

2015 CMP Forum Survey Summary

1. Please provide your evaluation of the 2015 CMP Forum.

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| very successful | 26 |
| somewhat successful | 5 |
| not successful | |
| no response | 1 |
| Comments | Not sure how you would define success |

2. What parts of the Forum did you attend? Check all that apply.

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| Agency meeting | 12 |
| March 17 evening presentation | 26 |
| March 18 Full day | 32 |
| Dinner Speaker on March 18 | 31 |
| March 19 Half day | 31 |
| Comments | Did not know it was open to public until the day before or would have attended! |

3. What was the most useful/informative part of the Forum?

Climate change presentation, March 17 evening presentation, Waldron Ranch

I always value the networking opportunities these types of meetings offer.

Small group work and discussion because of mixed jurisdictional and agency make up

Opportunity to discuss potential strategies, increased knowledge of where everyone is at

The entire Forum! The information sharing via dialogue, charts, presentations etc. is so useful. The Wisdom presentation was great to contemplate. The opening presentation set the enthusiasm and topic.

March 18 -Next steps, brings it all together to move forward. Always know that actions are the outcome of the gathering, unlike 99% of the workshops/forums that are motivational but without follow-up.

Networking

General discussions and breakout following talks, full format was good

All of it
Dean set the right tone - awesome inspiration
Research conducted in the region to help inform management decisions
Thinking about how to emphasize landuse objectives as a basis for formulating weed management objectives, monitoring and evaluation
Dean Pearson's talk, panel on afternoon of March 18.
Networking, being able to have a face to face.
The breakout session, we focussed on survey and monitoring
Breakout sessions and networking
Excellent keynote presentations, framed issues and direction very well. Bray's models, breakout group directions for action, survey information forming conversation.
Networking and breakout groups
All of the presentations as well as the breakout sessions. Networking, learning others successes and challenges
Breakout groups, case studies, were the most important parts.
Dean, Lisa/Burce. Bray, Mike's success story with leafy spurge
Networking with like minded folks
Presentations provided great context and food for thought. The breakout sessions helped us to wrap our heads around the issue and get to talking about and considering strategies and potential actions. Both were very well
Collaboration, all presentations
Info sharing-challenges/success/progress
Breakout working groups, late afternoon presentation by Mike Roberts, Rob Sissons
Last day discussions, breakout groups
General discussion and information sharing
Networking, participation in breakout groups
Initial presentations: Dean's presentation, Bruce/Lisa, Bray's presentation, dinner speech breakout and discussions
Presentations and break outs equally valuable. Particularly enjoyed Dean, Bruce and Lisa as a lot of this information was new to me. Bray was amazing

no response

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4. What was the least useful/informative part of the Forum?

can't think of anything

I was less interested in the mapping, projection models - to some degree it was a little too theoretical for the purposes of my work and position

It was useful

Awareness about weeds without a discussion of why. What is about weeds that you want the uneducated to know?

Last breakout session.

I thought it was all very informative. Formal presentations were great as were panel talks.

Most case studies were not focused as they should have been on highlighting successes and failures-need to work more closely with presenters prior to event to preview and focus their presentations

None

I do not think there was non-useful information in the Forum

I felt all aspects were useful

Sometimes got too general or disorganized (just a lot of thoughts)

Wednesday evening - too heavy for dinner

Case studies (except for Waldron Ranch)

No response

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5. What would you add/change if anything?

Needed more mental breaks, this meeting was mentally daunting

Opportunity for geographic based discussion

Maybe not so long a day (12hrs) and split the conference into 2 shorter days, though I know everyone's time is valuable

Nothing, well designed workshop, stages lead to action

Not too much, it was well organized, stimulated good conversation, was facilitated very well. Only suggestion for improvement would be to set aside more time on the last day - seemed a little rushed.

It all worked well - the breakout sessions may have had better articulation of context for the aspects

More networking opportunities, field trip?

I think the breakouts need to be more thought out or facilitated by forum working group.

More free time to network

Grouping individuals with shared management objectives/challenges (e.g. landowners, private crown land managers, etc) for some of the breakout sessions may have been beneficial. Many of the breakout session topics were context dependent.

Somewhat alligator agenda which allowed for longer breaks and finish on time. Thursday was a very long day.

Nothing

I think these meetings are ran and organized very well. I cannot think of anything I would change.

More time for the breakout sessions

Add feed growers (ie) cattle feed how they monitor bales etc.

Reporting on current advancements regionally and building on these successes

Unsure

Look at what programs/activities from outside Crown could be successfully introduced in the Crown

Engage land managers/jurisdiction holders to build workshop. CMP is too top down, think bottom up.

Remember Lorne Fitch's talk?

Make sure case studies are adding new knowledge/ideas vs an agency summary or overview

Room was hot/airless some of the time

no response 11

6. Do you like having meals included with registration fees?

yes 31

no 1

no response

Comments: Great food!

7. Are you a repeat attendee

yes, 15

No 13

no response

if yes how many times have you attended?

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|--------------------|---|
| One other time | 3 |
| Two times before | 5 |
| Three times | 3 |
| four or five times | 1 |
| five or six times | 2 |
| thirteen times | 1 |
| Fifteen times | 2 |

8. Why do you attend the Forum? Select all that apply.

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| Networking | 26 |
| Learning | 29 |
| Directly related to field of work | 21 |

Other:

- Because my managers never let me go before
- Identifies link to our organization and how we can fit into a broader COC level initiative
- All of the above
- To obtain new ideas, strategies to put into practice locally
- Best part of my job (collaboration)
- Provide support , contribute to collaborative effort
- Asked to represent a group and present
- Enchanve my managers perspective and tools, information to do my job better
- To represent landowner/livestock producers
- Participate
- Connecting to resources
- Drive management, connect outcome across large landscapes
- Pursue trans-boundary action

9.Of the previous question, which is the most import reason?

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| Networking | 10 |
| Learning | 16 |
| Directly related to field of work | 9 |

Other:

Love the landscape area

Identifies link to our organization and how we can fit into a broader COC level initiative

Action based, synergy that always leads to change, improvement, initiation both within Crown and also outside of Crown (boundaries irrelevant)

collaboration

Contribute to collaborative effort

Inspiration

Engagement and building connections for collaboration

Reconnecting to resource agencies

Pursue trans-boundary action

10. Will you contact persons that you met at the Forum in regards to further work in this topic area?

yes 29

Looking forward to seeing the maps from Bray

Yes, maybe not immediately, but definitely keeping them as resources and wealth of information to reference as necessary

11. What is the single most important contribution the CMP can make following this Forum (with respect to invasive weeds in the CCE)?

Support front line and on the ground work

Find a political champion to take this issue to the level AIS was able to get

Facilitating a re-vitalization/formation of the Invasive Species (terrestrial) sub-committee to carry the torch

Central are for data, development of messaging etc and a way to pressure for funding support at the political level. That will translate to action on the ground at all levels (agencies, municipalities, NGO's, individual landowners. I.E. Support formation of Crown Invasive plant Group and Crown Communication Group.

Compiling a reference list of contact information of all forum attendees, jurisdictions involved in the Crown and keeping communication lines open via the website

Similar to AIS program, CMP is the catalyst that informs and leads agencies to focus on an initiative that is not specific to the Crown, How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.

To develop a strategy and next steps to begin to implement many of the ideas raised

Develop Crown Invasive Plant Committee that can assist in implementing the initiatives presented here

Getting different land management agencies/jurisidictions to put some effort into identifying and prioritizing land use objectives on every piece of land in the CoC. Only then can we develop appropriate weed management objectives to accomplish the land use objectives/goals. Under constrained budgets we must be surgical with our weed management which requires target outcomes based on land use objectives.

1. Develop standard protocols for weed presence/absence/no data. 2. Continue development of common database. 3. Develop weed priority list for Crown. 4. Complete climate change model of weed species in Crown. 5.Reinvigorate CIPN group.

Communication tool for weed managers

Data sharing

Communication network for EDRR information and mapping standards

Move forward a collaborative effort to monitor consistently so prioritization and improved management can be achieved

Common public relations campaign (media/info/materials) to be shared by partners

Collaborative capacity building, central GIS/Weed Info database/interactive

Lead/facilitate the development of a Crown Wide database and monitoring data. Hold future workshops to take the next step once data base is more complete. A)prioritize strategies and treatments. B) Pick focus areas in the Crown.

Create a unified perspectives document that shows how we as a collective of jurisdictions can move forward and have success at the crown level addressing the invasive species issues.

I would think a press release regarding the concern. Its not just disappearing glaciers in the Crown! There is also a livestock and tourism industry. These ideas apply also to National Parks and Recreation areas across the US and Canada.

Coordinating moving forward on development of the strategies indentified in the breakout sessions.

Collection of posters, information and distributing information

Consistency in data collection/monitoring

Updates. Also the graphics at the back of the room were excellent on weed susceptibility, reasons for occurrences these are excellent GIS products that could/should be on the web

Switch to reporting on acres protected rather than acres controlled.

Connect all the managers(direct, not the upper levels) so we know who is who

Relevant material. Update priorities-migration of weeds. "Know the pack your running with!" And this is a pretty good "pack!"

Focus on 1. Invasive issues at scale of CCE:data, protocols, management 2. Facilitating sub-regional collaboration.

Other Comments:

Going forward, Waterton Biosphere Reserve would be interested in the concept that came up of Blackfoot Challenge type effort (collaboration) focussed in our area - ie Belly River. However did not have the opportunity to discuss this with local partners, so that would need to happen . Stop the northern spread of knapweed etc.

Great conference/Forum. 1st I've attended and felt comfortable with all attendees. Great presentations and abundance of knowledge. The breakout discussions provide opportunity to hear what everyone's challenges are. Brainstorming is great at giving birth to new ideas and the start to forward motions. I look forward to next year's forum

Thanks for "leading" and informing. Always positive and inspiring messages, no one thinks or says "can we" or "should we" just "how" can we and "who wants to be". Thanks for another action-based workshop. Always an inspiration!!

Collaborating to share info ie EDDR and common currency idea.

The forum is very important to influence my research on building tools to help managers better manage weeds.

Could you encourage all your speakers to show a map of the area they manage? Maybe have a large map on the wall that could be referenced throughout the meeting.

Very positive energy, highly engaged group, lots of positive momentum for taking collaborative actions, great job team!!

Excited to be here, hope to attend more forums and hope to stay involved in CMP

Great Forum Meeting!

Enjoyed conversations, learned a lot, not alone

Can't stress enough - engage people and be bottom up.

Proactive/reactive aspect of weed management, re-survey-is it possible to re-survey everybody? Hopefully get more than 19! Directing resources, partnering beyond agencies.

Clear follow-ups - define geography outcome

