

5-step Decision-making Framework

Introduction

This document was modified from a similar process utilized in other collaborative forums. The purpose of this framework is to provide the LIT with a roadmap to identify shared interests and implement cross-jurisdictional conservation objectives over the long-term.

1. **Where do we want to be?**
 - a. Shared agreement on what we want the landscape to look like
 - b. Shared understanding about LIT purpose and what the LIT is and isn't capable of
 - i. Establish criteria to address threats
 - c. Ability to set goals and benchmarks that allow the LIT to become self-sufficient over the long-term

2. **Where are we now?**
 - a. What are the threats?
 - i. Threats table (overview)
 - ii. Causal factor analysis and other documents
 - b. Where are the threats? Maps, map summaries
 - c. Where has work occurred in the past?
 - i. CED – detailed public land data, generalized private land data
 - ii. Partner data
 - iii. What programs are already in place to address threats (e.g., SGI, CCAA)

3. **What needs to change?**
 - a. Outline list of barriers – e.g., limited data or insufficient information to justify management (i.e., research needs); need more capacity, funding, resources
 - b. LIT members work together to agree on what plan looks like and write it
 - i. develop goals and objectives
 - c. Process to manage the LIT over the long-term
 - d. Engagement, trust, and relationship building
 - e. Increased investment in priority areas

4. **What are the tools and tactics to get where we want to go?**
 - a. LIT plan
 - i. Threats prioritization
 - ii. Goals and objectives
 - iii. Action area maps
 - b. Additional Maps for prioritization
 - i. Threat-based ecostates
 - ii. Invasives geographic strategy map
 - c. Set criteria for project prioritization based on,
 - i. Agency-specific criteria
 - ii. LIT-set criteria (cross-landownership)
 - b. Implement projects on the ground

5. **How do we measure progress and monitor for success?**
 - a. Monitoring data
 - b. Annual vegetation maps – change over time