

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

**Topic:** Expanding the Role of Tribes, States and Communities in Cooperative Conservation

**Session number:** 37

**afternoon**

**Facilitator:** Greg Wolf

**Location:** 131

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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.*

Emphasize spending funds on conservation actions rather than Education theme- educate kids, public, new partners, corporations on conservation issues and building partnerships. Review authorities and make sure they support coop conservation on the ground ,knowledge

Diversity-increase workforce and partners and constituents

Understanding partnerships- training fed and state employees

Need to communicate is major theme

Project based focus is a good way to integrate work and build partnerships

Conservation on the ground is most important

Tie coop conservation to urban and rural development

More volunteers and friends groups

Funding systems support collaborative conservation

**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.*

Transition issues-need overlap due to possible loss of expertise- feds need transition strategy to ensure continuity for coop conservation collaborations

Review policies to ensure they support collaborative conservation

Revise procurement/contracting policies to ensure they support collaborative conservatiojn

Tie education needs to no child left behind

Training needed that is mentor driven, project focused

Revise budget process to reflect responsiveness needed for collaborative conservation

Expand the funding pie-need dedicated funds and tools for coop conservation

Train agency folks to understand tribal issues and culture

Develop financial mechanisms that allow for pooling of partner funds from various sectors- fed, state, local, tries, ngos

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Improve data integration through a common database on issue basis or on geographic basis – all sectors enter their data into common system – collaborative groups set data needs

FACA rules are a constraint to collaboration – review FACA to recommend changes to promote collaborative conservation

Provide mechanisms for place based governance and project focused funding  
connect research to on the ground needs

**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.*

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Encourage kids to be involved in local projects for empowerment and education

Look for broad based education and outreach efforts- spend time applying coop conservation in classroom with kids-one hour per week

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

NEPA should be used as intended not as it is currently implemented (NEPA supports local collaboration and integration of envtl., social and economic factors)

Educating children about cooperative conservation is fundamental to future .

Workforce needs to reflect who is being served

We are in data hell, we need to improve data integration, coordination between agencies

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