August 27, 2019 Partners & Knowledge Transfer Working Group Call

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Agenda (and notes):
- Discuss over Term of Reference doc that Chris drafted:
- Follow up with Kira about this task from last call: Kira: will think about how you match needs and skills (helpers: David)
- [Mike] With RCN coming up next year, some groups are discussing medium term and long term goals and what are the key deliverables that the groups want to have by the RCN to get feedback from the community, etc… We could discuss that during this meeting
  - E.g. what NEON forecasts would be useful to partners?
- [Kathy] It would be great to get representation from a diverse group of partners even if they don't know about the calls and/ or do a lot of ecoforecasting
- [Melissa] let's use the first ~20 min of meeting to discuss scope of group and who we'd want included in the group before determining medium / long term goals. We can also discuss expanding upon Chris's blog post
- Stakeholders to include:
  - Broader representation from Natural Resource Agencies - NPS, USFS, USFWS
    - Suggestions of names? Mike Dietze - someone from the training course, could
  - Jake Weltzin -- Ecoforecasting workshop -- participants from that meeting that should be engaged?
  - NGOs - Conservation International, TNC, Marine Conservation group from Gulf of Maine
    - Mike Dietze can connect
  - Climate Adaptation Science Center -- may want to include something in their newsletter - Kathy Gerst and Jake Weltzin facilitate? Dietze can reach out to Steve Jackson in AZ.
  - Andrew Pershing - Gulf of Maine Research Institute - Chris Brown
  - Jeff Morriset (Fed multi-agency) - invasive species
    - Kathy will reach out
  - NASA Woody Turner and Keith Gaddis and their EcoForecasting program
    - Melissa or Dietze?
    - New centers being developed and interested in using the data from those centers for
  - Blake Schaffer (EPA) blue green algae -- Chris will contact
  - Tribal representation (talk to Alyssa Rosemartin and Diana Dalbotten)
  - Land trusts -- Audobon, state trusts
  - Private Sector - important but may want to have
  - Professional societies
    - E.g. ESA, other societal committees (Meteorological societies, e.g. AMS)

- ■ Building bridges between professional forecasters and EFI. EFI can learn a lot about operationalizing, met forecasters can learn a lot about ecological science and impacts
- ■ How do fed agencies navigate liability issues when producing a forecast
  - ● [Chris] can't get sued because they're the gov't; private agencies have to navigate the free marketplace
- ■ Fed agencies still have to maintain a reputation of producing good work
- ■ Louis Uccellini at NOAA was very interested in ecological forecasting roadmap
  - ● Enabler. Have great dissemination system but not ecological expertize
- ■ Aware of the limitations that each group has
- ○ EFI planning -- end users of potential forecast users -- also stepping back and asking what we want to get from those conversations at this stage, early in the process
- ○ NGO - Pew Charitable Trust

ACTION ITEM: Could Melissa or Mike pull together an intro paragraph when inviting people also link to large brainstormed list, provide some context and guidance about focus at this stage

- ● Chris' blog post for making forecasts operational: https://ecoforecast.org/making-ecological-forecasts-operational-some-lessons-learned-by-noaa/

- ● Terms of Reference discussion

- ● Action items
  - ○ Second blog from Chris expanding on first - more specific on NOAA/NESDIS satellite R2O process
  - ○ Revise & update Terms of Reference
  - ○ Default text for invites
  - ○ Spreadsheet of people / orgs
  - ○ Matchmaking ideas (Kira)
  - ○ Poll for regular meeting (JODY)