

# HUMAN-WILDLIFE COEXISTENCE SUMMIT 2019

*Chico Hot Springs, Pray, Montana*

*October 22 - 25, 2019*

## **Summit Goal:**

To establish a community of practice for coexistence and advance coexistence to benefit wildlife and humans.

## **Summit Objectives:**

- Provide a platform for networking and peer-to-peer learning
- Generate new ideas to overcome current challenges to coexistence efforts
- Identify social and pragmatic best practices for achieving sustainable and resilient coexistence
- Devise collective goals, strategies and tangible steps forward for the group
- Explore areas of potential future collaboration between participants

## **October 22 (Tuesday)** **Location: Knowles Room**

**7:00 –  
9:00 pm**

### **Welcome social**

- Light hors d'oeuvres, cash bar
- 7:15 - Welcome toast (*Shawn Cantrell, Vice President of Field Conservation, Defenders of Wildlife*)
- 7:20 – Fun activity (*Jeff DeBonis*)

## **October 23 (Wednesday)** **Location: Convention Center**

***Breakfast (on your own) - Available starting at 7:00 am in the Main Dining Room***

**8:30 –  
9:15 am**

### **Welcome and introductions**

- Welcome from planning committee (*Shawn Cantrell, Vice President of Field Conservation, Defenders of Wildlife*)
- Welcome and Summit objectives (*Jamie Rappaport Clark, President, Defenders of Wildlife*)
- Facilitator introduction (*Jeff DeBonis*)
- Agenda review (*Jeff DeBonis*)
- Meeting ground rules and logistics (*Jeff DeBonis*)

<b>9:15 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Where are we now? Status of human wildlife coexistence in policy, research and practice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting the stage (45 minutes)</li> <li>• Discussion (45 minutes)</li> </ul>
<b>10:45 – 11:15 am</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
<b>11:15 – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Identifying best practices and lessons learned for achieving long-term coexistence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is and isn't working, in terms of social and ecological change</li> <li>• Set up from best practices breakout activity</li> </ul>
<b>12:30 – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:30 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>Best practices breakout groups</b> (40 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity: list known best practices and case studies</li> </ul> <b>Report out</b> (20 minutes) <b>Discussion</b> (30 minutes)
<b>3:00 – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
<b>3:30 – 5:10 pm</b>	<b>Approaches for measuring and evaluating the effectiveness and impacts of coexistence efforts</b>  <b>Setting the stage</b> (45 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measuring ecological impacts</li> <li>• Measuring social impacts</li> </ul> <b>Discussion - Breakout groups and report out</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we currently measuring?</li> <li>• What should we be measuring?</li> <li>• What do we still need to measure?</li> </ul>
<b>5:10 – 5:30 pm</b>	<b>RECAP</b> (key takeaways, lingering questions, action items)
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

**October 24 (Thursday)**  
**Location: Convention Center**

***Breakfast (on your own) - Available starting at 7:00 am in the Main Dining Room***

<b>9:00 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>Enhancing and broadening collaboration</b></p> <p><b>Topic 1: Sustaining existing partnerships and widening the circle for new ones</b></p> <p><b>Setting the stage</b> (45 minutes)</p> <p><b>Discussion – Breakout groups and report outs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are some successful community engagement and communication strategies?</li> <li>• What key stakeholders do we need to do a better job collaborating with?</li> <li>• What are the current barriers to collaborating with these groups/individuals?</li> <li>• What is needed to sustain existing partnerships?</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:35 pm</b>	<p><b>Enhancing and broadening collaboration</b></p> <p><b>Topic 2: Increasing the use and efficiency of existing mechanisms for supporting and incentivizing coexistence</b></p> <p><b>Setting the stage</b> (45 minutes)</p> <p><b>Discussion – Breakout groups and report outs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What programs are currently available to support coexistence?</li> <li>• How are these programs being utilized?</li> <li>• What are the strengths and weaknesses?</li> <li>• What are some potential synergies you see between programs?</li> <li>• How might these programs be improved?</li> </ul>
<b>12:35 – 12:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Potential for risk models to serve in guiding management</b></p> <p><b>Optional lunchtime discussion questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do you see this as a useful tool?</li> <li>• What do managers need for it to be useful?</li> <li>• How can we bridge science to application?</li> </ul>
<b>12:45 – 1:45 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>

<b>1:45 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>RECAP</b> (key takeaways, lingering questions, action items)
<b>2:00 – 3:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Incorporating coexistence into existing policies: current challenges and opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Setting the stage</b> (45 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers to implementing more nonlethal methods</li> </ul> <p><b>Brainstorming discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What current efforts to incorporate coexistence language/strategies into existing policies are you involved in/aware of?</li> <li>• What are some unexplored opportunities that we can collectively pursue?</li> </ul>
<b>3:30 – 4:15 pm</b>	<b>NETWORKING BREAK</b>
<b>4:15 – 4:35 pm</b>	<b>RECAP</b> (key takeaways, lingering questions, action items)
<b>4:35 – 5:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summit summary report: process and schedule</li> <li>• Post-Summit Working Group topics and members</li> <li>• Concluding statements</li> </ul>
<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

<b><u>October 25 (Friday)</u></b>	
<b>6:00 am – mid- afternoon</b>	<b>Optional Yellowstone tour (45 people maximum)</b>