

2015 ANNUAL SUMMIT
BORDER ISSUES WORKING GROUP SESSION AGENDA
Tuesday July 14, 2015

Private Sector Co-Chair: Sen. John Brenden Montana State Legislature

Public Sector Co-Chair: Dr. Laurie Trautman Associate Director Border Policy Research Institute

WHERE ARE WE IN THE BEYOND THE BORDER PROCESS?

How do we rate the implementation of the Action Plan? Where does it fall short? What still is lacking? Where does this process go over the next 18 months?

- Ben Lones, Advisor, Border Implementation Team, Privy Council Office, Government of Canada
- Deborah W. Meyers, Director, Canadian Affairs and Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for North America Office of Policy, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Discussion facilitated by Dr. Don Alper, Former Director, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University

PNWER PRE-CLEARANCE IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

At the PNWER Winter meeting in Seattle, a Pre-Clearance Task Force was established to provide specific feedback and input to CBSA and CBP regarding the implementation process of the pending global pre-clearance agreement. What recommendations have been provided and what is the status of the implementation of the agreement?

- Rob Eaton, Director of Government Affairs, Amtrak
- Alroy Chan, Director of Corporate Development, Rocky Mountaineer

CASE STUDY ON A SPECIFIC BORDER ISSUE

In the past, farmers along the border in Montana have been able to place orders for repair parts and send a local rep across the border to pick up multiple orders in Saskatchewan and return to Montana to distribute the local orders to neighbors. This is no longer possible. How can we work with federal border agencies to find a practical solution?

- Sarah Swanson Partridge, General Manager, Farm Equipment Sales

BORDERS IN GLOBALIZATION (BIG)

BIG is an international partnership of academics and practitioners in border studies, governance and management collaborating on a range of research agendas to formulate policy recommendations related to borders. Research has begun examining several specific areas including labor migration, environmental management, and security frameworks.

- Dr. Laurie Trautman, Associate Director, Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University

The Pacific Northwest Economic Region

INLAND BORDER ISSUES IMPACTING ALBERTA AND MONTANA

As part of the broader BIG project, detailed work has been done to assess the nature of flows across the Montana-Alberta border, exploring recent trends in the movement of labor, goods, and capital. What are the specific policy recommendations to address these issues impacting inland northwest borders? What is being overlooked that demands investigation?

- Dr. Geoffrey Hale, Professor, Political Science, University of Lethbridge

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS
