

Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent

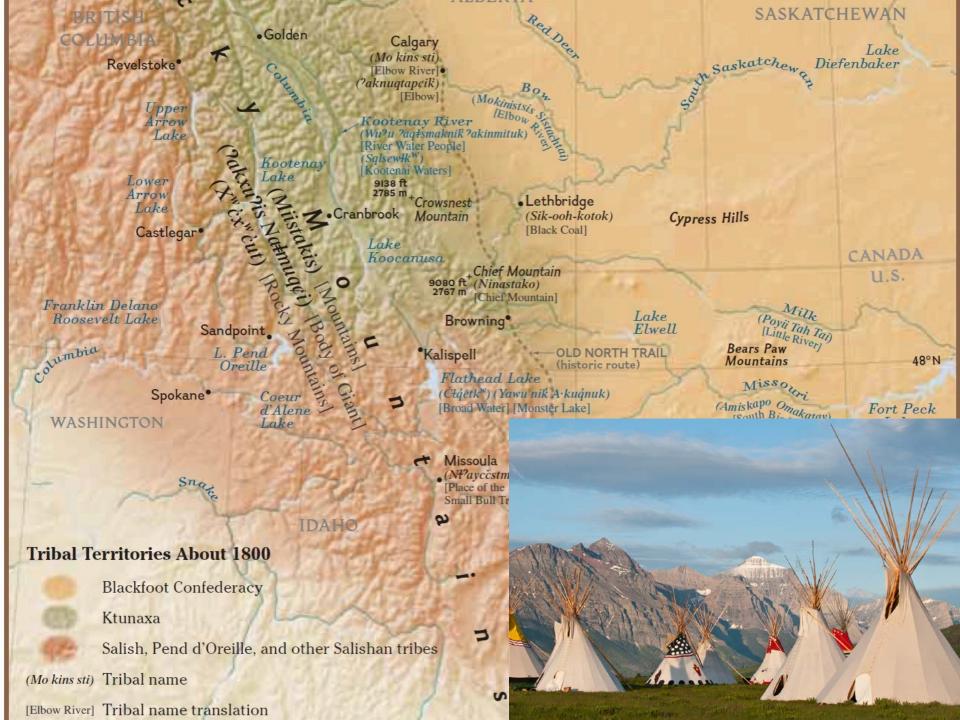
Connecting People to Sustain and Enhance Culture, Community, and Conservation

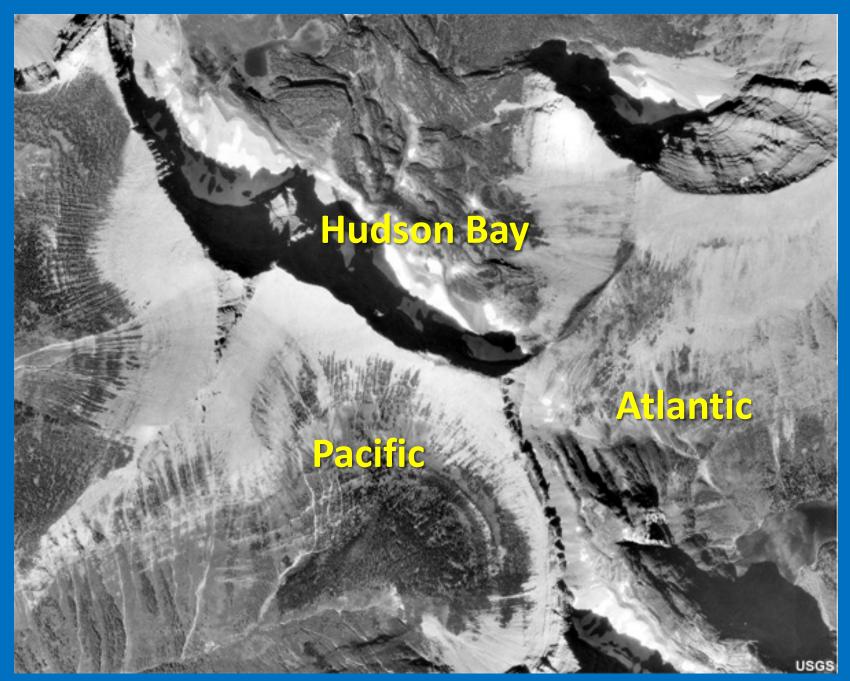
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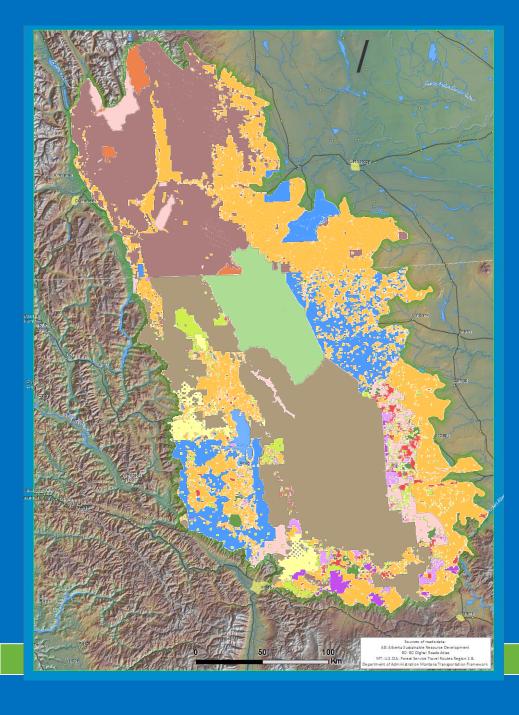
International River Basins of

NORTH AMERICA



Grinnell Glacier: Glacier National Park





First Nations/Tribal land **National Parks US Bureau of Land Management US Fish & Wildlife US Forest Service** Federal **Provincially Protected Areas State Trusts** Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Provincial/State Private Conservation Land Plum Creek Timber **Private Land**



What Constrains?

- A broad geographic scope challenges of scale, representation, equity
- Multiple jurisdictions (mandates, laws, policies, cultures)
- Limited capacity
- Competing factions
- Competing goals



Connecting Social Scale with Ecological Scale How can we scale up



A Regional Neighborhood

Who's Who in the Neighborhood

Sub-regional Initiatives

- Alberta Land-use Framework landuse.alberta.ca
 Blackfeet Nation
- www.blackfeetnation.com
- Blackfoot-Clearwater Stewardship Project www.blackfootclearwater.org
- Blackfoot Challenge www.blackfootchallenge.org
- 5. Blood Tribe/Kainai www.bloodtribe.org
- Castle Special Place Citizen's Initiative www.castlespecialplace.ca
- Clearwater Resource Council www.crcmt.org
- Coalition to Protect the Rocky Mountain Front www.savethefront.org
- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes www.cskt.org
- East Kootenay Conservation Program www.ekcp.ca
- 11. Flathead Basin Commission www.flatheadbasincommission.org

- Ktunaxa Nation www.ktunaxa.org
- Marias River Watershed Group www.mariasriver.com
- MOU and Cooperation on Environmental Protection, Climate Action and Energy (between BC and Montana)
- The Montana Legacy Project
- Northwest Connections www.northwestconnections.org
- Oldman Watershed Council www.oldmanbasin.org
- Piikani Nation www.piikanination.com
- Rocky Mountain Front Weed Roundtable www.conservemontana.org/ content/rocky-mountain-front-weedroundtable/cnm1FE187&CDF7E95167
- Southern Foothills Community Stewardship Initiative www.pekisko.ca/pk_sfi_home.html
- 21. Southwestern Crown Collaborative

- Sun River Watershed Group www.sunriverwatershed.org
- 23. Swan Ecosystem Center www.swanecosystemcenter.org
- Teton River Watershed Group www.tetonriverwatershed.org
- 25. Waterton Park Front Project

Crown-Wide Initiatives

Crown Managers Partnership www.crownmanagers.org

Crown of the Continent Conservation Initiative

Crown of the Continent Ecosystem Education Consortium www.crownofthecontinent.org

Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council www.crownofthecontinent.net

Crown of the Continent Resource Learning Center www.nps.gov/archive/glac/ Jearningcenter/learningcenter.htm

Heart of the Rockies www.heart-of-rockies.org



Crown-wide Initiatives

1994

COC Ecosystem Education Consortium

1999

UM/U Calgary Transboundary Program

2001

Crown Managers Partnership

2002

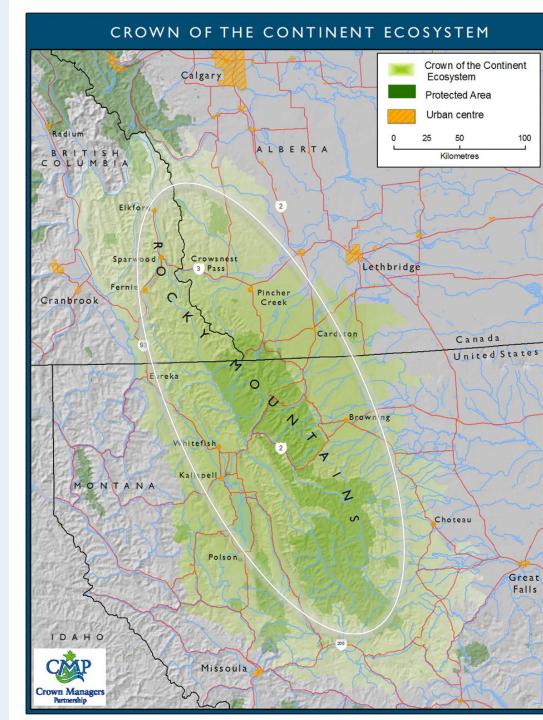
COC Resource Learning Center (GNP)
Heart of the Rockies

2007

COC Geotourism Council Roundtable on the COC

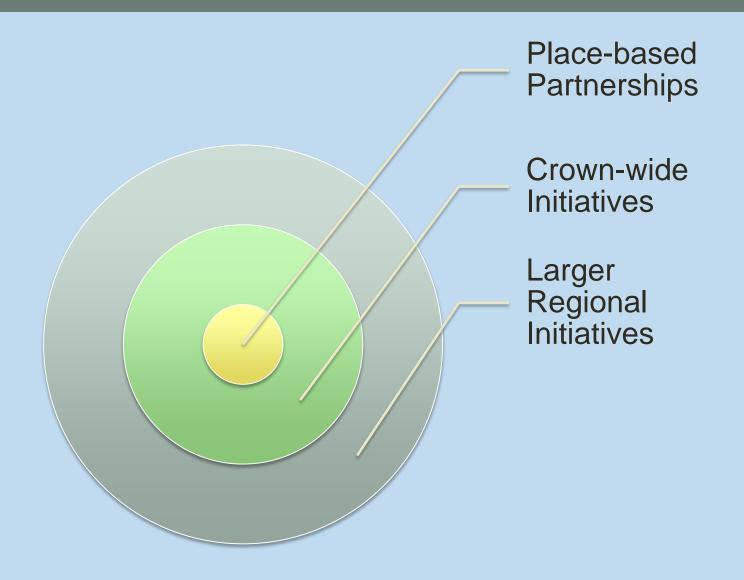
2009

UM COC Initiative
COC Conservation Initiative





An impressive community of people shaping the future



What is the challenge / opportunity?

Growing need and value to work at all spatial scales and across silos



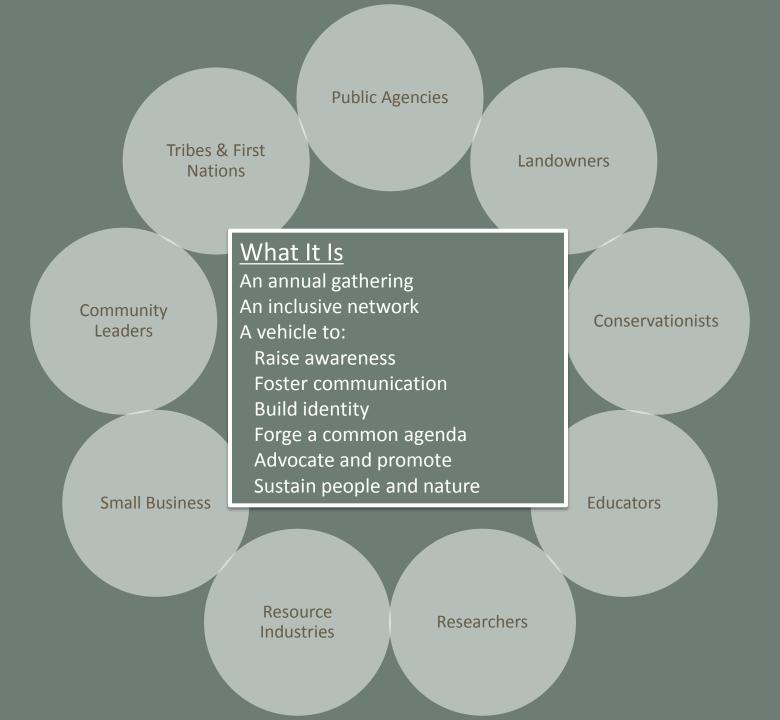








People are connected to the landscape, but not to each other





Designed to be inclusive, the Roundtable's mission and goals are articulated by the Leadership Team.

Roundtable Mission

The Roundtable will promote and enhance culture, community, and conservation in the Crown of the Continent by creating opportunities for leaders and citizens to celebrate and honor place, remember history, and imagine a healthy future for all.

Roundtable Goals

Engage and inspire leaders and citizens within the Crown of the Continent to work together on key issues and opportunities.

Connect people to foster respectful dialogue, share successes, and build community and regional identity throughout the Crown of the Continent.

Build capacity and leverage human and financial resources to solve challenges and build resilience against fluctuations in political will and financial resources.

Catalyze new conversations, partnerships, exchanges, projects, and innovative learning opportunities that address shared interests and help prepare future leaders and citizens of the Crown of the Continent.

Initiatives

- Annual Conference
 - To exchange information, build relationships, and explore opportunities to work together
- Friends of the Crown
 - To build regional identity
- Newsletter / Website
 - To share information and resources on key issues, successes and challenges
- Adaptive Management Initiative
 - To sustain and enhance culture, community, and conservation by:
 - Building capacity to advance the success of existing partnerships and initiatives
 - Support on the ground adaptation projects

It takes time...

2006

2007

2008

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

- Graduate students affiliated with the Center for Natural Resources & **Environmental Policy** (CNREP) complete a preliminary inventory of formal and informal initiatives in the COTC to clarify who is doing what.
 - The Crown Mangers' Partnership (CMP) invites CNREP to prepare a "communications plan" for CMP to improve both internal and external communications.
 - CNREP and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy convene a • CNREP creates a web broad-based workshop of about 100 people in Whitefish, Montana to take stock of current and emerging issues and initiatives in the region.
- CNREP and the Lincoln Institute convene a small workshop of about 30 "leaders" in Kalispell. Montana to explore the idea of a "roundtable" to connect the various initiatives within the region
 - site for the Roundtable and a set of GIS maps
- CNREP completes a "walk-about" to visit with all of the Tribes and First Nations in the region, and convenes a multi-day meeting in Pincher Creek, Alberta with **Tribes & First Nations**

CNREP and the

2009

- Lincoln Institute convene another workshop with recognized leaders in the region at Glacier National Park to continue exploring ways to connect people and organizations in the Crown of the Continent
- CNREP invites the Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC) to come alongside and co-direct the Roundtable
- CNREP and CLLC convene a "government-togovernment" dialogue in Polson, Montana to explore opportunities and challenges in the region
- CNREP, Lincoln Institute, and CLLC organize and convene Roundtable the 1st Annual Conference in Waterton, Alberta
- CNREP produces a foundational policy report on issues and options facing the region
- CNREP, CLLC, and other partners launch "Friends of the Crown"

- CNREP. Lincoln Institute, and CLLC organize and convene 2nd Annual Conference in Polson, proposal to the Montana; the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) co-host the Conference
- CNREP and CLLC invite stakeholder to form the "founding" Leadership Team
- Leadership team develops and adopts Terms of Reference for governing the
- CNREP and CLLC prepare a proposal to Fernie, British the Kresge Foundation for core operations support, including the annual conference (grant awarded)

- CNREP and CLLC with the Leadership Team, prepare a Kresge Foundation for an *Adaptive* Management awarded)
- Leadership Team and staff solicit and evaluate proposals for the AMI and eventually award grants to 12 projects
- staff organize and convene the 3rd Annual Conference in Columbia and prepare 2012 Update
- staff prepare and adopt first Strategic Plan

• CNREP and CLLC staff • New Support Team (staff), in consultation provide assistance to implement AMI contract administration, regular learning sessions, and project-Initiative (AMI) (grant specific support. CNREP and CLLC

East Glacier, MT

Plan to guide the

projects and

operations • 16 Adaptive Management Initiative projects funded

prepare first Business

Roundtable's annual

- (staff), in consultation with the Leadership Team, prepare a follow-up proposal to the Kresge Foundation to continue the • Leadership Team and
- Adaptive Management Initiative (AMI) (twoyear grant awarded) • Leadership Team and staff organize and convene the 4th
- Leadership Team and

- structure goes into place projects, including Short film on the Roundtable produced and shared
 - Leadership Team. Support Team, and local planning team organize and convene the 5th Annual Conference in Waterton Lakes, AB
 - New Leadership Team members added, representing Missoula County and the Blackfeet Community College
 - Tribal Gathering added to start of Annual Conference
- Adaptive Management Annual Conference in projects move forward Leadership and staff

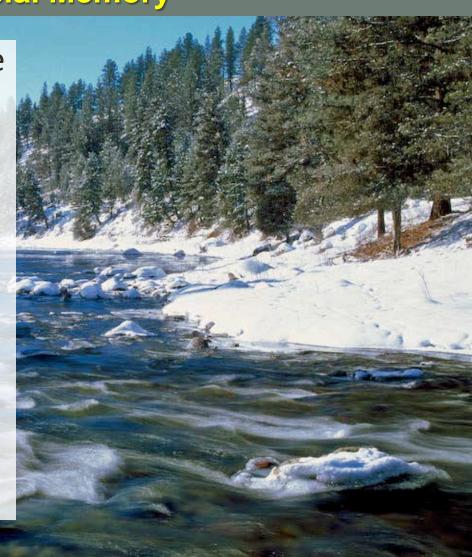




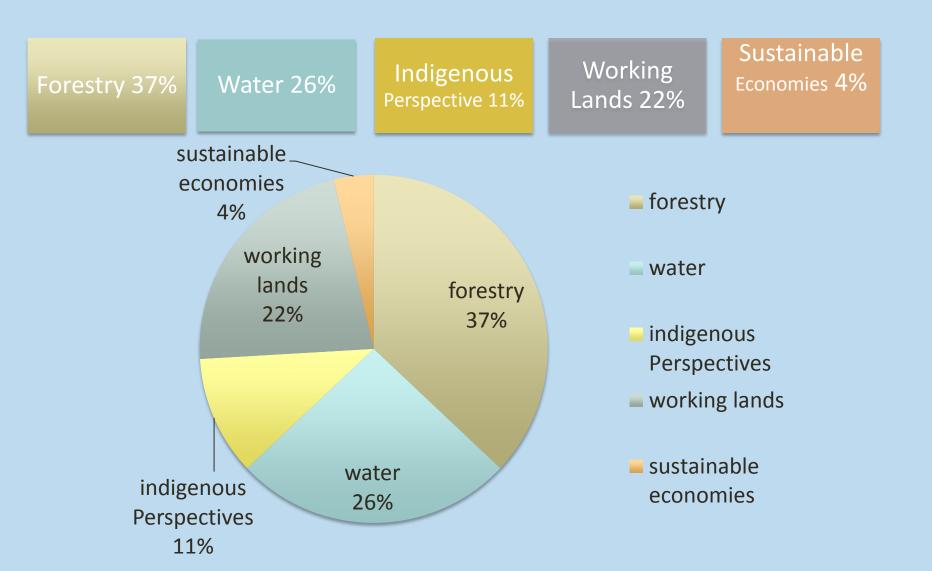
What Sustains?

Building Social Memory

- A growing network of people and organizations
- Successes at various scales and across jurisdictions
- Momentum (learning, building new relationships, making new connections)
- Enough capacity to serve as the glue
- Consistent leadership
- Relevance



16 Projects, five focal themes of the Roundtable



Moving Towards Implementation

EVALUATION OF THE

LANDSCAPE: NEEDS AND GAPS

ASSES AVAILABLE SCIENCE, VULNERABILITY, GENERAL ECOLOGICAL HEALTH

ENGAGE WITH STAKEHOLDERS,

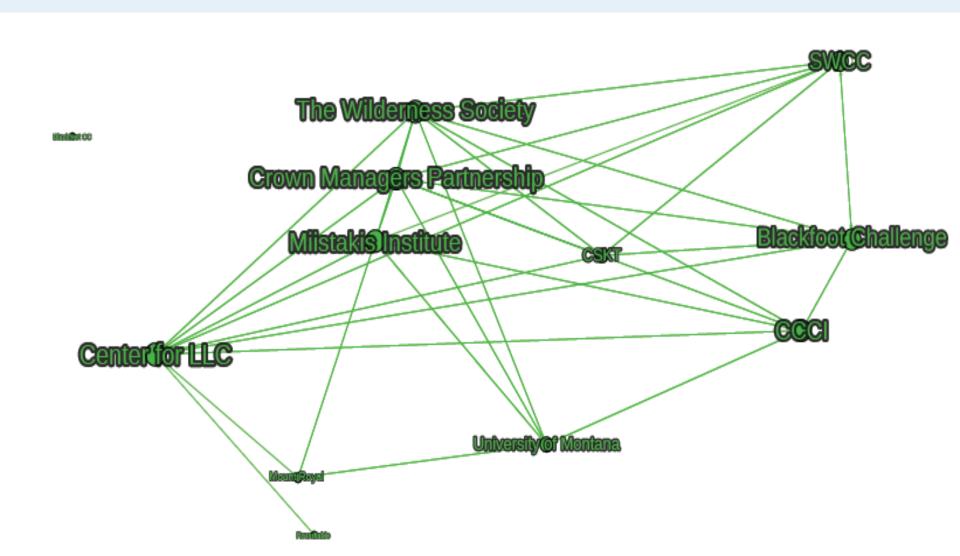
EDUCATE PUBLIC AND INCREASE

AWARENESS OF LANDSCAPE CHANGES

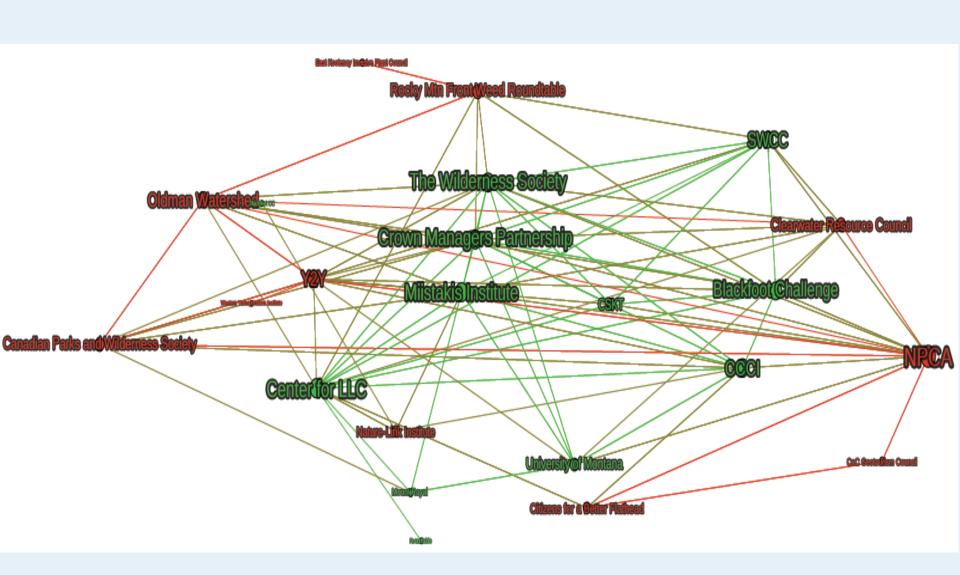
IDENTIFY GOALS AND DESIGN
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

IMPLEMENTATION
ACTIONS

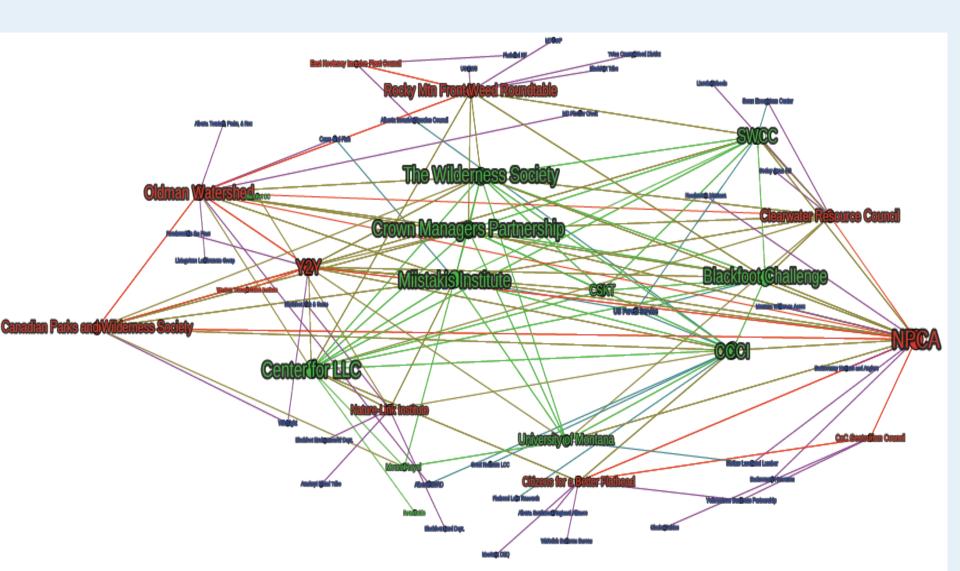
Adaptive Management Organizations Year 1



Adaptive Management Organizations Year 2



Adaptive Management Organizations Year 2 plus Project Partners

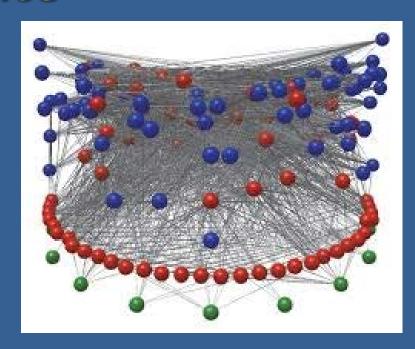


Networked Communication

Networked Science

Networked Governance

Networked Society



Collective Impact

LARGE-SCALE SOCIAL CHANGE REQUIRES
BROAD CROSS-SECTOR COORDINATION,
YET THE SOCIAL SECTOR REMAINS
FOCUSED ON THE ISOLATED INTERVENTION
OF INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS.

By John Kania & Mark Kramer

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