

**2015 Cascadia Partner Forum request to the
North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

Request amount: \$18,000

Scope of work:

In 2015-2016, the Cascadia Partner Forum aims to continue work to meet our mission to foster a network of natural resource practitioners working with the Great Northern and North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperatives to build the adaptive capacity of the landscape and species living within it. Additionally, we seek to build on the work we have done to date contributing to the science planning of our LCC partners.

We seek to complete, review, and communicate on the work underway on priority issues identified by our partner forum including addressing conservation targets of the Great Northern LCC present in Cascadia such as wolverine, grizzly bear, salmon, aquatic connectivity, and terrestrial connectivity. Each of these issues spans both sides of the Cascades crest, touching on important conservation planning to inform both the Great Northern and North Pacific LCC's. We seek to build our data library content and utilization by partners in conservation planning in both our publicly viewable Cascadia Partner Forum Working Space within the North Pacific LCC Conservation Atlas on Databasin, and the private LCMAP portal for layers that require special permission to utilize.

In continuing to identify opportunities for applying existing science and gaps in information necessary to further climate adaptation actions within Cascadia, we will initiate a living inventory of timely management decisions by land and resource managers throughout Cascadia. We will first prioritize those in the North Pacific LCC portion of our Cascadia geography to contribute the NPLCC Science and TEK Strategy dialogue underway to set objectives and metrics including an objective to "Identify decision-relevant information needs associated with understanding how changes in [stressor] will affect [resource]" addressing the list of information identified by their metrics to evaluate for each decision.

Finally, our work on priority issues to date has led to recognition of the importance to also coordinate with our network on spatial priorities throughout Cascadia. Organizations throughout Cascadia prioritize landscapes for a wide variety of reasons all the time. This prioritization can focus investments, foster coordination amongst partners, and/or highlight an area of importance.

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1. Identify and inventory existing spatial priority landscapes for natural resource conservation and management in Cascadia. It is important to be aware of existing spatial priority landscapes identified by different entities throughout Cascadia. In understanding where these places are, why they are highlighted, and what the goals are within the landscape our hope is that in many cases this awareness can lead to increased coordination and resources towards efforts to strengthen resilience in these special places.

- Review and synthesize existing relevant climate science analyses within or overlapping Cascadia to identify spatial priorities for climate adaptation. To provide focus in scope to this process we will prioritize this review to spatial priorities identified in existing climate adaptation strategies, and review of climate science relevant to the priority issues and conservation targets addressed by the partner forum to date.

As we address this issue, we will share links to information on those existing spatial priorities that we inventory through this website and relevant data layers in our Cascadia Partner Forum Working Group within the North Pacific LCC's Conservation Atlas on Databasin.

In completing this work, we will again use our annual WildLinks gathering to bring many of our transboundary practitioners together in person to share information and foster dialogue towards fulfilling this workload. We'll also use that time to identify emerging opportunities and needs from Cascadia that inform our work. Outside of this event we will continue to rely on smaller in-person meetings, webinars, working groups, and a team of fellows to fulfill our workload.

Budget:

We request \$18,000 for the Cascadia Partner Forum leveraging investment from the Great Northern LCC funding that was awarded this month to support this workload. All of this request will be matched by both direct funding, and a high level of in-kind support from our leadership team and network.

Budget Narrative: Further detail can be provided on any line item as required.					
<i>Operational Costs shared between objectives</i>					
	NPLCC Request	GNLCC Funding	Additional Match	In-Kind	Comments
Salary and benefits	0	0	0	7540	
Fellows (6 months each)	2200	5000	0	0	
Meetings and workshops (including WildLinks 2015)	4000	5000	10,000	0	
Communications (LinkedIn, Website)	0	0	500	0	
Travel	0	1000	3500	0	
Contracts:	0				
<i>Contract for facilitation and support of climate spatial priority analyses</i>	5000	0	0		
<i>Contract for GIS support in mapping of climate spatial priorities feedback</i>	5000	0	0		
<i>Contracts to experts for contribution to criteria and review of climate spatial priority analyses</i>	0	2500	0	3480	<i>Averaged at \$29/hour</i>
Partner contribution	0	0	0	6,960	<i>Averaged at \$29/hour</i>
Admin/overhead at 10%	1800	1500			
Total	18000	15,000	14,000	17,980	