Notes-Session – 1300 (1pm) – Research Results: Partnership – Dr. Maddie Brown

**1pm**

**Dr. Maddie Brown Presentation:**

See link for online dashboard! https://maddiebrown.github.io/LCC/LCChome.html

Unique that the focus is both natural and cultural, and future-looking.

18 SC members participated.

LCD, riparian tool, vulnerability (esp. for SWAPs), cave & Karst hi-lited.

Intangible outputs just as important – landscape level think, planning for future, integration of cultural and natural; partnership itself highly valued.

Threats to conservation….urbanization/development, energy development, climate change

Cultural resources: 60% of interviewees work involves cultural;.

Threats: energy, development, climate change, cultural and economic change.

TRB report card.

Spatial modeling by Murtha of cultural resources.

Main Successes**:** Partnership, tools, science, cultural resource info, funding for science, etc. (see interactive images).

Outcomes: 94% felt LCC model advanced conservation; 92% felt it was a unique role in conservation

Roles: conservation support, info delivery, implement conservation; fundamental science; communicating science…..

Challenges: LCC borders, staffing/funding; uncertainty; partner roles; decision-making authority [partnership existence/meeting goals/partnership ?]

Recommendations: Communicate value of products and demonstrate how they support; redefine LCC borders; hold meetings across geography; ETC.

Future Focus: Landscape-level issues; LCD & downscale; integrate cultural resources; outreach; community projects

Future Improvements: stable funds; enhance outreach & communication; clearly articulate purpose; broaden scope of LCC projects beyond species & habitats; expand membership; clearer metrics to track progress.

Dimensions of Success: How to measure progress: Partnership; Capacity Gaps; Advance Conservation; Other (e.g. engage decision makers).

Culture of Partnership: Hardworking; resourceful (stone soup); collaborative; transparent

AppLCC Closing Thoughts: advanced landscape-level thinking; uniquely worked towards integration of cultural/natural; fostered development of new collaborative partnerships and info sharing; challenges faced by LCCs are opportunities to productively re-envision a regional conservation partnership.

Written report will be made available to the partnership. See also interactive dashboard summaries, such as Overview, storyboard, partner composition, word clouds, and especially Forward Thinking (live online).

Discussion:

**Bridgett Costanzo, NRCS** – On record encouraging that AFWA and FWS be more inclusive of other entities in consideration and decision-making.

**Jean Brennan, FWS** - Important that “partnership” is more of a process than defined by its members; focus more on the roles, opportunities, activities.

**Evan Crews, TVA** – We need to be strategic and focus on expanding partnership to target partners that have something to contribute to that effort. We have a large geography and can’t just expand without purpose.