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Hello Everyone,

One of the Service's Climate Change priorities for FY 2010 was to hold a workshop for LCC Coordinators, FWS regional and program staff and LCC partners (from within DOI and beyond) to define LCC data needs, needs for data integration, and tools to form a seamless network of LCCs. That workshop was held March 30-April 1, 2010 at the National Conservation Training Center.

A copy of the final report from that workshop is attached. It includes three major recommendations for consideration by the DOI LCC/CSC Working Group (see Executive Summary). We believe these recommendations are important for current issues awaiting decision, including the recommendation (1.v.) to form a "data council" and hold an additional workshop to determine data requirements that would inform a national network of LCCs.

The workshop did not go as far as hoped in identifying specific data and data integration needs because many participants needed first to discuss and better understand the purpose and role of LCCs, especially in regard to their relationship with CSCs. In other words those involved from all the different programs, bureaus, agencies and partner sectors first needed to understand what the LCC and CSC networks are all about and how they will relate to each other and to the wider conservation and climate change communities. Only when the vision and mission of these initiatives, and the relative roles of partners, are clarified will it be possible to get people to focus on the details of data, data integration, data tools, etc. Another factor affecting workshop outcomes was the fact that not all LCCs had permanent leadership in place, and those leaders that were in place were still focused on the early organizational issues (operating plans, forming steering committees, etc.) of standing up their operations.

Despite these limitations, the workshop produced a lot of raw intelligence on perceived data and data integration needs. Much of the detailed information can be found on the workshop website ([http://training.fws.gov/CSP/Resources/csp\\_climate\\_change\\_series/lcc\\_workshop/march\\_10/index.html](http://training.fws.gov/CSP/Resources/csp_climate_change_series/lcc_workshop/march_10/index.html)).

The DOI LCC/CSC Working Group is currently considering next steps in the effort to define LCC/CSC data needs and we hope to know more about future directions shortly.