

# HANDS ACROSS BORDERS

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## An International Workshop on Transboundary Conservation

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# Introduction

On the 100th anniversary of the US National Park Service, *Hands Across Borders* is a unique event to celebrate and advance transboundary conservation (TBC) and international peace parks. The week-long event includes a three-day workshop for TBC practitioners, field trips in Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, and the 84th Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly. This event will culminate in the Peace Park Assembly's annual Hands Across the Border ceremony in the shadow of iconic Chief Mountain.

## Background

In 1932, the U.S. Congress and Canadian Parliament designated Glacier National Park and its neighbor Waterton Lakes National Park as the first international peace park in the world. Since then, it has served as a symbol and catalyst for TBC initiatives around the world.

Today, more than ever, border regions are coming together to promote and support livable communities, vibrant economies, and healthy landscapes. This work helps to promote peace and cooperation, while also highlighting the past, current, and future roles of indigenous people as the original stewards of these valuable environments.

This unique event builds on the recently published book by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), *Transboundary Conservation: A Systematic and Integrated Approach* (2015), and is designed to achieve the following expectations and outcomes.

## Expected Outcomes

- Highlight Glacier National Park's unique contribution to the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service as the only International Peace Park in North America;
- Celebrate the role that Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park has played in fostering international peace parks and TBC all over the world;
- Acknowledge the role of Rotary International and other local leaders in catalyzing, enabling, and supporting international peace parks and TBC initiatives;
- Emphasize the unique role of indigenous people in TBC initiatives;
- Bring together practitioners from existing and aspiring TBC initiatives throughout the world to exchange information, foster relationships, and build capacity to catalyze, enable, and sustain TBC efforts; and
- Inform and invigorate the global network of TBC practitioners by replicating this pilot project in other transboundary regions throughout the world.

# Program Agenda

## Tuesday, September 13, 2016

**2:30 – Registration** (Glacier Park Lodge lobby)

**7:00 pm** *Please meet us at your convenience to pick up your materials for the workshop.*

**6:30 Informal Gathering and Dinner** (Dining Room)

## Wednesday, September 14, 2016

**6:30 – Breakfast** (Dining Room)

**8:15 am** *Please have breakfast at your convenience within this time period.*

**8:30 Welcome** (Moccasin Room)

*Matthew McKinney*, Director, Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy, University of Montana

Opening Prayer, *Earl Old Person*, Chief, Blackfoot Nation

Opening Comments

- *Jeff Mow*, Superintendent, Glacier National Park
- *Ifan Thomas*, Superintendent, Waterton Lakes National Park
- *Mo Stein*, Chair, Board of Directors, Glacier National Park Conservancy

During this opening session, we will also acknowledge the photo exhibit by Steven Gnam, sponsored by the Crown of the Continent Geotourism Council.

**9:15 Introductions**

*Libby Khumalo*, Project Coordinator for this event, will lead the participants in a unique “hands across borders” introduction. The participants will create two lines and then move up and down the line in an organized way until they have had a chance to shake hands and meet every other participant.

**9:45 Welcome to a Special Transboundary Neighborhood**

*Harvey Locke*, strategic advisor for Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, will moderate a discussion on the multiple dimensions of transboundary conservation in and around Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. He will introduce *Jodi Hilty*, President and Chief Scientist with Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative; *Gary Tabor*, co-founder of the Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent; and *Leroy Little Bear*, one of the champions of the North American Buffalo Treaty. In three 15-minute presentations, these speakers will welcome the participants to this unique transboundary region, highlight the multiple spatial scales at which transboundary conservation is taking place in this region, and emphasize the different roles of public, private, non-governmental organizations, indigenous people, and local communities in transboundary conservation. There should be time for a few comments and questions after the presentations.

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Transboundary Conservation: A Systematic and Integrated Approach**

*Maja Vasiljević*, Director of Eco Horizon and Co-Chair of the IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, will present an overview of IUCN's Best Practice Guidelines -- *Transboundary Conservation: A Systematic and Integrated Approach* (2015). There should be time for a few comments and questions after the presentation.

**11:30 Types of Transboundary Conservation Initiatives**

*Michael Schoon*, Professor of Sustainability at Arizona State University and Vice Chair of the IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, will present WCPA's definition of transboundary conservation; review the different types of transboundary conservation initiatives; examine common elements in designing and managing transboundary conservation initiatives; and highlight alternative models of cooperation. He will illustrate the principles, concepts, and methods of transboundary conservation by referring to the diversity of the initiatives represented at the workshop. There should be time for a few comments and questions after the presentation.

**12:00 pm Common Stages of Transboundary Conservation**

*Kevan Zunckel*, partner in Zunckel Ecological & Environmental Services and Co-Chair of the IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, will review common stages of transboundary conservation (TBC). He will emphasize the complexity and fluidity of the process of TBC, introduce a diagnostic tool to test the feasibility of catalyzing TBC initiatives, review the need to define the geographic scope and joint vision for a TBC initiative, and highlight the importance of monitoring and evaluation as an integrative part of the entire transboundary conservation process. There should be time for a few comments and questions after the presentation.

**12:30 Lunch (Feather Room)**

*We suggest you use this time to change into comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes for walking outside during the field trip.*

**1:30 Transboundary Café: Clarifying Needs and Interests**

*Matthew McKinney* and *Maja Vasiljević* will co-facilitate this discussion. One person from each participating transboundary conservation initiative will have one minute to:

1. Introduce your transboundary landscape;
2. Highlight challenges and opportunities; and
3. Clarify your needs, interests, and expectations for this workshop.

This session will allow participants to learn more about each other and the variety of transboundary conservation initiatives represented at the workshop. It will conclude with a brief review of the survey completed by a sample of transboundary conservation practitioners from around the world in August 2015. The survey results were the key

reference for structuring the contents of this workshop around three main topics – cooperative management, governance, and financial sustainability.

The facilitators will then clarify the agenda for the remaining part of the workshop, reflecting the identified needs and interests.

### **2:30 Field Trip on North American Buffalo Treaty**

After some preliminary remarks by *Leroy Little Bear*, the participants will travel a short distance to the place where bison are being reintroduced on the Blackfeet Nation. This field trip will provide ample opportunity for practitioners to get to know each other, share experiences about engaging indigenous people and local communities, and highlight both challenges and best practices for TBC. The participants will have an opportunity to discuss specific problems or issues and seek input and advice from other participants.

The field trip will highlight the role of indigenous people and local communities in catalyzing, enabling, and sustaining transboundary conservation initiatives. It will also illustrate the merits of alternative approaches to transboundary conservation (from formal to informal arrangements) along with some of the defining characteristics of transboundary conservation as explained in the Best Practice Guidelines.

### **5:30 Return to Glacier Park Lodge**

### **6:30 Dinner at Glacier Park Lodge (Moccasin Room)**

## **Thursday, September 15, 2016**

### **6:30 – Breakfast (Dining Room)**

**8:15 am** *Please have breakfast at your convenience within this time period.*

### **8:30 Welcome (Moccasin Room)**

*Todd Walters*, Director of International Peace Park Expeditions, will review the objectives and agenda for the day.

### **8:45 Cooperative Management: The Essence of Transboundary Conservation**

Building on previous sessions, *Maja Vasiljević* will discuss the essence of transboundary conservation – cooperative management. Using a variety of examples, she will review strategies to establish and/or enhance transboundary cooperation to realize many different types of benefits. Among other things, she will highlight cooperative approaches to initiating projects, managing tourism and natural resources, sharing information, and jointly monitoring progress. She will emphasize the fundamental value of sharing costs and benefits, and relying on a joint vision and action plan to achieve mutual benefits.

## **9:15 Problem-solving Clinic on Cooperative Management**

The purpose of this problem-solving clinic is to allow participants to work in small groups to:

1. Build and share knowledge on what catalyzes; what enables; what constrains; and what sustains cooperative management in TBC; and
2. Address specific problems that participants have related to cooperative management through peer-to-peer consultation.

Each small group will be led by a facilitator and a recorder. Participants are encouraged to take a break as needed.

## **10:45 Share Lessons from the Problem-solving Clinic**

One or more representatives of each working group will report on the results of their group's discussions.

## **11:45 Lunch (Dining Room)**

## **12:45 pm Alternative Mechanisms to Establish and Govern Transboundary Conservation Initiatives**

*Michael Schoon* will begin a discussion on alternative mechanisms to establish TBC initiatives, including but not limited to formal/legal arrangements to more informal partnerships and networks. He will review international conventions that may help catalyze, enable, and sustain transboundary conservation, along with strategies to secure the civic and political will to create and sustain a transboundary conservation initiative. He will introduce alternative models of transboundary conservation governance with special attention to the structures involved, including the need to establish new structures in some cases.

## **1:15 Problem-solving Clinic on Alternative Mechanisms**

The purpose of this problem-solving clinic is to allow participants to work in small groups to:

1. Build and share knowledge on the merits of alternative mechanisms to create and govern transboundary conservation initiatives; and
2. Address specific problems that participants have related to creating and governing transboundary conservation initiatives through peer-to-peer consultation.

A facilitator and a recorder will lead each small group. Participants are encouraged to take a break as needed.

**2:45 Share Lessons from the Problem-solving Clinic**

Participants will provide reports from the working groups, followed by a discussion on key conclusions.

**3:45 Open Space Session**

During this session, participants will have an opportunity to self-organize into small groups around topics of mutual interest – for example, (1) emerging policies and practical guides, such as connectivity conservation; (2) regional areas of interest (e.g., Africa, Southeast Asia, etc.); and (3) best practices to catalyze, enable, and sustain transboundary conservation. We will also provide an opportunity for participants to share any relevant announcements.

**5:30 Adjourn**

**6:30 Dinner** (Feather Room)

**8:00 Wild Ways: Corridors of Life** (Moccasin Room)

This Emmy Award nominated film was six years in the making and broadcast nationally in the United States on public television in April 2016. It explains how, around the world, wildlife need to roam for breeding, foraging, and to carry out their traditional migrations – but are often blocked by ranches, farms, roads, and other human-made obstacles. It documents how animals are again on the move with illustrations from North America’s Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative to Southern Africa’s elephant highways stretching across five nations. *Harvey Locke* worked closely with the filmmaker and will provide some behind-the-scenes insights into how it was made after this special screening.

**Friday, September 16, 2016**

**6:30 – Breakfast** (Dining Room)

**8:15 am** *Please have breakfast at your convenience within this time period.*

*We will be departing shortly after we adjourn for the field trip. Please wear or bring the clothes, shoes, and belongings you will need for the afternoon hike.*

*If you are staying in Glacier Park Lodge, please check out of your room before the morning session begins. Bring your luggage to the lobby for storage by Lodge staff.*

**8:30 Welcome** (Moccasin Room)

*Jeff Mow, Superintendent at Glacier National Park, will review the objectives and agenda for the day.*

**8:45      Securing Financial Sustainability for Transboundary Conservation**

*Kevan Zunckel* will provide an overview of the survey results on financial sustainability for transboundary conservation and explain the merits of alternative approaches -- including ecosystem goods and services. *Harvey Locke* will respond and provide additional suggestions on financial sustainability for transboundary conservation.

**9:15      Problem-solving Clinic on Financial Sustainability**

The purpose of this problem-solving clinic is to allow participants to work in small groups to:

1. Build and share knowledge on alternative funding arrangements to support transboundary conservation [among other things, participants may want to discuss the most common sources of funding for TBC, the most promising innovative approaches to funding TBC, and key ingredients to sustaining high functioning, effective TBC initiatives]; and
2. Address specific problems that participants have related to financing transboundary conservation initiatives through peer-to-peer consultation.

Each small group will be lead by a facilitator and a recorder. Participants are encouraged to take a break as needed.

**10:45      Share Lessons from the Problem-solving Clinic**

Participants will provide feedback from their small group discussions and engage in a facilitated discussion to highlight innovative and effective approaches to enhance and secure the financial sustainability of their transboundary conservation initiatives.

**11:30      Wrap-up and Closing Remarks**

*Matthew McKinney* will facilitate this final plenary session which will allow participants to: (1) identify the key lessons learned in convening and conducting this pilot project workshop (i.e., what has worked well and what could be improved – both process and content); and (2) provide input and advice on how to identify, select, fund, and otherwise convene similar workshops throughout the world.

**12:00 pm      Adjourn**

*Please make preparations for departing on the hike.*

**12:15      Meet in the Lobby**

*Pick up a boxed lunch in the lobby and snacks for the hike.*

**12:30 Depart on Field Trips** (Lobby)

During the afternoon, participants will have three options for hikes led by Glacier National Park staff:

**Easy: Stroll North Shore Two Medicine Lake.** Gently rolling terrain, open views across Two Medicine Lake, fall foliage, wildlife. Up to 3 miles (4.8 km) round-trip depending on group ability and interest. About 3 hours. *Limit of 35 people*

**Moderate: Aster Park Hike.** Enjoy an easy hike to Aster Falls and then continue upward 670 feet (204 m) to Aster Park Overlook where you are rewarded with panoramic views of the Two Medicine Valley. 3.8 miles (6 km) round-trip. About 4 hours. *Limit of 35 people*

**Difficult: Scenic Point Hike.** Glaciated valleys and spectacular vistas highlight this rugged, steadily climbing hike. Gain 2350 feet (716 m) over 3 miles (4.8 km) with an alpine tundra reward at the top. About 5 hours. *Note that this hike may result in a late arrival to dinner. Limit of 20 people*

**5:30 Return to Glacier Park Lodge & Adjourn Practitioners' Workshop**

# Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly

**Friday, September 16, 2016**

**5:30 pm Dinner with Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association** (Moccasin Room)

**Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Saturday and Sunday are being organized, convened, and led by the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly.

The Assembly has allocated two hours on Saturday morning for participants in the practitioners' workshop to provide a series of short presentations, posters, and otherwise share their work with members of the Rotary Clubs. As it now stands, the agenda for this two hours looks like this:

**10:10 am** Introductory Comments by Jeff Mow

Jeff will briefly review the highlights of the practitioners' workshop and explain how the following presentations will proceed. In sum, we will have six 10-minute presentations to illustrate the status of international peace parks and transboundary conservation throughout the world. Following the presentations, Jeff will moderate a Q & A with the audience and the panel members.

- 10:15** Maja Vasiljević, Co-Chair of the IUCN Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, will provide an overview of global trends in international peace parks and transboundary conservation.
- 10:25** Kevan Zunckel, Co-Chair of the IUCN Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, will discuss Mandela's legacy and the status of international peace parks in Africa.
- 10:35** Jorg and Helen Ostrowski, Co-Founders of Silk Road to Peace, will discuss the vision of this international peace park trail from the Middle East through Central and Southern Asia.
- 10:45** Rick Lobello will discuss the Big Bend Initiative. This initiative includes Rotarians and the National Park Service working together to create an international peace park.
- 10:55** Sonam Wangdi will discuss ongoing efforts in the Manas/Bhutan transboundary conservation area.

**11:05** Leroy Little Bear will discuss the history, purpose, and ongoing efforts of the Buffalo Treaty, a unique transboundary conservation initiative led by tribes and First Nations.

**11:15** Open Discussion with All Presenters and Rotarians Moderated by Jeff Mow

**12:00 pm** Adjourn

## **Sunday, September 18, 2016**

The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Assembly culminates in the annual Hands Across the Border celebration.

# List of Participants

<b>Africa   8 initiatives, 9 participants</b>	
<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Participants</b>
<b>Greater Mount Nimba Massif Landscape</b> <i>Liberia, Guinea &amp; Cote d'Ivoire</i>	<b>Saye Thompson</b> , Chairman East Nimba Nature Reserve Co-Management Committee Greater Mount Nimba Massif Landscape tina.vogt@fauna-flora.org
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<b>Cross River Gorilla Landscape</b> <i>Cameroon &amp; Nigeria</i>	<b>Andrew Dunn</b> , Country Director Nigeria Program, Wildlife Conservation Society adunn@wcs.org
<b>Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area</b> <i>Mozambique, South Africa &amp; Zimbabwe</i>	<b>Piet Theron</b> , International Coordinator piettheron01@gmail.com
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## Asia | 7 initiatives, 9 participants

Initiative	Participants
<b>EcoPeace Middle East</b> <i>Jordan &amp; Israel</i>	<b>Gidon Bromberg</b> , Israeli Co-Director info@foeme.org
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<b>Silk Road to Peace</b> <i>Turkey, Georgia, Armenia, Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, China, Afghanistan &amp; Pakistan</i>	<b>Jorg Ostrowski</b> , Project Manager ecojdo@gmail.com
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## North America & Caribbean | 9 initiatives, 12 participants

Initiative	Participants
<b>Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent</b> <i>United States &amp; Canada</i>	<b>Gary Tabor</b> , Co-Founder Executive Director, Center for Large Landscape Conservation Vice-Chair, Mountain Protected Areas, IUCN WCPA gary@largelandscapes.org
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<b>Northern Tribes Buffalo Treaty</b> <i>Blackfoot Nation, Blood Tribe, Siksika Nation, Piikani Nation, the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Tribes of Fort Belknap Reservation, the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck Reservation, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation</i>	<b>Leroy Little Bear</b> , Former Director American Indian Program Harvard University Professor Emeritus of Native Studies University of Lethbridge littlebear@uleth.ca
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## Central & South America | 2 initiatives, 2 participants

Initiative	Participants
<b>Mesoamerican Reef</b> <i>Mexico, Belize, Guatemala &amp; Honduras</i>	<b>María José Gonzalez</b> , Executive Director Mesoamerican Reef Fund mjgonzalez@marfund.org
<b>Eastern Tropical Pacific Seascape</b> <i>Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador</i>	<b>Laura Carolina García León</b> , Coordinator International Affairs Office National Natural Parks of Colombia secretariacmar@gmail.com

## Europe | 2 initiatives, 2 participants

Initiative	Participants
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<b>Prespa Park</b> <i>Albania, Greece &amp; Macedonia</i>	<b>Oliver Avramoski</b> , IUCN Regional Office for Eastern Europe and Central Asia Project Office, Protected Areas oliver.avramoski@iucn.org

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# Convening Organizations



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[www.iucn.org/wcpa](http://www.iucn.org/wcpa)

**IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group**—IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group is the premier global network of transboundary conservation specialists. The Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group’s mission is to promote and encourage transboundary conservation for the conservation of nature with associated ecosystem services and cultural values, while promoting peace and cooperation among nations. It seeks to enhance knowledge and capacity for effective planning and management of Transboundary Conservation Areas, in fulfilment of the Durban Action Plan and the Convention on Biological Diversity’s Programme of Work on Protected Areas. [www.tbpa.net](http://www.tbpa.net)



**Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy, The University of Montana**—The purpose of the Center is to assemble teams of people with diverse interests to solve complex land, water, and other natural resource issues, particularly in the North American West.

We catalyze, convene, and coordinate multi-party initiatives; mobilize and engage the right people; synthesize scientific, legal, and other technical knowledge; develop strategies to shape and implement solutions; and build and manage budgets. Our staff, partners, and Senior Fellows are recognized experts in facilitation, mediation, collaboration, and conflict resolution. They are also well known for their work in public lands policy, water law and policy, land-use planning, and cross-boundary resource management.  
<http://naturalresourcespolicy.org/>



**International Peace Park Expeditions**—International Peace Park Expeditions engages, educates, and supports conservation leadership development in transboundary protected areas through accredited academic expeditions, embedded fellowships and practitioner capacity-building expeditions. We believe that meeting the challenge of the Paris Accord concerning Climate Change, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals is going to require a generation of conflict sensitive, environmentally sustainable, and culturally aware professionals in all fields to address our shared interconnected global challenges. We train those leaders.  
[www.peaceparkexpeditions.org](http://www.peaceparkexpeditions.org)



**Glacier National Park Conservancy**—The Glacier National Park Conservancy is the official fundraising partner for Glacier National Park. The Conservancy is committed to sustaining the beauty of the park - a place where wild hasn't lost its meaning and mountains evoke emotions. Through our partnership with the park, we seek to preserve the unique experience of visiting the park by funding projects and programs that will sustain it for generations to come.  
[www.glacierconservancy.org](http://www.glacierconservancy.org)



**Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association**—The Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park Association membership is open to Rotarian's from Rotary Districts 5360, 5370, 5390 and 5080 who have an interest in "...supporting and maintaining the development and promotion of Waterton Lakes National Park and Glacier National Park as a symbol of friendship, cooperation and our commitment to building peace initiatives whenever possible." Rotary International through the clubs in Districts 5360, 5370 and 5390 continues its support of the Peace Park through the International Peace Park Association. Annual assemblies and ceremonies, such as "Hands across the Border", serve to remind the parks of perhaps their greatest resource—the peace and friendship shared by two great nations. Since the first meeting in 1931, these gatherings have provided an opportunity for Rotarians to discuss ways of promoting peace. They have erected symbolic artifacts, conducted ceremonies, and promoted the idea of peace parks elsewhere.  
<http://www.watertonglacierpeacepark.org/>

# Leadership Team



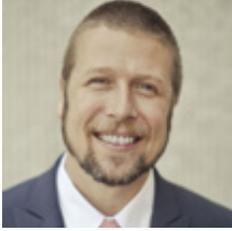
**Jeff Mow** has been the Glacier National Park Superintendent since August of 2013. His previous assignments as a park superintendent include: Denali National Park, Kenai Fjords National Park and Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Jeff has been with the National Park Service for 30 years with almost 23 years duty stationed in Alaska. During Jeff's National Park Service career he has gained experience with the legislative process, climate change response, large oil spills, and the use of scenarios to plan for uncertainty. Jeff has been a Rotarian for 12 years and he currently lives in Whitefish Montana with his wife and son and they are all passionate about winter sports including all types of skiing and skating. In the "off-season" they enjoy biking, hiking, camping, and paddling. Jeff received a B.A. from Carleton College in environmental education and he attended graduate school at the University of Michigan in geology. Jeff's previous employment also includes the Yosemite Institute and the U.S Geological Survey.



**Ifan Thomas** is the Superintendent for Waterton Lakes National Park and Bar U Ranch National Historic Site. He moved to southern Alberta to begin his tenure in Waterton in 2012. Mr. Thomas is in his 32nd year with Parks Canada, having started as a seasonal employee in Jasper National Park while attending university. Superintendent Thomas has worked throughout the country over his career including as a Superintendent for a group of national parks and historic sites in Canada's Western Arctic, and as Superintendent for the Lake Louise portion of Banff National Park, along with Kootenay and Yoho national parks. Mr. Thomas holds a Master of Arts in Political Science.



**Libby Khumalo** is an independent project management consultant and an environmental social scientist. She loves to build healthy relationships between people and nature. She has a B.A. in Biology from Whitworth University, a Master's in Environmental Management from the University of Pretoria, and a Ph.D. in Forestry from the University of Montana. Her dissertation research in the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area focused on understanding the benefits and costs people experience from community-based conservation. She lives in Montana and currently serves her community as a board member of Helena Community Gardens.



**Todd Walters** is an educator, entrepreneur and environmental peacebuilder. He is the founder and Executive Director of International Peace Park Expeditions; a Fellow at the Policy Center for Environment and Peace at Conservation International; and at the Institute for Environmental Diplomacy and Security; and a founding member of the Environmental Peacebuilding Academy organized by UNEP and the Environmental Law Institute. Walters has adapted Peace & Conflict Impact Assessment methodology to transboundary protected areas, and produced 3 short documentary films in the Transcending Boundaries series while working in dozens of countries around the globe including Colombia, Iraq, and Kosovo. Walters is an active member of the Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group of the IUCN WCPA.



**Harvey Locke** is a conservationist, writer, and photographer. He is a recognized global leader in the field of parks, wilderness and large landscape conservation. He is a founder of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative and the Nature Needs Half movement. He has extensive experience with national parks around the world and has appeared in many films about parks. In 2013, Harvey received the J.B. Harkin Medal for Conservation and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. In 2014 he was awarded the Fred M. Packard Award for outstanding service to protected areas by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas at the World Parks Congress in Sydney, Australia. He lives in Banff National Park and works extensively on matters relating to Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park.



**Matthew McKinney**, PhD, is Director of the Center for Natural Resources & Environmental Policy at The University of Montana. He has focused on land and water policy and conflict resolution in the U.S. American West for over 25 years. He co-founded two transboundary conservation initiatives—*Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent* and the *Universities Consortium on Columbia River Governance*. He works to transfer lessons from the American West to the international community and likewise to harvest lessons from other regions throughout the world that might have some applicability to the American West. He is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Law and co-chair of the university-wide graduate program on *Natural Resource Conflict Resolution*. When he is not working on natural resource issues, he can be found hiking, floating, fishing, and otherwise re-creating in the Rocky Mountain West.



**Maja Vasiljević** is founder and Director of Eco Horizon association based in Croatia. She has been Chair of the IUCN WCPA's Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group, the largest global voluntary network of transboundary conservation experts, for nearly seven years, and Co-Chair since 2016. Maja has been working for the IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme, WWF, and the IUCN Programme Office for South-Eastern Europe which she helped establish and where she worked on the enhancement of regional cooperation in protected areas. Maja edited and co-authored several IUCN publications, the latest of which are the Best Practice Protected Area Guidelines on transboundary conservation. She received a Master of Arts in Geography from Australia's University of Melbourne.



**Kevan Zunckel's** conservation career spans more than 30 years. He has an MSc degree in Environmental Science from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Having worked mostly in the formal conservation sector he then coordinated the South African component of the Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Project for the first five years of its implementation. After this he joined the world of independent consulting, first within a multi-national consultancy firm, and now in a partnership with his wife offering ecological and environmental services. He is Co-Chair of the IUCN WCPA's Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group.



**Michael Schoon**, PhD, is an assistant professor at Arizona State University's School of Sustainability, focusing on policy and governance in sustainable systems. His dissertation work at Indiana University's Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, focused on transboundary conservation and Peace Parks in southern Africa, which won the American Political Science Association's best dissertation award. His current work on collaborative governance across a variety of environmental dilemmas in Arizona combines multiple methodological approaches and looks at how adaptive institutional arrangements affect social-ecological outcomes. He is Vice Chair of the IUCN WCPA's Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and active in the complexity and resilience research communities.









