informative part of the workshop?

Networking and presentations

How conservation of large scale grasslands ties directly into climate change adaptation plans and food sovereignty.

The networking and hearing multiple opinions

Folks are more open minded then they think

The conversations between participants, Paulette Fox's presentation.

The round table discussions, the speaker presentations, invasive species and bison presentation.

The discussion at the very end about strategies and how to go about what we want to accomplish. Actually getting planning and goals laid out and shared.

I felt the relationships/networking done during the workshop. Also seeing the way that other agencies promote cooperation (ie PCAP, etc)

Breakout sessions

Milk River Watershed Report, Session 1 breakout, diversity of organizations represented

Networking, using collective expertise with focus

Developing a list of contacts, learning about conservation efforts in Canada

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Breakout themes

Everything was great but I got most from the small break out sessions. Toonie bar was a great opportunity to network, thanks for including

The obstacles/solutions section

Sharing ideas on what to do next to strengthen conservation on NGP, hearing enthusiasm and passion

Paulette's presentation

Starting the conversation. Asking for "the next steps" Actions

3. What was the least useful/informative part of the workshop?

Break-outs - too many, too shallow for lack of time

All of the information was relevant but I would stress that the solution(s) have to start on a more personal level regarding less consumption and shared resources and more focus on solutions and involvement/attendance by First Nations peoples.

January 19th supper was odd

All good

Didn't really have one. Thanks enjoyed my time with you.

I felt some of the larger group activities presentations were good, but took time away from the small group - breakout sessions. I would have also liked groups organized by proximity to each other.

Invasive species case study was disappointing

Assessing obstacles and requirements.

It all meshed together

4. What would you add/change if anything?

More time to develop ideas in groups

I would like to see more representation from the First Nations people at the next workshop and presentations addressing Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Focus should be food sovereignty because the less dependent

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we are on large scale agriculture for food the more grassland we can preserve.

No

A session for First Nations ahead of workshop, helps to frame science and traditional knowledge.

Include a more diverse group to gather different opinions and viewpoints, too much of a "love-in" with everyone sharing the same general ideas and philosophies, everyone is in agreement but there was difficulty in coming up with solutions without seeing the other side of the issue.

A bit more social networking time.

Coordination between all the smaller transboundary groups.

More free/social time, more individual presentations on programs/current activities, less small group discussions

Can't think of anything

More free/social time- very little time to actually connect having useful conversations with the group, felt rushed - better timing set up

Well done and facilitated

More opportunities to network during the evening . The presentation should have been during the day.

5. What is the single most important contribution you can make following this workshop?

Bringing ongoing energy to our new partnerships

Communicate information from this workshop back to the organizations I have membership in.

Share with Tribes and First Nations the wonderful folks wanting to restore and conserve grasslands.

Staying in contact with the people in attendance to share information that is gathered and to combine ideas and try to carry out and follow up on some of the obstacles and strategies identified.

Leadership, logistics help, communications between SK PCAP partners AB, and MB participants.

Montana DNRC, Sportsman groups (DU, PF)

Communication to subgroups not at this meeting or individuals not here

Evaluate what projects can incorporate more agencies and people. Not limited to collaboration but simple sharing of information can go a long way.

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Follow up with leadership group, follow up with information sharing opportunities (eg conferences, workshops)

Got in touch with my colleagues across borders to reinforce connections and knowledge share

More communication cross boundary

Continue networking with NGOS in NGP

Reach out to contacts I've made

6. If there is a follow-up transboundary session, what should the focus be?

Dealing with top 5 obstacles/strategy development

Acknowledgement of First Nations people and their connection to this landscape and that they are inseparable. You cannot heal the land without addressing First Nations People.

Mechanism and objectives to make transboundary cooperation to work.

Relationships/partnerships

Problem solving rather than problem sharing. Implementing practical solutions that can be put to use right away for immediate results.

Establishing leadership committee, an identity!

Moving forward, priorities, measures of success (to be forecasted)

Ecosystem level planning, multispecies, multilevel decision making, identifying major players and stakeholders

Group identity, messaging, capacity building, funding

Articulation of vision and goals "transboundary" is not a goal per se.

Pick a specific topic (e.g. invasives) and start connecting/planning actions on that.

Montana ties, Saskatchewan ties

Devise and organizational structure to move forward

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7. If there is a follow-up transboundary session, please identify any agencies, organizations or individuals that should be included as invitees.

JV/LCC (PHJV, PPJV, NGPJV and PPP_LCC, GNLCC) representatives and coordinators. TNC

First Nations, Tribal land managers

Alberta Grazing Leaseholders Association, Western Stock Growers Association, Alberta Beef Producers Industry, harmony workers

Landowners/developers, economists related to the agriculture industry, governing MLA to speak to grant challenges, recreational users, resource industry

Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, Ducks Unlimited, Saskatchewan Parks

Operation Grasslands Community, Oil and Gas, SK Rural Municipalities, CFB Suffield

Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, lacked representation and would be key to include

Prairie Pothole Joint Venture (Casey Stemmler and Sean Fields, Northern Great Plains Joint Venture -Dan Casey Parks Canada (Grasslands National Park)

Joint ventures, Northern Great Plains and Intermountain Sections of SRM

Northern Plains and Potholes LCC

Other comments:

Fear that idea development too shallow to carry momentum forward. Important to finalize series of meetings and/or umbrella PCF. More meaningful role for producers/producer groups.

First Nations peoples and people all over the world have had to deal and adapt to climate change and its time to incorporate TEK with modern technology.

Good event

Awesome effort all around

Fantastic job, very easy to be motivated, groups really stayed on focus.

Facilitator was great.

Rotate future meetings through different locations

More landowners