

History of the Roundtable

The following chronology captures milestone events, activities, reports, and other outputs:

2006

- 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.

2007

- 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 broad-based workshop of about 100 people in Whitefish, Montana to take stock of current and emerging issues and initiatives in the region.

2008

- 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
- CNREP creates a web site for the Roundtable and a set of GIS maps

2009

- 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 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

2010

- CNREP invites the Center for Large Landscape Conservation (CLLC) to come alongside and co-direct the Roundtable
- CNREP and CLLC convene a "government-to-government" dialogue in Polson, Montana to explore opportunities and challenges in the region
- CNREP, Lincoln Institute, and CLLC organize and convene 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"

2011

- CNREP, Lincoln Institute, and CLLC organize and convene 2nd Annual Conference in Polson, 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 Roundtable
- CNREP and CLLC prepare a proposal to the Kresge Foundation for core operations support, including the annual conference (grant awarded)

2012

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

2013

- CNREP and CLLC staff provide assistance to implement AMI projects, including contract administration, regular learning sessions, and project-specific support.
- CNREP and CLLC (staff), in consultation with the Leadership Team, prepare a follow-up proposal to the Kresge Foundation to continue the Adaptive Management Initiative (AMI) (two-year grant awarded)
- Leadership Team and staff organize and convene the 4th Annual Conference in East Glacier, MT
- Leadership and staff prepare first Business Plan to guide the Roundtable's annual projects and operations

2014

- CNREP and CLLC staff continue to provide assistance to implement AMI projects, including contract administration, regular learning sessions, and project-specific support.
- The second year of AMI projects are implemented and the third (and final) year of AMI granting begins.
- Leadership Team and staff organize and convene the 5th Annual Conference in Waterton, AB.
- Staff share our story during a panel presentation and discussion at the National Workshop on Large Landscape Conservation.
- Organize a poster session featuring AMI projects.
- Prepare 10 e-Newsletters sharing news stories and events from throughout the Crown of the Continent.
- Organize and convene a Crown-wide gathering of Tribes and First Nations.