
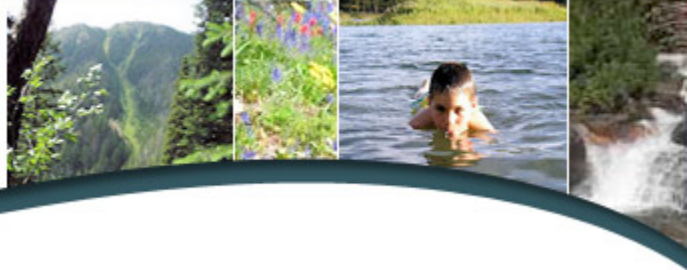


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PROTECTING THE WATER, WILDLIFE AND OUTDOOR HERITAGE OF THE CROWN OF THE CONTINENT.



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Citizens Unite at Waterton Park Conference to Protect Water, Wildlife and Way of Life in the Crown of the Continent

September 30, 2010

Dear [member_name_first]:

Fall is a good time to take stock of where you are and what you need to do to prepare for the future. Such was the feeling of the "[Remarkable Beyond Borders](#)" conference held in Waterton Lakes National Park, Alberta, September 23 and 24.

Headwaters Montana attended. It reminds us that *people make the difference* when it comes to protecting the region's water, wildlife and way of life. We are fortunate to live and work with so many good people – like you – who care about this special place we call the Crown of the Continent.

Not a New Concept - Just a Fresh Approach

The famous explorer and anthropologist George "Bird" Grinnell coined the phrase *The Crown of the Continent* in the late 1890's as part of his effort to protect the future



Photograph by Michael Sullivan

The Crown of the Continent

National Geographic magazine profiled the Crown of the Continent in its September 2007 article by Whitefish author Douglas H. Chadwick. Click on the image above to read the article. (Photo source: National Geographic web site).



The Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent

This map and many others on wildlife, fish,

Glacier National Park from exploitation. The phrase had resonance then, but was all but lost to usage until the late 1980's when Flathead Valley conservationists pushed to create a regional identity similar in scope and power to the name "[Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem](#)".

It wasn't until 2007 and 2008 that the concept of the Crown of the Continent started to catch hold in a big

forestry, watersheds, communities and more can be found at the Roundtable's website.

Click on the map above to go the Roundtable map site. (Map source: Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent).



Crown from the Canadian – U.S. border to the south end of the Swan and Mission Mountains. We work to protect water, wildlife and traditional, quiet outdoor access. We have focused heavily on the North Fork of the Flathead River. Visit our archives to [read](#) past articles that cover the scope of our work.

Resources to Explore the Crown

Here are a few links to other organizations and resources on the Crown of the Continent.

- [National Geographic Crown Website](#)
- [Roundtable on the Crown of the Continent](#)
- [Crown of the Continent Education Consortium](#)
- [Swan Ecosystem Center](#)
- [UM and UC Transboundary Initiative](#)
- [Crown Managers Partnership](#)
- [Crown of Continent Research Learning Center](#)
- [Crown of Continent Geotourism Council](#)
- [UM Crown of Continent Initiative](#)
- [Crown of Continent Conservation Initiative](#)
- [The Castle Special Place Citizen's Initiative](#)
- [Alberta Land Use Framework](#)
- [Waterton Park Front Project](#)
- [Coalition to Protect the Rocky Mountain Front](#)
- [Flathead Basin Commission](#)
- [Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project](#)
- [Great Northern Environmental Stewardship Area](#)
- [Montana Legacy Project](#)
- [Southwest Crown of the Continent Project](#)
- [East Kootenay Conservation Program](#)
- [MOU on Environmental Protection, Climate Action and Energy](#)
- [Great Northern Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#)
- [Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative](#)

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Headwaters Montana's Role in the Crown of the Continent

We devote a large percentage of the donations you make to protecting the North Fork Flathead River Valley. We made significant progress in 2010! (Click on map for larger image.)



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