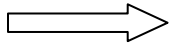
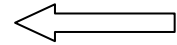

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“Human Dimensions ... is a reference to the social attitudes, processes, and behaviors related to how we maintain, protect, enhance, and use our natural resources. Today’s natural resource managers are increasingly recognizing that natural resource management involves not only ecological processes, but also social processes and consequences as well. In a very basic sense, Human Dimensions examines how the “science of human systems” or theory-based social science can aid in natural resource management.”

- *Cornell University, Department of Natural Resources*

Conference description

Integrating data from the natural sciences with information about social values and human behaviours increases the effectiveness of natural resource management. Natural resource practitioners are accustomed to integrating biological and other natural science and technical factors into their decision-making. At this conference, they will learn how addressing human dimensions can make their decisions more robust and their plans more likely to be implemented successfully.

Natural resource management can be improved through integrating lessons learned from the social sciences, including anthropology, law, policy analysis, political science, sociology, ethics, management studies, decision analysis, economics, communications, marketing, education, psychology, history, human geography, and other disciplines. During the conference we will examine: how considering human dimensions can help resource practitioners resolve controversial issues; how to manage conflicts in the use and allocation of natural resources; how to address the values, perceptions, motivations, and preferences of different demographic and cultural groups; and how fostering shared stewardship can improve the success of natural resource management.

Through 1.5 days of presentations, a poster session, and opportunities for informal dialogue, this conference will strengthen the ability of managers and practitioners to incorporate human dimensions into the many aspects of natural resource management. A conference summary will be available on the CMI website after the event.

Who will attend this conference?

CMI conferences attract a multidisciplinary group of people. We anticipate attendance by: natural resource practitioners in both the public and private sector; stewardship and conservation groups; consulting foresters, biologists, and agrologists; First Nations; students; and all others with interests in the fields encompassed by the conference theme.

We welcome presentations and posters that address the following themes.

Understanding and addressing different value systems and cultures

- What are the differences and how do we bridge them?
- What can the different social sciences contribute?
- What does First Nations engagement mean and why is it important for natural resource management?

Resolving issues

- How can social science inform natural resource management decisions?
- How can managers better integrate risk considerations to also reflect stakeholder and societal values and interests?
- How can we tackle and resolve complex and controversial issues in a world of changing climate, changing demographics, and changing paradigms?

Managing natural resource conflicts

- Human-wildlife interactions: principles, what works and what doesn't?
- Resource allocation: how to manage for conflicting demands
- Conflict within and among different user groups: how to manage expectations successfully.

Fostering shared stewardship

- How should natural resource practitioners engage and consult "the public", stakeholders, and First Nations?
- What methods have been successful in fostering shared stewardship of natural resources through collaboration, partnerships, and outreach?
- How do we include and involve the public in natural resource management?

We welcome your offers for presentations on related topics we have overlooked.

If you would like to make a **20 minute MS PowerPoint presentation**, please send a title, an abstract, and your full contact information to the Columbia Mountains Institute by **May 31, 2010**. Longer and shorter presentations may be accommodated. All presenters are required to provide a text summary of their talk for inclusion in the conference proceedings.

Posters and displays about your projects are welcome. You are required to send a title, and an abstract or description of your initiative, at least two weeks before the conference. Your abstract will be included in the conference proceedings.

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