Vision and Mission Statements of Current LCCs

1. <u>Aleutian/Bering Sea Islands</u>

2. <u>Appalachian</u>

3. <u>Arctic</u>

The mission of the Arctic LCC is to identify and provide information needed to conserve natural and cultural resources in the face of landscape scale stressors, focusing on climate change, through a multidisciplinary program that supports coordinated actions among management agencies, conservation organizations, communities, and other stakeholders.

4. <u>California [FY10 Funding]</u>

Purpose: The CA LCC is a management-science partnership informing and promoting integrated science, natural resource management and conservation to address impacts of climate change and other stressors within and across ecosystems.

Goals: The following goals have been identified by the Interim Steering Committee: Foster collaboration and integration of science and management. Support research, monitoring, and the development of technical products to inform and enhance conservation decisions and actions. Facilitate information acquisition, interpretation, translation, exchange and availability. Promote adaptive management strategies. Communicate information, findings, activities, and opportunities within and outside the LCC community.

5. <u>Caribbean Islands</u>

6. Desert

7. <u>Eastern Tallgrass Prairie</u>

8. Great Basin

The Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative enhances understanding of the effects of changing climate and other natural and human impacts across the region and promotes the coordination of science-based actions to enable human and natural communities to respond and/or adapt to those conditions.

9. <u>Great Northern [FY10 Funding]</u>

Partners to the Great Northern LCC support land and water conservation for all of these values through a manner conducive to sustainable ecosystem services and resilience to change from landscape stressors. The Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative (GNLCC) is an alliance of conservation partners with common landscape conservation goals for building ecosystem resilience within the Great Northern Geographic Area.

Goal: Coordinate, facilitate, promote, and add value to large landscape conservation to build resource resilience in the face of climate change and other landscape -level stressors through the

following:

- Support Science Development Identify and facilitate the development, integration, and application of social and natural scientific information needed to inform water, land, fish, wildlife, and cultural heritage management decisions.
- Effect Coordination Support coordination and integration of conservation science and actions across ecosystems at the landscape scale, leveraging the capabilities of respective agencies/organizations/ partnerships, and provide real-time situational awareness of ongoing conservation efforts.
- Inform conservation action Promote conservation actions at the unit and ecosystem level by providing scientific information and decision support tools and by informing conservation action that support resource resilience.
- Monitor and Evaluate Monitor lands cape scale indicators, test scientific assumptions, and evaluate effectiveness of conservation actions to inform adaptive management decision making.
- Communicate and Educate Communicate relevant science information and GNLCC activities and opportunities to partners and users. Advocate for collaborative conservation and seek to leverage capabilities and support.

10. <u>Great Plains [FY10 Funding]</u>

11. <u>Gulf Coast Prairie</u>

12. Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks

The mission of the Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks Landscape Conservation Cooperative is to articulate the shared vision for sustainable natural and cultural resources in the Gulf Coastal Plains and Ozarks geography in the face of a changing climate and other threats, foster a cooperative capacity within the conservation community to meet the challenges of achieving that vision, and facilitate the refinement of that vision through targeted evaluation over time.

13. North Atlantic [FY10 Funding]

Vision: (vision for the future, future desired condition). Landscapes that sustain our natural resources and cultural heritage maintained in a healthy state through active collaboration of conservation partners and partnerships in the North Atlantic region.

Mission Statement: (*purpose of LCC*). The North Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative provides a forum in which the private, state, tribal and federal conservation community works together to address increasing land use pressures and wides pread resource threats and uncertainties amplified by a rapidly changing climate. The partners and partnerships in the cooperative address these regional threats and uncertainties by agreeing on common goals for land, water, fish, wildlife, plant and cultural resources and jointly developing the scientific information and tools needed to prioritize and guide more effective conservation actions by partners toward those goals.

14. North Pacific

(*Proposed*) The North Pacific Landscape Conservation Cooperative promotes development, coordination and dissemination of science to inform landscape level conservation in the face of a changing climate and related stressors.

15. <u>Northwestern Interior Forest</u>

16. <u>Pacific Islands [FY10 Funding]</u>

Purpose and Mission. The Pacific Islands Climate Change Cooperative (PICCC) is a selfdirected, non-regulatory conservation alliance whose purpose is to assist those who manage native species, island ecosystems and key cultural resources in adapting their management to climate change for the continuing benefit of the people of the Pacific Islands. Our mission is to improve the ability of native island species and ecosystems to accommodate future climate change and related perturbations, and support the long-term protection of key cultural resources by providing useful projections of climate and natural resource change in the Pacific Islands, innovative management options, and a membership that supports coordinated action among institutional and community stakeholders.

17. <u>Peninsular Florida</u>

18. Plains and Prairie Potholes [FY10 Funding]

19. <u>South Atlantic [FY10 Funding]</u>

The mission of the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative is to foster landscape scale conservation to sustain natural and cultural resources for future generations.

20. <u>Southern Rockies</u>

Purpose/Vision. To acquire and share information to support on-the-ground strategic conservation efforts in light of climate change and other landscape -scale stressors, or issues of mutual concern, through a productive partnership among Federal, state, tribal management agencies, and non-governmental conservation organizations, communities and other stake holders.

Mission. The Southern Rockies Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SRLCC) is a selfdirected partnership of state, federal, tribal, and non-governmental organizations dedicated to integrating science and management expertise to support sustainable outcome-based conservation delivery. The SRLCC recognizes individual partner missions and statutory responsibilities while creating synergies among cultural, terrestrial, air, and aquatic resource managers to facilitate landscape-scale conservation and adaptive management. The SRLCC identifies priority science issues and needs, develops spatially-explicit resource stewardship goals, and provides scientific decision support for measurable outcomes. The SRLCC is part of a seamless national network of LCCs focused on meeting the shared needs of partner organizations. The SRLCC will also coordinate with the Climate Science Centers (CSCs) to facilitate the transfer of science and information from the CSCs to the SRLCC, and to provide information to the CSCs regarding the science priorities and needs of the SRLCC.

21. Upper Midwest and Great Lakes

The Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Landscape Conservation Cooperative (UMGL LCC) is a

self-directed, non-regulatory alliance that provides shared scientific and technical support for conservation efforts seeking landscapes that sustain priority fish, wildlife, and plant species. The LCC will also, as appropriate, cover other key considerations, such as cultural resources. By taking into account landscape perspectives via an adaptive management framework, LCC products will help inform and assist decision makers and conservation deliverers.

Specifically, the LCC will

- describe desired landscapes necessary to sustain high priority fish, wildlife, and plant species,
- support and conduct biological planning and conservation design,
- prioritize and coordinate applied research that informs conservation delivery,
- support the design of inventory and monitoring programs, and
- support the development of scientific analysis that informs and empowers land managers to link actions at project sites to outcomes on broader scales.

22. Western Alaska [FY10 Funding]

The mission of the Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative (LCC) is to promote coordination, dissemination, and development of applied science to inform landscape level conservation, including terrestrial-marine linkages, in the face of a changing climate and related stressors.

Goals:

- Support coordination and collaboration among partners to improve efficiencies in their common science and information activities,
- Identify and support research, and data collection, analysis, and sharing that address common information needs,
- Enable synthesis of information at landscape and eco-regional spatial scales,
- Promote communications to enhance understanding regarding effects of climate change in Western Alaska
- Enhance resource management through applied science and technology transfer
- Identify opportunities for coordinated management strategies for natural and cultural resources