



Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent

Connecting People to Sustain and Enhance Culture, Community and Conservation

6TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

“New Ideas and Enduring Values: The Next Generation of Leadership in the Crown”

September 16-18, 2015
University of Montana – University Center
Missoula, Montana

About the Annual Conference

The annual conference serves as one of the primary vehicles to achieve the core mission of the Roundtable—to connect people to enhance *culture*, *community* and *conservation* in the Crown of the Continent. During the past five years, this conference has moved around the Crown to feature and celebrate different regions. The organizing theme of the 6th annual conference is “new ideas and enduring values: the next generation of leadership.” We will explore how our businesses, cultures, and communities are taking forward-looking actions to balance values in the face of changing economic and climatic conditions.

Objectives and Expected Outcomes

1. Exchange new information and ideas, connect people working on similar issues, and foster a sense of regional identity;
2. Celebrate the links among the culture, community, and conservation values of the Crown of the Continent and how people are working to enhance these values; and
3. Examine some of the most compelling issues facing the Crown of the Continent and build our collective capacity to address them at a local and regional scale.

About the Roundtable

The Roundtable is an ongoing forum to bring together people who care about the Crown of the Continent. It is based on the observation that the future of the region is being shaped by over 100 government agencies, Tribes and First Nations, non-government organizations, and community-based partnerships. Through workshops, forums, adaptive management research, policy dialogues, and conferences, the Roundtable: (1) embraces the 18 million acre region; (2) includes all perspectives and communities; (3) focuses on connecting people, facilitating communication, and catalyzing action; and (4) promotes sustainable communities and landscapes. The Roundtable is not any particular group of people, a government commission, or a new organization—the forum is ongoing and open to all. For more information, please go to www.crownroundtable.org.

Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent Teams

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Mike Bruised Head, Blood Tribe
Jean Curtiss, Missoula County
Ian Dyson, Alberta Environment and Parks
Shannon Frank, Oldman Watershed Council
Rich Janssen, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Stephen Legault, Crown of the Continent Initiative
Matthew McKinney, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy
Maria Mantis, Swan Ecosystem Center
Jeff Mow, Glacier National Park Superintendent
Sheena Pate, Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council
Alan Rollo, Teton and Sun River Watershed Groups
John T. Shannon, USDA Forest Service Northern and Intermountain Regions
Jim Stone, Blackfoot Challenge
Gary Tabor, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
Paul Travis, Flathead Land Trust
Melissa Weatherwax, Blackfeet Community College

SUPPORT TEAM

Mary Sexton, Team Coordinator
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Melly Reuling, Adaptive Management Initiative
Lea Whitford, Tribal Liaison
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Gary Burnett, Blackfoot Challenge
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Pat O'Herren, Missoula County
Rich Janssen, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
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Anonymous

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Environmental Protection Agency

Five Valleys Land Trust

Glacier National Park Conservancy

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Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative

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Tuesday September 15, 2015

Go to www.missoulaevents.net, www.destinationmissoula.org/events, www.missouladowntown.com, and eventful.com/missoula/events for information on fun and interesting activities offered in Missoula. For your Tuesday evening in Missoula, you might want to consider thirstgear.com, the Pedal Trolley! Start on Front Street near the Holiday Inn at Noon, 3, 6 and 9 pm. There are 15 seats, 8 minimum must be filled at \$25/person for a 3-hour tour that makes stops at breweries and the ice cream shop.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

9:00-11:45 **Pre-Conference Citizen Science Workshop (Room 330, 331)**
Free of Charge, Open to All! Sponsored by the Mountaineers Foundation
A group of instructors sharing their success stories for citizen programs to monitor water, climate change and species movement by schools and communities.
Registration required (free of charge), contact susan@largelandscapes.org

11:00 am **Conference Registration Begins, UM Conference Center
(Lunch on your own)**

Sponsor and Vendor Tables in Ballroom

1:00 pm **CONFERENCE CONVENES: WELCOME (BALLROOM)**
Scott Whittenburg, Vice President of Research and Creative Scholarship,
University of Montana
Earl Old Person, Blackfeet Confederacy

1:10 **The Crown on Continent Traverse Kickoff!**
North Face world-class endurance runners Michael Wolfe and Michael Foote launch their Crown-length run from Missoula to Banff earlier in the week with Photographer Steven Gnam. A review of their journey and goals.
Sheena Pate, Project Coordinator, Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council

1:25 **Next Steps for the Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent**
Mary Sexton, Coordinator of the Roundtable

1:30	Crown Café <i>Including introduction of student initiatives, Len Broburg, University of Montana.</i> Mary Sexton
2:15	BREAK
2:30	Keynote Presentations Landscape Conservation for the Next Generation: Leading the Charge <i>Inspirations on innovation and generational trends in the Crown</i> Moderated by John T. Shannon, Deputy Director, State and Private Forestry, Northern and Intermountain Regions, USDA Forest Service Trans-Boundary Collaboration and Alberta's Foothills and Eastern Slopes Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister, Alberta Environment and Parks, Represented by Ian Dyson, Senior Manager, Planning, Alberta Environment and Parks The Role of Higher Education in the Crown Len Broberg, Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, University of Montana Inspiration for Trans-Boundary Conservation is 100 Years Old Jeff Mow, Superintendent, Glacier National Park An Update on Forest Plan Revisions in the Crown Leanne Marten, Regional Forester, Northern Region, USDA Forest Service
3:45	BREAK
4:00	Panel Presentation Economic Development Leadership from an Iconic Landscape <i>A challenge and discussion of the Crown's connection to global issues and economic forces.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Morgan, President, Adventure Life • Bob Clay, Chief Technology Officer, OnXmaps • Ryan Palma, Owner, Sustainable Lumber Moderator: Jenn Ewan, Director of Entrepreneurship and Special Projects, Missoula Economic Partnership
5:15	Adjourn
5:30	Poster, Networking, Mentoring Session and No-Host Bar (Grand Foyer) Share Your Wares! <i>New Ideas and Enduring Values in the Crown of the Continent in many themes including: Business and Industry, Conservation, Research and Education, Journalism, and Tourism</i>

- 7:00 **DINNER ON YOUR OWN** and Crown Leadership Team Dinner Meeting
- 7:30 **Popcorn and Film Shorts and Feature about the Crown in the Theater**
 Introduced by Sam Williams
 Magnificent shorts and features as follows:
1. **Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent** - Wimberg Productions, 9:49, 2014
A look into this spectacular region and the collaborative work of the Roundtable
 2. **Crown of the Continent: the Wildest Rockies** - Steven Gnam Photography, 2:40, 2014
A showcase of the natural beauty of the land and wildlife around the Crown.
 3. **Blackfeet Art of the Northern Plains** - Forest Clay Productions, 4:18, 2015
Blackfeet artist Lauren Monroe Jr. is the lynchpin of this piece about maintaining culture in a changing land
 4. **Sharing the Range** - Waterton Biosphere Reserve Association, 14:44, 2015
The challenges of living with large carnivores, and how people in the Waterton Biosphere Reserve are meeting those challenges
 5. **Flathead Wild** - Steven Gnam Photography, 3:30, 2013
A stunning glimpse into the wild trans-boundary Flathead River country in British Columbia
 6. **Stewardship with Vision** - Forest Clay Productions, 8:21, 2015
The first episode in the Stewardship with Vision series follows Montana cattle rancher Jeff Laszlo of Granger Ranches as he restores one of the largest wetlands in the West
 7. **Place of Falling Waters** - Roy Bigcrane and Thompson Smith, 30:00, 1990.
Part one of three in this Native American produced documentary about the history of the Kerr Dam located on Flathead Indian Reservation, as told by the people who live there.

Thursday, September 17, 2015

- 7:30 am **Continental Breakfast (Inside Ballroom)**
- 8:00 **Preview of the Day (Ballroom)**
 Shawn Johnson, Facilitator for the Roundtable, Center for Natural Resource and Environmental Policy
- 8:15 **Hands Across the Boarder: International Trans-boundary 100-Year Event for the Peace Park**
 Todd Walters, Executive Director, International Peace Park Expeditions
- 8:30 **Shifts in the Crown: Earth, Wind, Water, Fire (Ballroom)**
 Landscape Perspective, Tom Olliff, Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative
 Local Perspective, Tim Davis, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
 Introduced by Melly Reuling, Roundtable AMI Coordinator, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
- 9:30 **BREAK**

- 9:45 **Enduring Values: A Snapshot of the Crown before Explorers**
Tony Incashola, Director of the Salish-Pend d'Oreille Culture Committee
- 10:30 **Morning Breakouts (2 repeated sessions at 35 minutes each)**
Introduced by Sue Higgins, Center for Large Landscape Conservation
- Morning Enduring Values Session 1** (Choose 1) (full descriptions pending)
1. CSKT Water Compact: A Primer, Rich Janssen, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Room 330)
The story of how this landmark process reached closure.
 2. Cross Cultural Capacity Building, Laura Caplins and Kim Paul (Room 327)
This session will discuss appropriate protocol for working with the Blackfeet as well as some of the priorities of the Blackfeet for their lands.
 3. Tribal Languages Lost and Found, Joycelyn Davis-DesRosier, Blackfeet Tribe and Piegan Institute, and Duane Mistaken Chief, Kainai Studies, Red Crow College (Room 331)
Efforts to keep Native language alive.
 4. Best Practices in Large Landscape Conservation: The Crown of the Continent Case Study, Charles Curtin, Consulting landscape ecologist, Center for Large Landscape Conservation (Theater)
An overview of different scales and approaches to conservation action in the Crown of the Continent.
 5. Iinii Initiative and the Banff Buffalo Park, Paulette Fox (Room 326)
What it takes to keep culture and indigenous lands intact and vital.
 6. Spirituality, Faith and the Crown: Values to Renew and Sustain, Dan Spencer, University of Montana (Ballroom)
This experiential session will engage participants in identifying what experiences of the sacred, and what spiritual, religious or faith values they personally associate with the Crown of the Continent. We will converse across traditions to identify common values that can renew and sustain us in our efforts to protect and preserve the Crown. We will also introduce the project on "Interfaith Engagement in the Crown" and a survey for religious leaders
- 11:05 **Move to Session 2**
- 11:10 **Morning Enduring Values Session 2** (Choose 1)
1. CSKT Water Compact: A Primer
 2. Cross Cultural Capacity Building
 3. Tribal Languages Lost and Found

4. Best Practices in Large Landscape Conservation
5. Iinii Initiative and The Banff Buffalo Park
6. Spirituality, Faith and the Crown

11:45 **Collect Your Boxed Lunch and Move to The Payne Family Native American Center**

Noon to 1:00 **Celebrating Earth, Wind, Water and Fire in the Crown**
Tribal Celebration at The Payne Family Native American Center

- Welcome: Tony Incashola, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Introduction of Special Programs, Lea Whitford, Roundtable Tribal Liaison, Blackfeet Tribal Member
 - Rich Janssen (CSKT Water Compact and Kerr Dam purchase)
 - Terry Tatsey and Jerry Lunak (Blackfeet Badger-Two Medicine, Blackfeet Water Compact)
 - Paulette Fox (Iinii Initiative and Buffalo Park, on behalf of Blackfoot Confederacy)
 - Mike Bruised Head (Blood Tribe Kainai Environmental Program)

1:30 **Remarks from Governor Steve Bullock (Ballroom)**
 Introduced by Mary Sexton

1:45 **Communicating Our Story in the Crown of the Continent**
 Michael Jamison, Journalist, National Parks Conservation Association
 Introduced by Mary Sexton

2:10 **Move to Communications Case Studies Breakouts**
Refreshments in the Meeting Room Foyer
 Breakouts and Afternoon Field Trips introduced by Sue Higgins

2:20 **Afternoon Communications Case Studies Breakouts**
(2 repeated sessions at 35 minutes each)

Afternoon Session 1 (Choose 1)

1. The Badger Two Medicine Story, Terry Tatsey, Blackfeet Confederacy (Room 331)

The Badger-Two Medicine region is an almost entirely un-roaded expanse of mountains, ridges, and river valleys s along Montana's Rocky Mountain Front at the intersection of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Glacier National Park and the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. The Badger-Two Medicine is sacred to our people. This is the sort of its protection.

2. The School of Journalism Story Lab, Nadia White, University of Montana Story Lab (Room 326)

Storylab connects journalism graduate students with scientists so that the stories of science might be told in an accurate and engaging manner. The partnerships creates opportunities to tell compelling narrative stories that acknowledge the uncertainty, the excitement and the process of finding answers to well defined questions about the physical world we inhabit.

3. The Blackstone Launchpad Story, Paul Gladen, Director (Theater)
The Blackstone LaunchPad at the University of Montana helps students, alumni, faculty, and staff turn their ideas, skills and passions into real world businesses and non-profit organizations. It is a co-curricular, experiential, campus program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and develop entrepreneurial skills and mindsets through individualized coaching, ideation and venture creation support.

4. The Story of the Map, Steve Thompson, Crown of the Continent Destination Editor, National Geographic Geotourism Maps (Room 330)
Steve will share some of the stories he heard from residents of the Crown of the Continent while working on the 2008 National Geographic Crown of the Continent Map and the 2014 revision.

5. Stories Told Through Art, Corky Clairmont and Co Carew, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Ballroom)
Share a hands-on art experience with Corky Clairmont, a celebrated contemporary artist, combining his experience as a native person and tribal member with a post-modernist view of the realities of life as indigenous people struggle to retain their identities and sovereignty into the 21st century. His associate, Co Carew, is a member of the faculty of CSKT's Social Work program pursuing her PhD in Art.

6. Writers of the Southern Crown, Lois Welch, Professor Emerita, University of Montana English Department (Room 327)
Welch will discuss writers and literature of the Southern Crown, including that of her husband, James Welch

2:50

Move to Session 2

3:00-3:30

Afternoon Session 2 (Choose 1)

1. The Badger Two Medicine Story
2. The School of Journalism Story Lab
3. The Blackstone Launchpad Story
4. The Story of the Map
5. Stories Told Through Art
6. Writers of the Southern Crown

- 3:00 **Optional Field Exploration:**
Busses Depart for Blackfoot Drought Response Program Tour
 “Building A Community Response To Drought” offered by The Blackfoot Challenge and The Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent, with support from the Wildlife Conservation Society Climate Adaptation Fund
 (Return at 6:30 pm, See flyer for details)
- 4:00 **Optional Field Exploration:**
Busses Depart for Milltown Dam Restoration Site: New Milltown State Park
 Abundant outdoor opportunities and a rich cultural heritage converge at the newly restored confluence of the Clark Fork and Blackfoot Rivers at the heart of the Milltown State Park. Led by Park Manager, Michael Kustudia
 (Return at 6:00 pm)
- 6:00 **No Host Social Time (Grand Foyer)**
- 6:30 pm **Begin Dinner Buffet (Ball Room)**
- 7:00 pm **A Welcome and Dinner Program**
- Fresh Innovations for the Next Generation in the Crown**
 Working Dogs for Conservation *demonstration*
 Pete Coppolillo, Executive Director, and Megan Parker, Co-founder and Director of Research
 Introduced by Melly Reuling
- This is the Crown of the Continent: A Photographic Tour**
 Rick and Susie Graetz, writers, publishers and photographers
 Introduced by Mary Sexton

Friday, September 18, 2015

- 7:00 am **Continental Breakfast (Ballroom)**
- 8:00 **Opening Thoughts on the Future of Community**
 Jean Curtiss, Missoula County Commissioner
- 8:15 **Brave New Policies for the Next Generation**
 Montana Rep. Zach Brown, One Montana
 Introduced by Shawn Johnson, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy

- 8:45 **Maintaining Our Home: One Large Landscape at a Time**
Gary Tabor, Center for Large Landscape Conservation, and
Profile of a Place: The Southern Crown
Len Broberg, University of Montana Environmental Studies Program, and
Crown Managers Partnership
Both introduced by Shawn Johnson
- 9:30 **BREAK**
- 9:45 **Carving the Path Forward, Defined by Enduring Values and New Ideas**
Kicked off by Shawn Johnson, Crown Roundtable facilitator
*Based on a pre-survey of all participants, we'll have some lively conversation, facilitated by the next generation of leaders, to help identify activities in your region of the Crown where folks can join in, and questions that need more answers. **You won't want to miss these breakout sessions; breakout facilitators announced in final agenda.***
- 11:15 am **Reports Out**
Facilitated by Shawn Johnson
- 11:50 am **An Iconic Landscape in a Time of Change**
Words of inspiration for expanding ideas and acknowledging the bonds that stakeholders share in the Crown of the Continent
John Engen, Mayor of Missoula
- 12:00 **Conference Adjourns**
Kindly Fill Out Your Evaluation, and Safe Travels!
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- 12:00- 2:00 **Roundtable Leadership Lunch Meeting, Room 326**

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