#### LCD Leadership Team Meeting

#### 4/27/21 | 11am - 12:30 pm

Attendees: Natalie, Sean, Mary, Alisa Wade, Anne Carlson, Brooke Kapeller, Connie Simmons, Constanza, Erin CArey, Harvey Locke, Kathy Zeller, Kelly Cooley, Kris Temple, Linh Hoang, Mary T McClelland, Mike Durglo, Aubin Douglas, Amy, Kim Pearson

#### Session Recording

- Brief Phase 1 Wrap Up
  - How much of the Crown is protected?
    - Sean re-ran analysis with Canadian protected and conserved areas database
    - Still missing some private conservation lands
    - Constanza: Wildlife management area is repeated in sections IV and V
    - Harvey: Canada has a clear policy of protecting 25% by 2025 and 30 x 30. Alberta and BC have not engaged yet. Last week's federal budget appropriated \$2.2 billion to get to 25 by 2025. The approach is based on the Three Conditions with strategies that vary for the south, middle and north of Canada. This area is a blend of Middle Canada and Southern Canada
      - Harvey: Here ie the data source for the Three Global Conditions: <u>https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/3GC</u>
      - Mix of human input and anthromes Theobald data isn't taking into account logging 2 global databases merged
  - Review of what we are doing
    - Minimum set problem: Conserve the most priority resources possible in the most efficient way possible
    - Marxan software optimization modeling
    - Knowledge based iteration Marxan is not the final step- what works is when we iterate on our collective knowledge
  - Null Models
    - Some of the data is point (observation), polygon (habitat suitability), raster (land cover)
    - DAta came from a variety of sources mostly agency data
    - Lessons learned:
      - Data variation is a big challenge
      - Scoring data for marxan needs careful consideration
      - Document everything
      - Human modification being used as the sole cost layer
    - Feedback from LT and Tech Team
      - Bull trout data
        - AB used polygon data, BC used line data solution is to merge data with hydro network for AB

- Kelly: Hopefully that Canadian Hydrography data for the Alberta side is up to date. Things have changed a lot back there over the last 20 years on both sides of the divide, given all the human activity as well as major fires and floods. I've not see that database recently.
- Lynx
  - Reevaluate scoring of data and normalize the scoring
- Questions and Comments from LT
  - Harvey:

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- Grasslands there are 2 types 1. Palouse grasslands 2. High elevation grasslands note that we are not picking up these high elevation grasslands until we use 70% need to divide grasslands into these 2 categories
- Riparian do rivers versus streams, not just water courses ie. Flathead only comes out in CA if you use 70%
- Kelly:
  - What will the CA federal government consider protected?
    - Harvey: IUCN protected area standards are being used (categories 1-6)
      - The standards are agreed to nationally by provinces and federal gov'
      - Canada's protracted areas standards
      - From the "One with Nature" report, which is the F/P/T plan (minus QC) for implementing Canada Target One/Aichi Target 11:
        - In Appendix 1 of the report, they explicitly support the IUCN definition of a protected area and reference the 2008 guidelines. They also recognize that the CBD and IUCN definitions are equivalent.
        - On p. 27, they explicitly say the Pan-Canadian standard for OECMs recognizes the IUCN draft definition and then say that Parties have adopted the CBD definition (which is the same) in Appendix 2.
        - They also explicitly recognize that QC is not tied to the report as it has its own parallel process and instruments (see footnote 15 in Appendix 2).
      - Full report (EN and FR): https://static1.squarespace.com/static/57e007452e 69cf9a7af0a033/t/5c9cd18671c10bc304619547/15 53781159734/Pathway-Report-Final-EN.pdf

- Brooke: I was also wondering if private land/easements would be counted
  - Only a few would qualify as protected areas

     most easements are valuable, but most
     are not dedicated nature sanctuaries you'd
     have to look into the easements to see if
     they qualify

- Linh:
  - Feature representation targets and the percentage that we select
    - What does that percentage represent? can it represent many different things based on what the resource is?
      - Answer: this is a modeling input you can have a different value for each conservation feature
      - What does this percentage actually represent? Where grasslands should be? Or places that there is concern about what is going on in those places and we have to do work?
        - This is the spatial design the next step is strategy design - Marxan is used for the spatial design
          - Marxan isn't about single features it's telling us that if you work in the areas that are colored blue, your more likely to have conservation benefit for multiple features
        - Strategy design is when we get together and say "what do we do about it"
  - does tech team have data set FS R1 mesocarnivore monitoring from last three yrs? - contact there is Jessie Golding if you do not have this data
    - Sean will follow up with Jessie Golding jessie.golding@usda.gov
- Constanza: Are you capturing birds by various core habitats? If so, it would appear as if some low elevation wetland/grassland areas in the Flathead Valley (north and south of Flathead Lake) are being missed. Maybe because of the significant human impact around them..
  - We didn't select birds as a leadership team, but we have selected wetlands
    - Sean will continue to improve the wetlands data
- Tasks for Phase 2
  - NExt steps:
    - BUild out remaining conceptual models
    - Convene subject matter experts
    - Evaluate data
    - Select cultural, social, and economic features

- Initiate strategic design who is poised to do it, where is the expertise, where do we get the money, etc
- Assembling a cultural/social/economic sub-team
  - Our vision is equal parts biology and sociocultural
  - Step 1. We need to select focal features that represent cultural, social and economics of this landscape
    - How did we select other features? Analysis team reviewed 60 plans -> created a list of features identified as priorities by >10% of reviewed plans
       -> leadership team reviewed the short list -> leadership team voted
  - We are seeking a subcommittee from the leadership team to guide us through a selection process for cultural, social, and economic features
    - Volunteer Expectations:
      - Guidance from analysis team
      - 3 1hr phone calls May-July
      - 1-2 hours of homework
      - Select 3-4 features for analysis
  - Comments and questions from the LT
    - Harvey: Consult Indigenous folks about Bison restoration this should not just be a biological consideration, but a social one as well
      - Connie: Further to Harvey's comment on Bison conservation is the opportunity for Indigenous Protected Areas. There has been interest expressed to look at this in the Oldman headwaters. A nascent idea only... but it is there.
    - Connie: Recent research on social-cultural-economic foci that would be helpful: https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/abc121/pdf is an important research project that looks at carbon storage, outdoor recreation and freshwater in Canada. The second project is the Y2Y's upcoming 'Emerging Economies is SW Alberta' an economic diversification research project to explore, with local community input, if/how the Castle Parks supports local businesses and economies. If you would like further information on the EE project - happy to provide this to all.
    - Brooke: I think a discussion will be needed on how these features will be integrated into the model, and how (if?) we want to differentiate extractive industries with disproportionate impacts on the landscape
  - Volunteers:
    - Brooke K.
    - Kelly C
    - Connie S.
    - Mary R. maybe
    - Linh will ask USFS social scientist

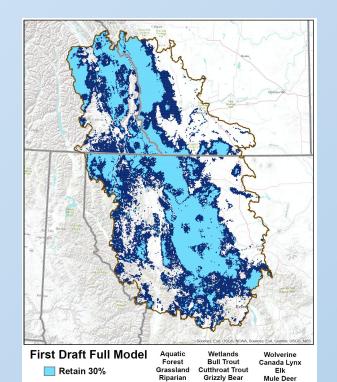
# Crown of the Continent Landscape Conservation Design













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Whitebark Di

Retain 70%

27 April 2021









### Crown Managers Partnership 2021 Fire Forum:

- Virtual Conference: March 22-26, 2021
- ~120 registered attendees largest Forum in 20 yr history!
- 20 presentations; 5 Facilitated Breakout Sessions; Poster Session
- Fully Recorded; Extensive Notes
- Outcomes posted to:

https://www.crownmanagers.org/ what-is-the-forum



Each day of the forum will feature a new fire related topic: March 22nd, 8:30am - 12:10pm: Fire Past and Future: Fact, Fiction, and Uncertainty March 23rd, 8:30am - 12:30pm: Traditional Knowledge and Active Fire Use in the Crown March 24th, 8:30am - 12:00pm: Fire in the Human Environment March 25th, 8:30am - 11:45am: Fire Management in Practice: Obstacles, Implementation and Successes

March 26th, 8:30am -12:30pm: Fire in Terrestrial and Aquatic Systems

## Today's Agenda:

- Brief Phase 1 wrap up
  - Feedback & response from March 30 LT call
  - Additional opportunity for questions and critique
- Tasks for Phase 2
- Assembling a Cultural/Social/Economic Sub-Team

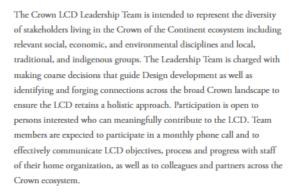
## 2020 Update

• All 2020 Meeting Notes posted to Website

- Designing for the Future
  - 2-page 2020 summary
  - <u>Story Map</u>

#### **Team Meeting Resources**

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM



#### Meeting Notes/Presentation Slides

- December 15, 2020: Models/Cost Layers
- November 24, 2020: Data/Models
- August 25, 2020: Vision/Features Poll
- June 23, 2020: Slides
- May 26, 2020: Features Selection
- April 28, 2020: Project Area Decision
- March 24, 2020: Project Area
- February 25, 2020: Initiating LCD
- June 19, 2019: Forming; Phase 1

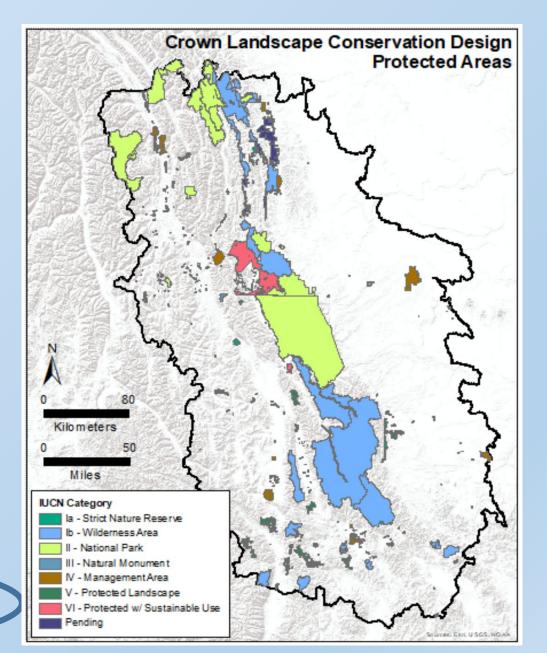
# Designing for the Future Landscape Conservation Design in the Crown of the Continent

## How Much of the Crown is Protected? ... in progress

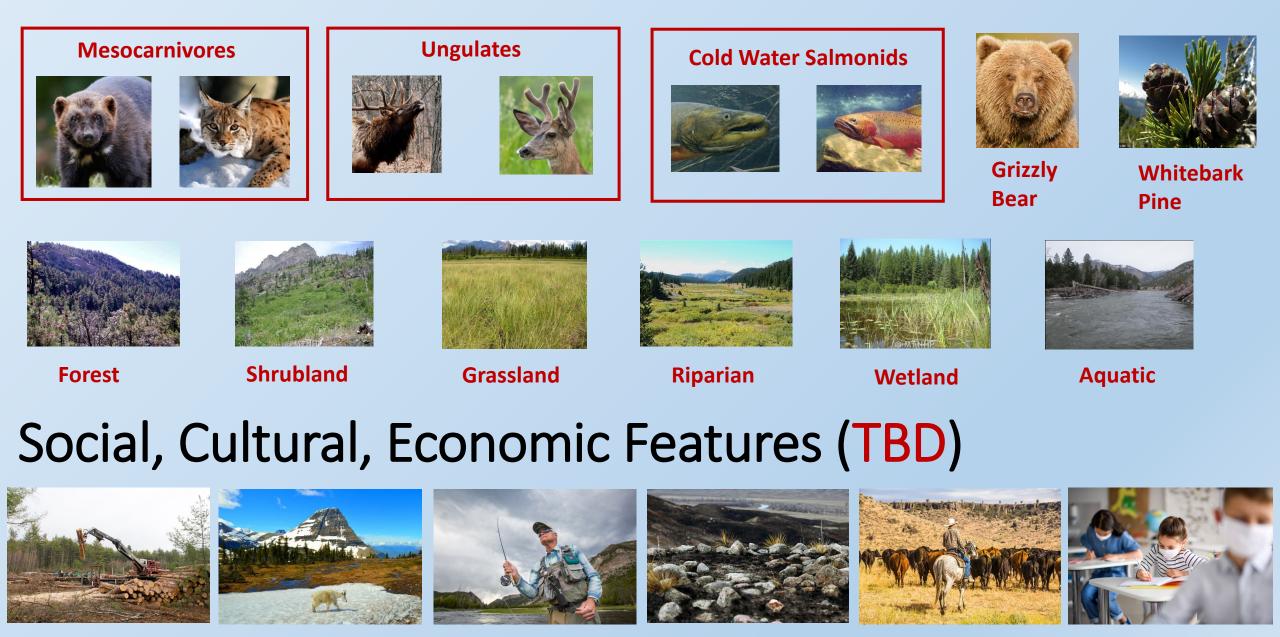
#### Crown of the Continent Landscape Conservation Design Project Area Area Under Conservation

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IUCN <u>Category</u>	IUCN Class	Specific Designations	Area (ha)	Percent			
la	Strict Nature Reserve	Research Natural Area Ecological Reserve	17,526	0.1%			
lb	Wilderness Area	Wilderness Area, Wilderness Study Area, Provincial Park	922,832	9.9%			
II	National Park	National Park. Provincial Park	799,405	5.2%			
Ш	Natural Monument or Feature	Scenic Area, Park	5,734	<0.1%			
IV	Habitat/Species Management Area	National Wildlife Refuge, Wildlife Management Area, Heritage Conservation Area	91,324	0.2%			
v	Protected Landscape	National Wild and Scenic River, Wildlife Management Area, Wildlife Habitat Area, Experimental Forest, Scenic Area, Private Conservation Land	68,589	1.9%			
VI	Protected Area with sustainable use of natural resources	Waterfowl Production Area, Open Space, Habitat Area	99,896	0.1%			
Pending			54,557	<0.1%			
Total Area u	nder Conservation (US & C	2,059,863	15.7%				
Total Crown LCD Project Area (US & CA)         13,150,880         100.0%							

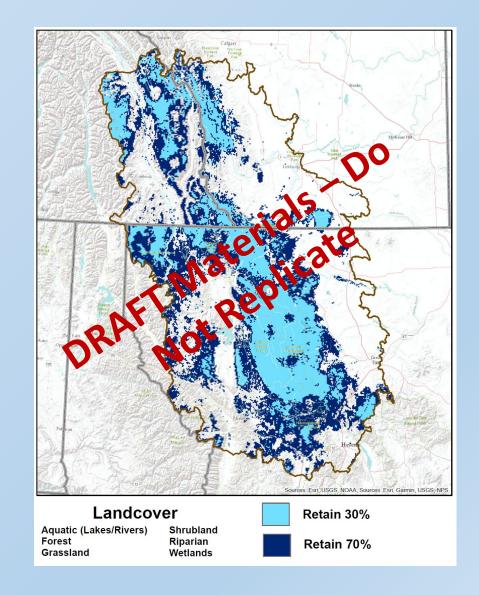


## Ecological Features (14) and Guilds (3)



### A Spatial Design using Optimization Modeling

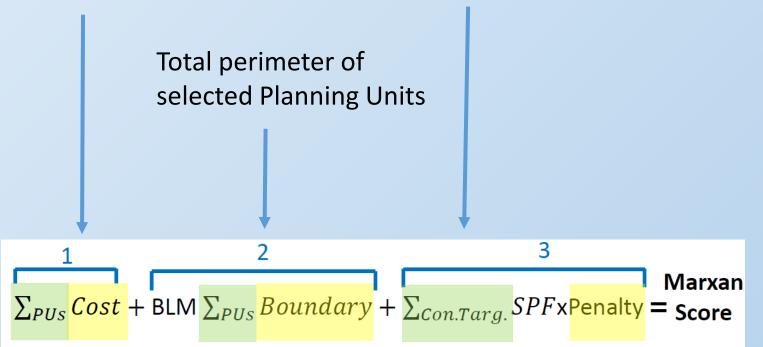
- An implementation of Systematic Conservation Planning (Pressy and Bottrill 2009)
- A 'Minimum Set Problem' ... conserve the most priority resources possible in the most efficient way possible
- Marxan software (Game and Grantham 2008) supports spatial optimization for selected features in a given landscape
- Features, functions and software extensions support model validation, sensitivity analysis and knowledge-based iteration

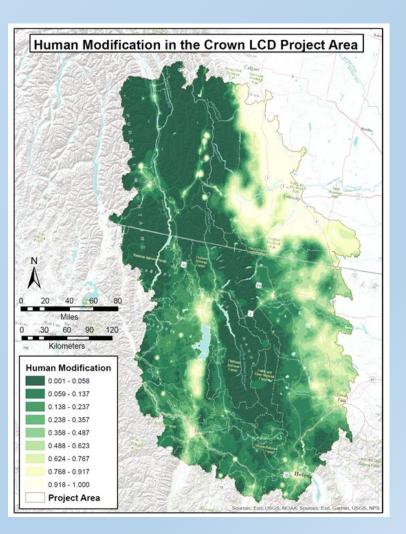


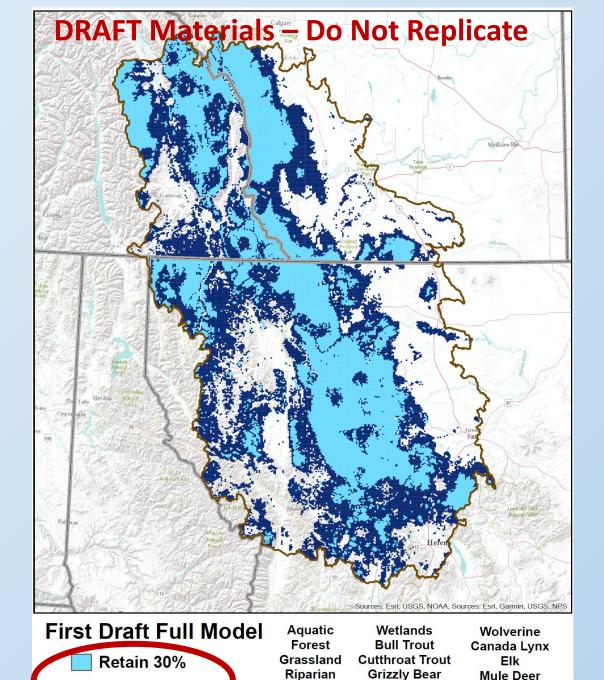
## Setting the Marxan Environment

NULL Cost: <u>Global Human</u> <u>Modification</u> (Theobald et al. 2020)

Sum of selected Planning Unit Costs Sum of Planning Unit Value for priority features







Shrubland

Whitebark Pine

Retain 70%

### "Feature Representation Target"

The target amount of each conservation feature to be included in the solutions

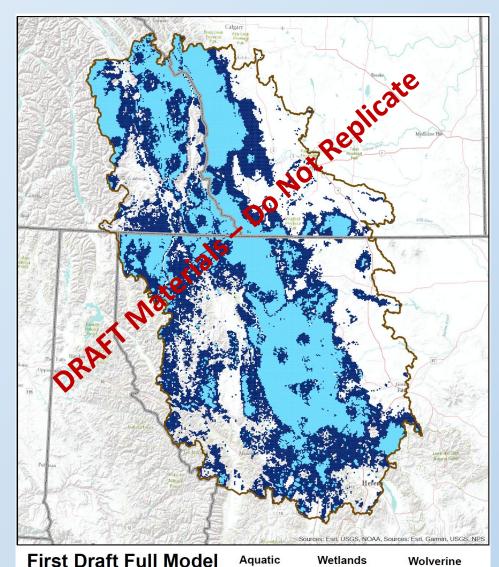
### May represent:

- goals for representation in protected areas
- perceived conservation importance of that feature
- legislation or recovery targets

### Targets must be well-justified

## For NULL Models all Targets set at 30% and at 70%

## **NULL Model: All Conservation Features**



Forest

Grassland

Riparian

Shrubland

Retain 30%

Retain 70%

Bull Trout

**Cutthroat Trout** 

**Grizzly Bear** 

Whitebark Pine

Canada Lynx

Elk

Mule Deer

25 Sources

Datasets

Point	8	4	3	2
Poly	44	15	16	19
Raster	18	9	6	9

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\*Except ecological connectivity

AB

BC

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Some Feature data sources:

MT Natural Heritage Program

Total

80

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Crown Managers Partnership ۲
- Hi 5 Working Group
- MT Fish Wildlife & Parks
- Glacier National Park
- Alberta Environment & Parks

#### Cost or Resistance Layer:

Global Human Modification (Theobald et al. 2020)

- Comm. Environmental Coop.
- Gov't of Canada

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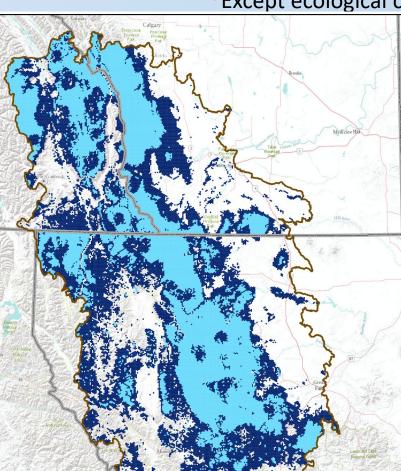
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- Gov't of Alberta
- Gov't of BC
- T. Cleavenger
- C. Lamb
- P. Matson

## **NULL Model: All Conservation Features**

\*Except ecological connectivity



### **DRAFT Materials – Do Not Replicate**

Example of Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA, Sources: Esri, Garmin, USGS, NPS

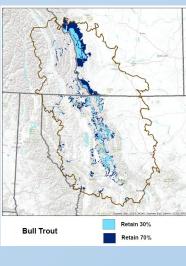
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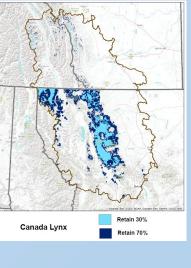
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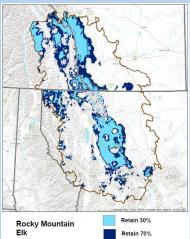
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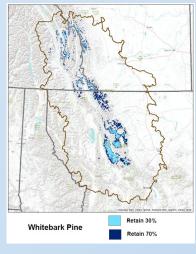
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Landcover

## Learning to Work with the Data

### **Analysis Team Lessons Learned through Phase 1**

- Data variation a big challenge
- Scoring data for Marxan input needs careful consideration and sensitivity analyses
- Document Everything!!!!
- Human Modification as sole Cost Layer w/ only limited value
- Iterate with Leadership Team, Technical Team and Subject Matter Experts

#### <u> Alberta – Scenario #3</u>

#### Source data with comments

C:\Users\SFinn\Documents\ArcGIS\Packages\Canadian Lynx Range Shift is part of the data describing CALY climate response in the Gostout report "Implications of a shifting climate for lynx and wolverine in the Crown of the Continent" (Christian Gostout, 2019, Wilderness Society). This data doesn't not cover the full extent of AB on the LCD Project Area. Unless augmented with additional data it is not useful for AB.

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 Step 1: Use Reclassify on < C:\Users\SFinn\Documents\ArcGIS\Packages\Canadian Lynx Range Shift> to create a raster output < D:\Base\_Data\CROWN\_LCD\Features\CanadaLynx\Gost\_CALY\_rcl> scored 4000 [contraction (2 models), contraction (1 model) and stable] or 0 (zero). Reproject Gost\_CALY\_rcl to project projection, creating Gost\_CALY\_alb.

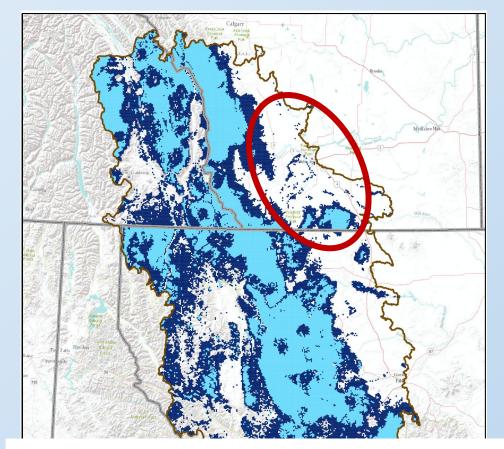
 Repair: used Reclassify to reclass the 4000 values to 8000; (Gost\_CALY5\_ab)

## Learning to Work with the Data

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  - Especially in the 'Retain 30%' models (TT)
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- General discomfort running parallel models for each jurisdiction (LT)
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### Learning to Work with the Data NULL Model: Riparian



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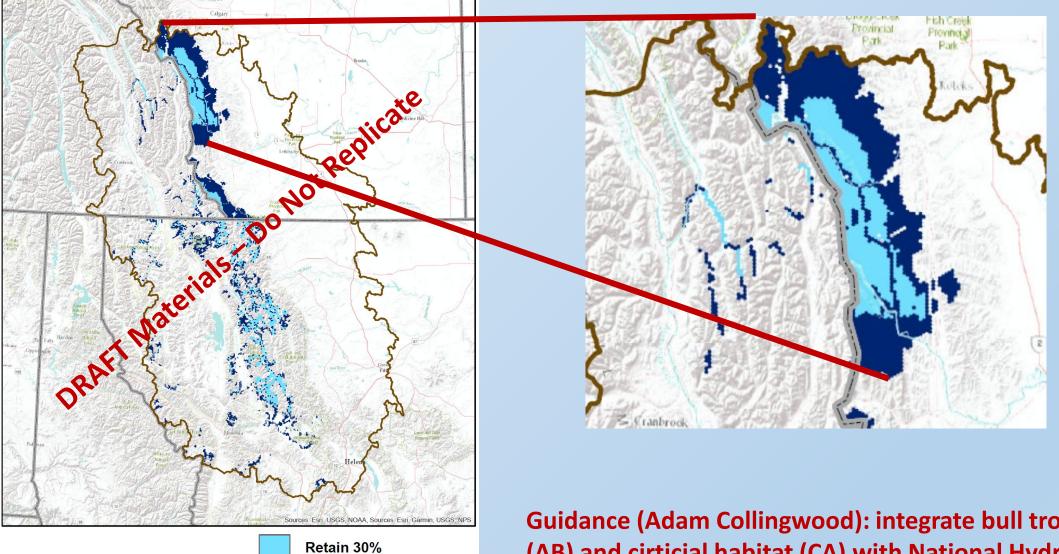
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Riparian corridors underrepresented – especially in 'Retain 30%' models

Guidance (LT and TT): reevaluate riparian input data; sensitivity analysis on scoring

#### Learning to Work with the Data **NULL Model: Bull Trout**

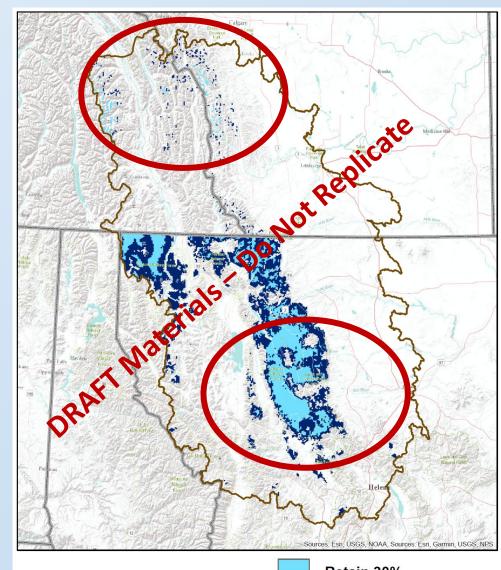


**Bull Trout** 

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Guidance (Adam Collingwood): integrate bull trout habitat (AB) and cirticial habitat (CA) with National Hydro Network

## Learning to Work with the Data NULL Model: Canada Lynx



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### Adjust (Sean Finn):

**Reevaluate source data; review scoring; normalize scoring** 

Canada Lynx

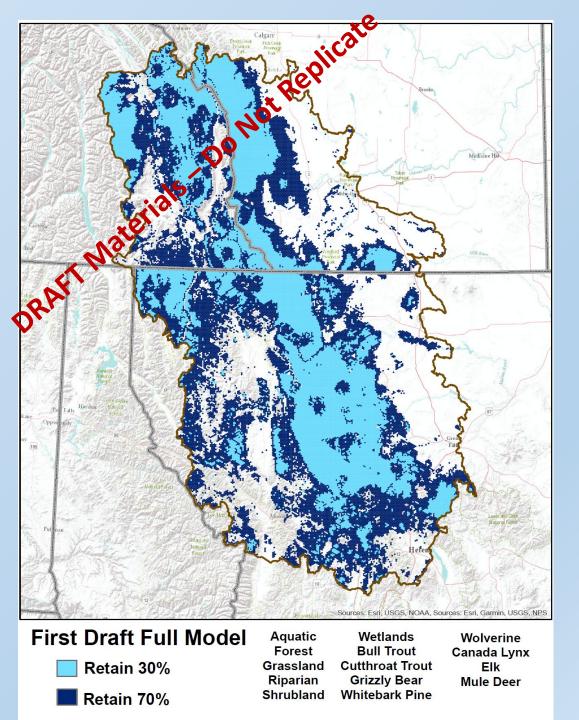


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Additional Comments, Critique, Recommendations?



## Spatial Design: What have we learned?

• Can We Do It? **YES, WE CAN!** 

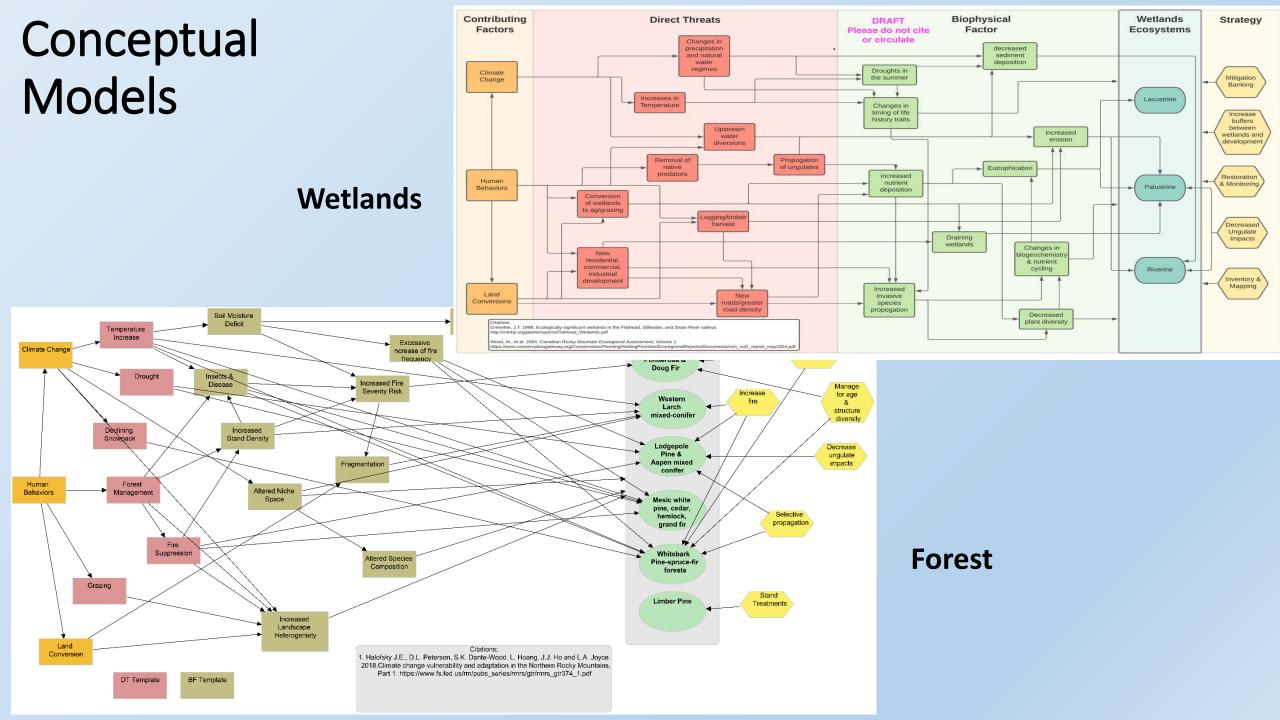


- Data variation presents challenges but not insurmountable ones
- A single, uniform cost layer (Global Human Modification) is not particularly useful especially for features (species) that avoid humans anyway
- Input from Subject Matter Expert teams is critical to for a reliable spatial design
- We are prepared to integrate social, cultural and economic features

### • We still have A LOT of Work to do!!

## Next Steps in 2021

- Build Out Remaining Conceptual Models
- Evaluate Data Dataset by Dataset
- Convene Subject Matter Experts
  - Additional Data
  - 'Cost' or Resistance (i.e., threats) Data
    - Current & Future (i.e., climate change)
  - Target estimations
- Select Cultural, Social, Economic Features
- Initiate Strategic Design



## Source Data Evaluation

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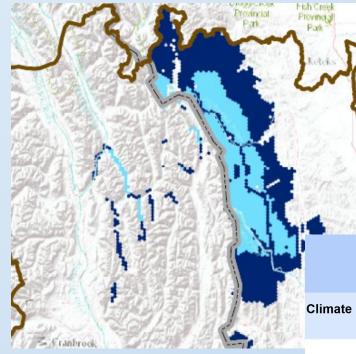
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### Lynx Range Shift Model

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## Subject Matter Teams

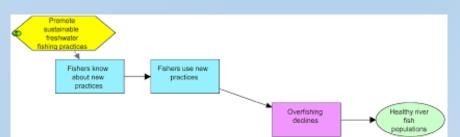


### **Evaluate Data**

### **Estimate Cost**

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	N	lest Slope Cutthroa	at Trout Desired Conditions				
			RELATIVE CONDITION				
	KEY ECOLOGICAL						
	ATTRIBUTE	(METRIC)	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Information Source/Documentation
Climate Risk	Stream Temperature	Mean Aug. Stream Temp (degC)	20+	15-20	13-15	<13	Conservation playbook 2.0 (cites sources within); EcoSheds (Muhlfeld et al.)
		Max Aug. Stream Temp (degC)	23+	17-22	15-17	<15	EcoSheds (Muhlfeld et al.)
Demographic Risk	Demographic Connectivity	Number of other populations connected (#)	<10	11-43	44-69	>70	EcoSheds (Muhlfeld et al.)
Genetic Risk	Hybridization Threat	Weighted (by fluvial distance) summation of admixture among all interconnected populations (Index)					EcoSheds (Muhlfeld et al.); brook trout and rainbow trout - CM: "leading threat for salmonids"
	Rainbow Trout Admixture	Rainbow trout observed (0 to 100)					
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### **Initiate Strategy Development**



## Cultural, Social, Economic Features

### **Our Vision**

Ensuring a resilient, connected landscape that supports healthy ecosystems and *human communities* 

Goals:

- To rely upon cutting-edge science, **Indigenous knowledge**, and modeling to collectively increase the resilience of waters, forests, and grasslands
- To sustain healthy ecosystems, **communities**, and economies through working lands partnerships
- To recognize the leadership, **history, culture, and traditional territories** of Indigenous peoples as we plan for the future

Social/Cultural feature: A representation of cultural diversity on the landscape Economic feature: A representation of economic diversity on the landscape

### **Focal Landscape Features:**

the sum of features (ecological, social, cultural and economic) we select to represent the Crown socioecological system for use in modeling and design of desired future conditions. The set of features selected should, in aggregate, provide:

- Representation of the whole system, which is too complex to model
- Comprehensiveness, to the extent possible
- Extent / Range: be widely distributed across the Project Area
- Impact, Importance relevant to broad sets of stakeholders
- Context (do we know enough?)
- Contentiousness (low)
- Data Available

Social/Cultural feature: A representation of cultural diversity on the landscape Economic feature: A representation of economic diversity on the landscape

### How do we select?

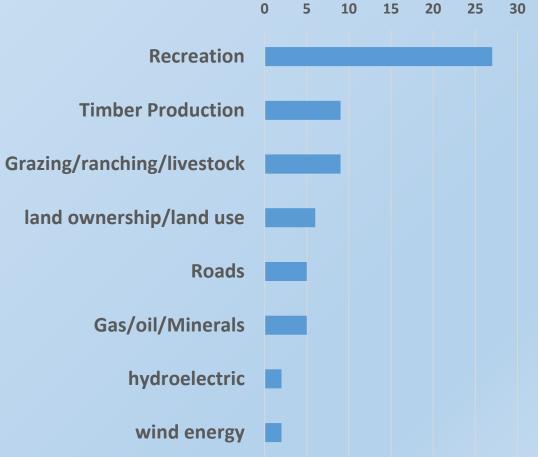
 Analysis Team reviewed 60 plans and summarized priorities expressed in the plans.
 Analysis Team summarized spatial information for ecological features identified as priorities by ≥10% of reviewed plans and evaluated inter-feature comparisons.

- 3. Leadership Team reviewed the short list and spatial summary evaluation and deliberated the information.
- 4. Leadership Team selected a final list of focal ecological features through a vote and final deliberation.

# Seeking a Sub-committee to guide us through a selection process

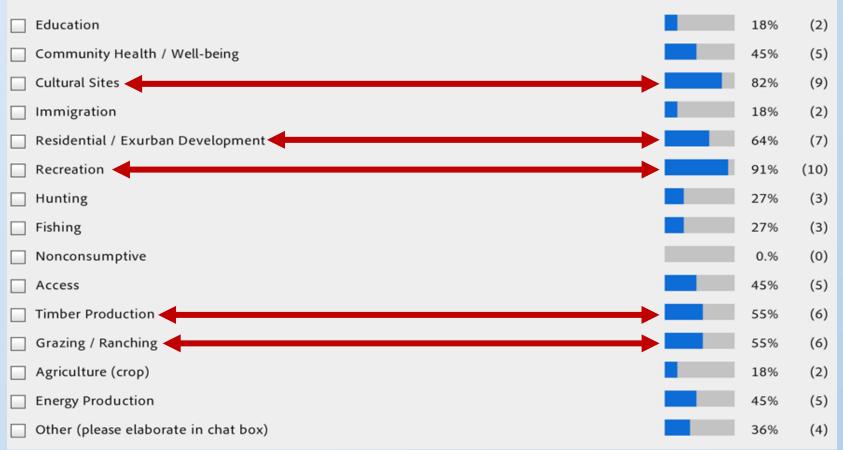


#### **Economic Features identified in plans**



### Leadership Team Poll: September 2020

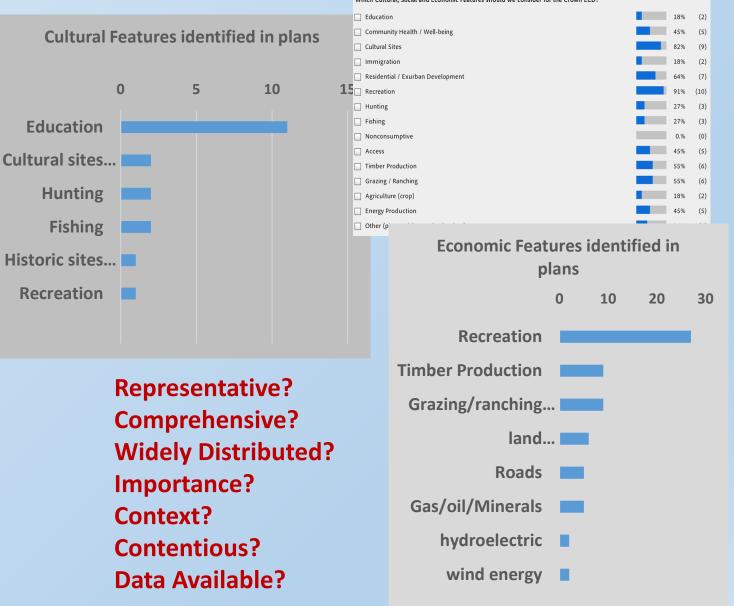
Which Cultural, Social and Economic Features should we consider for the Crown LCD?



Representative? Comprehensive? Widely Distributed? Importance? Context? Context? Data Available?

### **Volunteer Expectations:**

- Guidance by Analysis Team staff
- 3 1-hour phone calls May-July
- 1-2 hours of 'homework'
- Select 3-4 Features for Analysis
- Report recommendations at July 27 Leadership Team call



## Discussion



















