

## HDC LCD Leadership Team Meeting

### January 26, 2022 via Zoom

#### Priority Action Items

- Please be on the lookout for an email from Amy about coordinating February conceptual modeling meetings!! It will likely include 1-3 doodle polls.
- Think about who needs to be included in these working groups outside of those who were on our call. Send any names/contacts to Amy ([amy@heart-of-rockies.org](mailto:amy@heart-of-rockies.org))

#### Meeting Summary

This meeting was focused on learning about conceptual models and choosing three features to start modeling with. Amy gave a short presentation explaining what conceptual models are (slides linked [here](#)). Next, the group used [Jamboard](#) to demonstrate which features they would each feel comfortable working on. After some discussion, the group decided on **Recreation, Connectivity, and Working Ranchlands** as the initial three features to build conceptual models for. The last part of the meeting focused on reviewing [comments from LT members](#) about the process.

#### Resources

- [Zoom Recording](#) (Passcode: K+s.93Ay)
- [Conceptual Models Guide](#) (includes diagrams from presentation)
- [Slides from Conceptual Model Presentation](#)
- [Jamboard](#) landscape features
- [LT feedback summary](#)

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#### Conceptual Models Overview

- We are moving from step 2 (convening and framing) to step 3 (assessing current conditions) of the LCD process.
- Conceptual Models are a situation analysis tool that can help us understand current conditions
- Important components include conservation targets, direct threats, and other contributing factors such as indirect threats and opportunities
- The group will eventually complete a conceptual model for every feature, but for now we will start with three

#### Which features should we start with?

- Bottom line: they are all important and things will become clearer once we work on a few.
- Feature list to choose from: recreation, aquatic resources, ecological linkage/connectivity, working ranchlands, sagebrush steppe ecosystems, healthy forest lands, alpine/subalpine ecosystems, cultural legacy, wild urban interface/fire, community economic resilience, wildlands, species of concern
- After some discussion, the group decided on **Recreation, Connectivity, and Working Ranchlands** as the initial three features to build conceptual models for. Thanks David Callister for getting the ball rolling here!

- Amy/Emily/Emma will coordinate meeting times for these three working groups. They will meet in lieu of a February meeting.

**Review of LT Feedback Takeaways:**

- This meeting felt like progress and that we are finally doing something!
- Meeting in person would be HUGE if we can organize come spring.
- There is a lot of common ground between all of us!
- We need to continue to engage new people and this is a good time to do it. Reach out to county commissioners and tribal groups as we start to complete these conceptual models!