

Project Summary
Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Technical and administrative support for Crown of the Continent Ecosystem Managers Partnership including the initiation of an ecosystem wide cumulative effects analysis
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
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Project Abstract: Len Broberg (Univ. of MT) and Michael Quinn (Univ. of Calgary) are co-managers of a <i>Transboundary Policy, Planning, and Management Program</i> that spans the geographic area between Missoula, MT and Calgary, AB. This program is designed to serve the educational needs of students at the two universities; to focus faculty and graduate student research on science, management, and policy issues relevant to this transboundary area; and, to provide land managers, industry, and non-governmental organizations with research results so that they may better engage transboundary environmental policy issues. The Miistakis Institute for the Rockies (Miistakis) is a non-profit Canadian corporation affiliated with the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary. The Crown Managers Partnership (CMP) includes over 20 federal, aboriginal, provincial and state agencies having resource management responsibility within the transboundary area of Montana, Alberta and British Columbia (The Crown of the Continent Ecosystem). The CMP has agreed to cooperatively pursue 5 broad initiatives of common interest: addressing cumulative effects of human activities across the ecosystem, addressing increased public interest in how lands are managed and how decisions are reached, addressing increased recreational demands and increased visitation, collaboration in sharing data, standardizing assessment and monitoring methodologies and addressing the maintenance and sustainability of shared wildlife populations. The CMP has formed an interagency Steering Committee to pursue these initiatives and has asked the <i>Transboundary Policy, Planning, and Management Program</i> to assist the Steering Committee in meeting its goals. The CMP has also agreed to cooperatively fund two specific efforts over the next year: (1) technical and administrative support for CMP and (2) to begin an ecosystem wide cumulative effect analysis.
Outcomes with completion dates: Develop a web site for the CMP to outline the partnership objectives, goals, workplans, results, trends, management approaches and additional related information. Generate materials for presentation by CMP members. Conduct a cumulative effects assessment for the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem, using the ALCES simulator model. Facilitate an annual Crown of the Continent Managers Forum (CMF) that will be hosted by the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park
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