

GREAT BASIN LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION COOPERATIVE
STEERING COMMITTEE
Webinar Meeting Summary



Executive Summary

Steering Committee Recommendations and Action Items

The Steering Committee considered four key topics:

- Science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (S-TEK) Working Group strategy development
 - The Steering Committee reviewed an S-TEK matrix that identifies climate change drivers and Great Basin ecological needs. A final report is expected in February 2015.
- FY 2014 S-TEK project funding recommendations
 - The Steering Committee heard about the 45 science proposals and five TEK proposals submitted and the results of reviews of all the proposals. The Committee would like to see some of the top-scored science proposals scaled back in order to offer funding to more projects. The GBLCC staff will contact Principle Investigators to discuss project scale. The Executive Review Committee will make the final decision on which of the science proposals will be funded based on these conversations. The Steering Committee agreed to fund three of the four TEK proposals.
- Virtual forum in December
 - A virtual forum will be held in December to review S-TEK results, clarify science needs and definitions, discuss challenges and implementation of S-TEK priorities, recommend Steering Committee memberships, and present a beta version of a new GBLCC website.
- Proposed charter addition on TEK related goals and objectives and vacancy action plan

Steering Committee Business

The Steering Committee agreed:

- To fund the three TEK project recommendations.
- To give the Executive Review Committee the authority to make the final decision on the science project funding.
- To submit their availability for the December meeting and virtual forum.
- To review proposed charter addition on TEK related goals and objectives via email.
- To recommend partner organizations for the Communication/Website Working group.
- To support the outlined process for filling Steering Committee vacancies.

Presentation and Updates

- GBLCC Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Range Rapid Ecoregional Assessment (REA) Review Report. Final report expected within next few weeks.

- FY13 Science Project Update: how GBLCC funding was used to expand the big sagebrush restoration work of the Rocky Mountain Research Station. Presented by Dr. Bryce Richardson.
- Partner Highlight: Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation. Presented by Heather Ray.
- LCC Strategic Plan update
 - A final strategic plan is scheduled for October 3rd.