

Proposed 2017-2021 S/TKs Strategy Framing Questions

As we consider what to focus on for the next 5 years, in addition to ensuring priorities and actions are consistent with the overall NPLCC mission and goals, the following framing questions will be considered:

- 1) **What are the most immediate conservation needs across the NPLCC landscape?** The NPLCC cannot try to address all needs and instead it is important to narrow our focus for the next 5 years. It is also important to recognize that different NPLCC partners will be looking through different lenses, and the NPLCC needs to accommodate different values. We also recognize in developing this S-TEK Strategy that it is important to include a mechanism to address emerging priorities if needed.
- 2) **How valuable is this information for managers and other decision-makers?** In selecting priority focuses, it is important to consider what science, knowledge or tools would be useful to resource managers and other partners across multiple jurisdictions or over large portions of the NPLCC geography. Additionally, it is important to consider how the NPLCC helps managers address climate adaptation. An important role for the NPLCC is to develop useful landscape-scale science and information for local governments, tribes, land managers and other decision makers. It is also important that the NPLCC includes science and other information that is applicable to policy development and harmonization.
- 3) **How critical is it for the NPLCC to focus on work of this type?** We need to consider what unique information the NPLCC can contribute to the broader climate change landscape level discussion. When selecting areas where we focus, we need to consider if this the type of work the NPLCC should support as it fills information/science gaps across the landscape or it is better addressed by other groups/entities. In some cases, we may need to consider if we can act as a catalyst to move certain work forward.
- 4) **Is there relevant work of this type already being done by others?** If work the NPLCC is considering focusing on is already being addressed by others, we need to consider either how we can coordinate with those groups and provide needed support or should we focus elsewhere.