

Conservation Innovation Update The Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest



Building a PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK FOR LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

Join us at 11 am EDT next Wednesday, July 13, 2011 for a live, online chat with LYNN SCARLETT, former Acting Secretary of the US Department of the Interior, BOB BENDICK, Director of U.S. Government Relations at The Nature Conservancy, and SHAWN JOHNSON, the University of Montana-affiliated Coordinator of the Practitioners' Network for Large Landscape Conservation (PNLLC).

Bendick and Scarlett will address the recent formation and purpose of the Practitioners' Network, as well as plans to use the Network to share best practices in the field over at least the next several years.

Johnson will then review plans for interested conservationists to join a day-long, face-to-face Practitioners' Network workshop being held on Friday, October 14, 2011 at the Land Trust Rally in Milwaukee. He will also discuss how a limited number of scholarships for the PNLLC workshop are being made available.

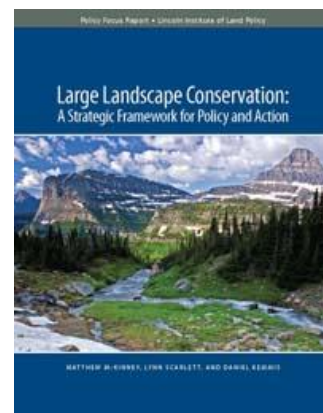
Please note that we will be using a new software package, Adobe Connect Pro, to conduct this online conference. To familiarize yourself with the package and the online log-in procedure, please click [HERE](#). To pre-register for the session, please email Bill Labich at blabich@highstead.net.

Dear Colleagues in Conservation:

The Program on Conservation Innovation at the Harvard Forest, Harvard University, is participating with other organizations across North America to create a Practitioners' Network for Large Landscape Conservation (PNLLC). The Practitioners' Network is being designed to advance the practice of large landscape conservation throughout the continent, across sectors, jurisdictions, state and even national borders. Three individuals who are key to the formation of this network will join us on our next Internet Broadcast.

Lynn Scarlett, Bob Bendick and Shawn Johnson

Lynn Scarlett is former Acting Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. During her service at Interior she was a prominent and enthusiastic advocate for "cooperative conservation" across agencies, sectors and vast landscapes. As one of the principal



organizers of the 2005 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation, Scarlett helped to shine a bright light on initiatives across the nation that are helping to define conservation practice in the twenty-first century. Today, Lynn Scarlett teaches at the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara, serves as a consultant to leading conservation organizations and is an author of numerous studies, including the recent Policy Focus Report published by the Lincoln Institute on [*Large Landscape Conservation: A Strategic Framework for Policy and Action*](#).

Bendick, who has been a previous guest on this Internet Broadcast series, has served The Nature Conservancy in a variety of senior management positions in the southeast United States and in Washington, D.C. He now directs TNC's US Government Relations effort. Along with Scarlett, Bendick has agreed to serve as Co-Chair of the newly formed Practitioners' Network for Large Landscape Conservation.

Scarlett and Bendick will be joined by Shawn Johnson, who is writing his Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Michigan and coordinating several large landscape conservation related initiatives at the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy at the University of Montana. A Montana native, Shawn has extensive experience helping to catalyze conservation efforts in the Crown of the Continent region that spans the borders of Montana, Alberta and British Columbia. As the coordinator for the PNLCC, Johnson is quite knowledgeable about the emerging field of large landscape conservation.

Please join us next Wednesday to exchange ideas with three of the leaders in the effort to form a national network focused on large landscape conservation.

Best regards, Jim

James N. Levitt

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE OCTOBER 14 MEETING OF THE PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK FOR LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION

Join colleagues from around the nation at a Friday seminar at this year's Land Trust Rally

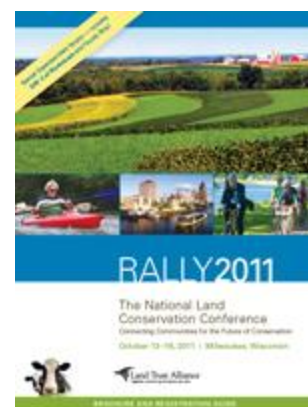
Registration is now open for this in-depth, day long meeting of the Practitioners' Network. Please visit www.landtrustalliance.org for online registration materials. If you have a professional or volunteer interest in this emerging field of practice, we hope you can join us there. Prospective registrants should also email Shawn Johnson (shawn@cnrep.org) for details on a getting one of a limited number of scholarships for the session.

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Building a Practitioner's Network for Large Landscape Conservation

Shawn Johnson, Jim Levitt, Matt McKinney, Gary Tabor, Bill Labich
8:30am - 4:30pm | Intermediate/Advanced | \$100/\$130

This seminar will introduce a new Practitioner's Network for Large Landscape Conservation - a network that is linking place-based efforts working at the large landscape scale to achieve land and biodiversity conservation, natural heritage, and community and economic development objectives. Explore the substantive challenges and



opportunities of large landscape conservation and how the new Practitioner's Network can increase capacity for problem solving and help advance a common agenda.

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