

Crown of the Continent High Five Working Group

Meeting Agenda – FINAL

November 6 & 8, 2017

Hilton Garden Inn

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Missoula, MT 59808

The High Five Working Group was formed in 2016 with a mission to protect and restore functional whitebark and limber pine ecosystems by fostering collaboration between public lands managers, tribal governments, and private, non-profit and industrial interests. We seek to support the sharing of sound scientific knowledge, while leveraging funding opportunities and optimizing restoration and conservation efforts within the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem. Learn more about our progress at www.crownmanagers.org/cce-high-five-working-group/

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Learn about (and celebrate!) advances in five-needle pine restoration and conservation in the Crown of the Continent;
- Allow time for High Five subcommittees to meet and discuss subcommittee objectives/progress;
- Set milestones for 2017-2018, and identify key budgetary needs/opportunities;
- Identify goals and assessment criteria for a Crown-wide five-needle pine restoration strategy;
- Contribute Crown-specific ideas to the National Whitebark Pine Leadership Summit immediately following our meeting.

November 6, 2017: 10:00am – 6:00pm

10:00a – 11:00a	Welcome and Agenda Review Round Robin Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please come prepared to share updates on 5NP success or setbacks (e.g., fire impacts) in your locality	Facilitator: Melissa Jenkins
11:00a – 12:30p	Advances in 5NP Restoration and conservation in the Crown <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Practices for Fire Management in 5NP Forests – <i>Bob Keane, Missoula Fire Lab</i>• Mapping Whitebark Pine in the U.S. – <i>Steve Brown, Forest Service Region 1</i>• Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Inventory of Whitebark Pine – <i>Tony Incashola, Forestry Dept, CSKT</i>• Adaptive Capacity and Climate Refugia for Whitebark Pine – <i>Mary Frances Mahalovich, Forest Service Regional Geneticist</i>	Facilitator: Regan Nelson
12:30p – 1:15p	Lunch (catered)	
1:15p – 3:00p	Hi5 Working Group Subcommittee Updates and Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communications Strategy Subcommittee – <i>Brad Jones, Alberta Environment and Parks</i>• Inventory and Management Subcommittee – <i>Regan Nelson, Crown Conservation Initiative</i>• Loss Mitigation Subcommittee – <i>Randy Moody, Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation of Canada</i>	Facilitator: Melissa Jenkins

3:00p – 3:15p	Break	
3:15p – 4:45p	Laying the Groundwork for a Crown-wide Restoration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Strategy for Whitebark Pine – <i>Diana Tomback, Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation</i> Cultural Connections to Whitebark Pine in the Crown – <i>Mike Durglo, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes</i> Results from Information Needs Assessment Survey – <i>Robert Sissons, Waterton Lakes National Park</i> Discussion: What do we want our Crown Restoration Strategy to include? How should we dovetail with or diverge from the National Strategy? 	Facilitator: Brad Jones
4:45p – 5:30p	Looking forward to the coming year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion: What would the Hi5 Working Group like to accomplish over the next year, and how will we get there? 	Facilitator: Melissa Jenkins
5:30p	No-host Happy Hour at Hotel Bar	

November 8, 2017: 1-5pm

Special Session: Restoration Strategy Workshop*

Facilitator: Rob Sissons

Use what we have learned over the past 2½ days at the National Summit and Hi5 Working Group meeting, the CCE Hi5 survey results, and our combined experience and knowledge to launch development of a Crown-wide Restoration Strategy for whitebark and limber pine.

- Debrief: what new information did we glean from National Summit that we may want to consider in our Crown effort?
 - Identify the purpose and content of a Crown-wide Restoration Strategy
- Breakout Groups: prioritization criteria (selecting priority areas and conservation actions)
 - Discuss individual jurisdiction level prioritization criteria
 - Discuss Crown level prioritization criteria
 - How to bring these two approaches together
- Implementation: How do we accomplish 5NP restoration in the Crown
 - Addressing knowledge gaps
 - Key budgetary needs and opportunities for funding and shared resources
- Next steps: Defining roles and responsibilities

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