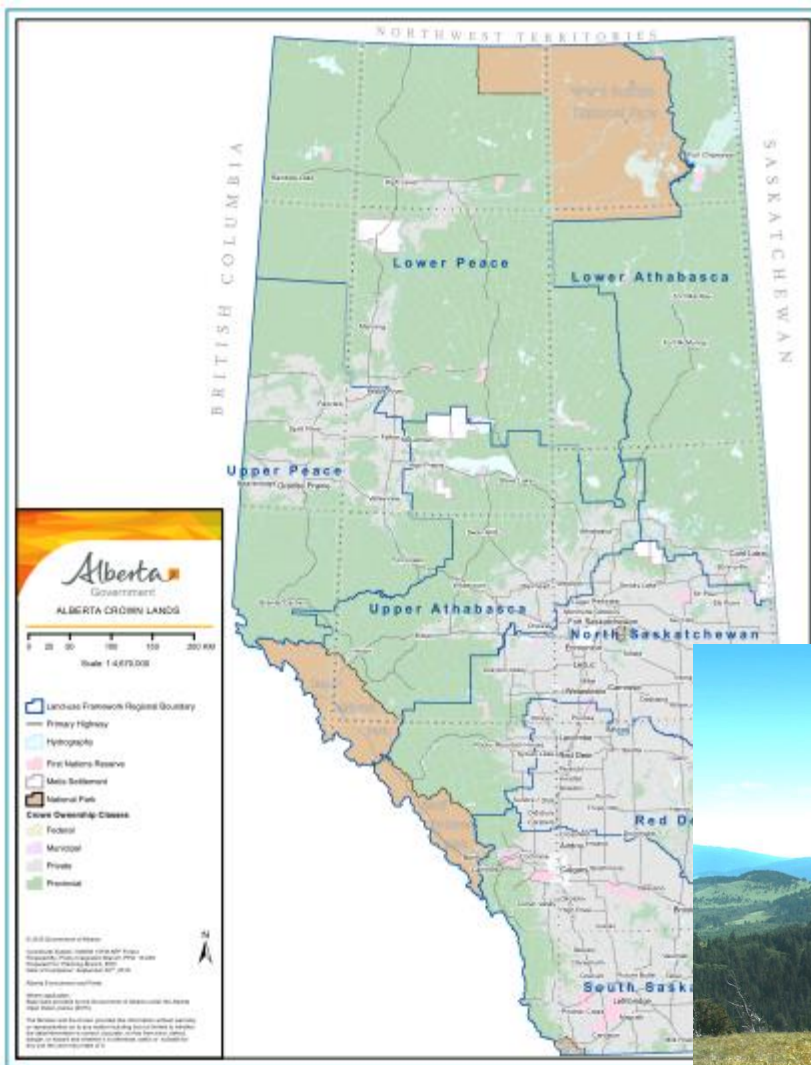


Public Lands, Private Conservation: Bridging the Gap



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Mission:

To support the design, development and implementation of a credible, transparent and outcome-based system of conservation offsets that considers the needs of environment and people, while allowing for flexible business solutions.

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Morning Program

1. Welcome & Introductions – Robyn Jacobsen & Dave Poulton
2. Introductory Comments from the Government of Alberta – Shannon Flint
3. Review of Current situation, challenges, and opportunities – Dave Poulton & Marian Weber
4. Property Rights and Biodiversity Offsets on Public Lands – Carla Gomez Wichtendahl
5. Break
6. Perspectives from the extractive (energy) sector – Scott Grindal
7. Perspectives from the Forestry Industry – Gord Whitmore
8. The role and potential of land trusts

Afternoon Discussion

- Under what conditions should private parties be allowed to access and secure public lands for conservation?
- What tools might be used for this, and how?
- What are the implications and resource needs of each of those tools?
- Identify knowledge gaps?
- Key recommendations for future research or pursuit of discussion?

The Grand (Tentative) Plan

1. This workshop
2. Working groups go away to research and further develop ideas
3. Workshop in spring 2016 to hear full presentations from working groups

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