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I'm interested in pursuing -- and thought I'd explore your interest as well

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My dear fellow "old guard" -- this email is a follow-on to my inquiry yesterday regarding interest in pursuing a "Coordinators Lessons Learned" study.

First, thanks to those in support of this idea and willingness to help.

Second, read "study" more as starting effort vs someone's dissertation or contract at this point....especially under uncertainties we are all struggling with (i.e., I'd like to capture what we can, while we can, while we have access to our collective intellectual capital.)

Third, I'm not trying to exclude anyone but thought it best as this 'exploratory stage' if I try to manage the process in a stream-lined as possible given a) holiday season, b) we are about to lose some of our colleagues when their contracts expire the end of this year, c) I am trying to capture the human-dimensions from the Coordinators' perspective (I would call us the 'creative problem solvers') vs. the organizational (FWS) or Network (OSA) in creating the LCC structure. I am interested in our 'community of practice' being landscape conservation (biologists) coordinators/practitioners. We have a unique perspective and I believe our Lessons Learned can greatly serve efforts to advance this new conservation business model.

Finally, in the interest of 'cashing in' on some of the brain-trust, I'm going to host a call next Monday from 2-3 Eastern. That was the time slot we've all had on our calendars for the national call, but Elsa has put this call schedule on hold now until Jan 8th. So I'm going to work on this over the next several weeks with anyone that can give the time to join in. You can also just join in remotely AND/OR I can schedule a 1:1 call to chat and capture your thoughts, recommendations, and stories of lessons learned.

Since I'm not exactly sure how we want to begin -- I'd like to start by proposing that we "scope out" promising areas of our work that have yielded "lessons learned" and we'd like to capture to pass along the next incarnation of landscape conservation coordination/coordinators. I started by trying to capture the AREAS of our work that might apply. See the example of my 'brain capture'. I am sending this along simply to get you started thinking and to ask for you help by: reflecting on these area and see if you do come up with lessons learned you'd like to share and if this 'framework' is incomplete let me know and I'll try to refine the structure based on your input. (Depending on what I get back I may revise and redistribute prior to the Monday call.)

NOTE: the call-in information will utilize my conference line not the national call-in. I'll send a google invite.

Call-in 1-866-832-8172 Access code: 495 184 7

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