

Summary

Meeting dates: February 6-7, 2015
Agenda item: Statewide Priority Landscapes
Presenter: Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Conservation and Restoration Section
Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Statewide Priority Landscapes is a proactive Initiative aimed at identifying and mobilizing WDFW cross-programmatic resources to conserve iconic landscapes whose future status depends on collaboration across multiple jurisdictions and interests. The effort grew out of a need for a statewide strategic conservation strategy to inform our overall landscape conservation and restoration actions for diversity species and ecological systems, including those of our land acquisition program. A cross-programmatic WDFW team is now leading this effort. Such a strategy must include a landscape collaborative approach to both planning and implementation of large landscape conservation actions which will be included in the State Wildlife Action Plan. We envision the identification of 4-6 Statewide Priority Landscapes. For each landscape, we envision cross-programmatic coordination in collaborative planning and implementation for enforcement, land acquisition, habitat restoration, landowner agreements, land-use planning and outreach and communications.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

N/A

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Initial presentations at the Lands Recreation and Habitat Coordinating Forum (including state agency, county and agricultural community leaders statewide) and for statewide leaders of the lands community. Potential partners and stakeholders are interested in our priorities, the collaborative process, and in coordinating efforts. More outreach is planned once the internal cross-programmatic team selects the candidate landscapes.

Action requested:

N/A – briefing only

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

Working with Bruce Botka in Public Affairs and Outreach as a member of the Cross-Programmatic Team.
