



Crown Managers Partnership

Trans-boundary Collaborative Solutions to Landscape Scale Ecosystem Management

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL FORUM

People, Climate and Terrestrial Invasive Species: Taking Collective Action in the Crown of the Continent

March 17-19th, 2015

**Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre,
Lethbridge Alberta**

FORUM OBJECTIVES

- Present a comprehensive overview of non-native plant (NNP) distribution and priorities in the Crown of the Continent (CoC) region to managers and practitioners
- Review the potential effects of climate change on NNP's in the CoC through the lens of a Vulnerability Assessment
- Cooperatively develop a common set of NNP control objectives (What does success look like?)
- Share some stories about innovations and best practices – strategies, tools and tactics
- Develop a common understanding of weed “front lines” and weed free areas
- Initiate cooperation towards creating a structured regional approach

- AGENDA -

March 17th, 2015 (Open to the Public)	
Location: Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre – Aspen Ballroom	
1:00 - 4:30	Crown Managers Partnership Business Meeting, Steering Committee and any land or resource management agencies working in the CoC.
4:00 p.m.	Hotel Room Check-in <i>*Note Participants are responsible for their own dinner plans this evening*</i>
5:30 p.m.	Conference Registration Opens
7:30 p.m.	Welcome to the Crown Managers Partnership 2015 Annual Forum – Bill Dolan
8:00 p.m.	Opening Key Note: “Ecology and management of invasive species: what are we trying to do?” (Dean Pearson, USDA Rocky Mountain Research Station)

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Location: Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre – Aspen Ballroom	
7:30	Registration - Coffee/Tea available
8:30	Welcome – Mike Bruised Head, Councillor, Kainai – Blood Tribe
8:45	Crown Managers Partnership Overview: Mary Riddle, CMP Chairperson
9:00	Title: An Ecological Approach To Framing Non-Native Plant Management (Bruce Maxwell – Montana State University)
10:00	Q & A
10:15	Break - Coffee/tea/ light snacks
10:30	<p>Panel #1 Overview of the Status of High Priority Non-native Invasive Plants in the Crown of the Continent</p> <p><i>Legislated and Management Priorities, front lines, weed free areas, lurkers, distribution models and the influence of climate change projections for the Crown of the Continent</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin Sexton – University of Montana, Institute on Ecosystems • Dawn Lafleur – Glacier National Park • Bray Beltran – Five Valleys Land Trust/Heart of the Rockies
11:30	Q & A/Discussion
12:00	Lunch (Provided on Site)
1:00 – 1:10	Mayor of Lethbridge Welcomes Forum Participants
1:10	<p>Breakout session #1 Defining Success in Invasive Plant Management for the Crown of the Continent</p> <p><i>What are your land management objectives? How do you measure the success of your program against your land management objectives? How would you measure for success at the level of the Crown as a whole?</i></p>
2:15	<p>Panel # 2: Case Studies on Invasive Plant Management: Strategies and Tactics from around the Crown of the Continent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Jones, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development • Todd Larsen, East Kootenay Invasive Plant Council • Karen Laitala, Powell County Weed District/Blackfoot Challenge • Dave Hanna, The Nature Conservancy <p><i>Examples of what works and what didn't work from around the Crown and beyond.</i></p>
3:15	Break - Coffee/tea/ light snacks

3:30	<p>Panel # 2 continued: Case Studies on Invasive Plant Management: Strategies and Tactics from around the Crown of the Continent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Roberts, Waldron Ranch, Manager • Rob Sissons, Waterton Lakes National Park • Dawn LaFleur, Glacier National Park <p><i>Examples of what works and what didn't work from around the Crown and beyond.</i></p>
4:45	Reflections on the day and preparing for Day 2.
5:00	Adjourn
6:00	Pre-Dinner Mixer – Antons Ballroom
7:00	Dinner Presentation: Wrinkles, Weeds and Wisdom (Presenters: Lorne Fitch and Barry Adams) – Antons Ballroom

<p>March 19th, 2015 (Open to the Public)</p> <p>Location: Lethbridge Lodge Hotel and Conference Centre – Aspen Ballroom</p>	
8:30	Welcome Back
8:35	<p>Reporting Back from Day 1</p> <p><i>Here is what we heard. An opportunity for further discussion and feedback.</i></p>
8:45	<p>Breakout Session #2 Coarse Scale strategies and priority areas.</p> <p><i>Using the indicators of success we create for the Crown as a whole, can we identify some coarse scale strategies, tactics and geographic priority areas across the Crown? What are some clear needs and/or opportunities to promote shared approaches across the landscape?</i></p>
10:00	"Weeds Across Borders; Continental-scale Collaboration" (Presenter: Barry Gibbs, Canadian Council on Invasive Species)
10:20	Break
10:35	<p>Break-out Session #3</p> <p><i>How might we pursue regional implementation of the objectives, strategies and tactics identified in the previous breakout sessions? What issues can we find shared or collaborative solutions for? Groups will be structured geographically or around discrete projects to discuss advancing those projects.</i></p>
11:30	Full Group Report Back and Discussion
12:00	Adjourn