

CASCADIA TRANSBOUNDARY ADAPTATION EFFORTS

Lead: Conservation Northwest
Total Funding Requested: \$15,000

Three complementary transboundary climate adaptation and habitat connectivity activities work in the Cascadia region will be supported 1) Transboundary Climate Analysis by the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group, 2) WildLinks workshop, 3) Cascadia Partner Forum. Please see attachment for a map of the Cascadia region that is prepared for discussion amongst these efforts. Funding will be divided to achieve this work as follows:

- \$4000 towards WildLinks
- \$1000 to Cascadia forum
- \$10,000 towards the Transboundary Climate Analysis
- 4% administrative overhead is held back on funds that pass through Conservation Northwest to external contractors.

Transboundary Climate Analysis:

The Transboundary Climate Analysis will be completed through the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group's Transboundary and Climate Subgroups (www.waconnected.org). In the 2012-2013 calendar year two products will be completed, while vital groundwork is laid for greater transboundary analyses to be completed at a finer scale and incorporating climate change. First a report reviewing the connectivity patterns identified in existing analyses in the transboundary region identifying priority areas where a finer scale look is warranted. Second, a climate gradient corridors analysis in the Cascadia region exploring the north-south and westward linkages to the coastal system from the Cascades system. All of this will involve a data synthesis and potential data layer generation across the Washington and British Columbia border.

WildLinks:

The *WildLinks* workshop will be held October 3rd and 4th at the North Cascades Institute in Sedro Wooley, Washington. This year's *Wild Links* will be an invitation only meeting to build off of our transboundary discussions from 2010 and 2011. We'll bring together attendees and partners from the past two years to move forward on topics related to the transboundary Cascadia ecosystem. At *Wild Links*, attendees will discuss a one-year pilot Cascadia Partner Forum in coordination with the North Pacific and Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperatives. We will also include identifying priority species and habitat topics to collaborate on in this system. Attendees will also delve into two high priority topics identified at last year's *WildLinks* meeting in Vancouver, BC: 1) Transboundary species coordination on lynx, wolves, fishers, grizzly bears, badgers, and wolverines; and 2) Transboundary habitat connectivity planning with the Washington Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Working Group. An attendee list and proceedings will be provided from this workshop.

Cascadia Partner Forum:

Seed money will be applied to a one-year pilot effort towards formation of a Cascadia Partner forum in coordination with the Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative. This forum will work to set up an initial structure, suite of priority issues, and deliverables for a one-year time frame. Following this year, feedback will be provided to both the Great Northern and North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperatives on a recommendation to continue with this shared partner forum into future years