

**White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation  
Day 2 Breakout Session Compilation**

**Topic:** Reaching Across Boundaries to Promote Shared Governance

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**Morning**

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**Location:** 224

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**A. Major Repeated Themes Raised in the Discussion.** *A grouping of ideas repeated with some frequency in the session and brought up again during the group summation process. Also includes diverging views and/or questions about the topic.*

- “Facilitate cooperative communication to achieve cooperative conservation.”
- Capacity enhancement.
- Big picture thinking; “Don’t limit success by limiting vision.” Don’t try to solve a single problem. Understand concept under which a problem exists.
- Framework and guidelines are necessary. Templates protocols in government.
- Technical assistance is more valuable than money.
- Better implementation of laws and programs, not MORE laws.
- Documenting the standards of practice that are emerging. Getting them together and documenting the best in class and using this as a benchmark to keep the progress moving. But using that to launch the next round of efforts.
- Invest resources (public and private) in capacity building.
- Do a better job of identifying the goal before you talk about tools needed.
- Better land use planning.

**B. National-level Practical Actions** *that could be taken by the Federal government, national NGO’s, and other national organizations. Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

- Get incentives for collaboration such as access to federal resources, money for planning/ needs assessment.
- Consolidation...not necessarily of agencies, but priorities and issues within agencies. We hear arguments all the time, but you have look at how it benefits all of the others. We need to have everyone focused.
- Intelligence oversight process to work better.. If you could engage in a solution for a problem with multi-task agency force...then you could get a solution or at least a different way of going about things as well as a better sense of confidence to work across the agency system.
- There is competition between efforts... Leaving that for politics to decide will not help the situation.
- We need a national conservation icon. Smoky bear ex. That’s an icon that the general public understands that raises their awareness. We need that.

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We all have our own individual missions, but we need something constant that the American ppl can see and identify.

C. **Local-level Practical Actions** *that could be taken at the local or community level by Tribes, state and local communities, private citizens, and local organizations.*  
*Diverging views and/or questions are also noted.*

- Inventory analysis of authorities and responsibilities, identification of/or core gaps...expenditures, similarities, conflicts.
- Rural communities need an economic disincentive for them to take time away from work to participate even when they really need it.
- Presenting economic options and what comes with these choices...for landowners with the land use planning.

D. **Particularly insightful quotes from participants** that capture the essence of key points made during the group's discussion.

- Don't limit success by limiting your vision.
- "Facilitate cooperative communication to achieve cooperative conservation."
- The outcome will be more true to the culture of the place than if the decision comes out a single entity. The broader you make this, then the better chance that your outcome will have more a truth based.

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