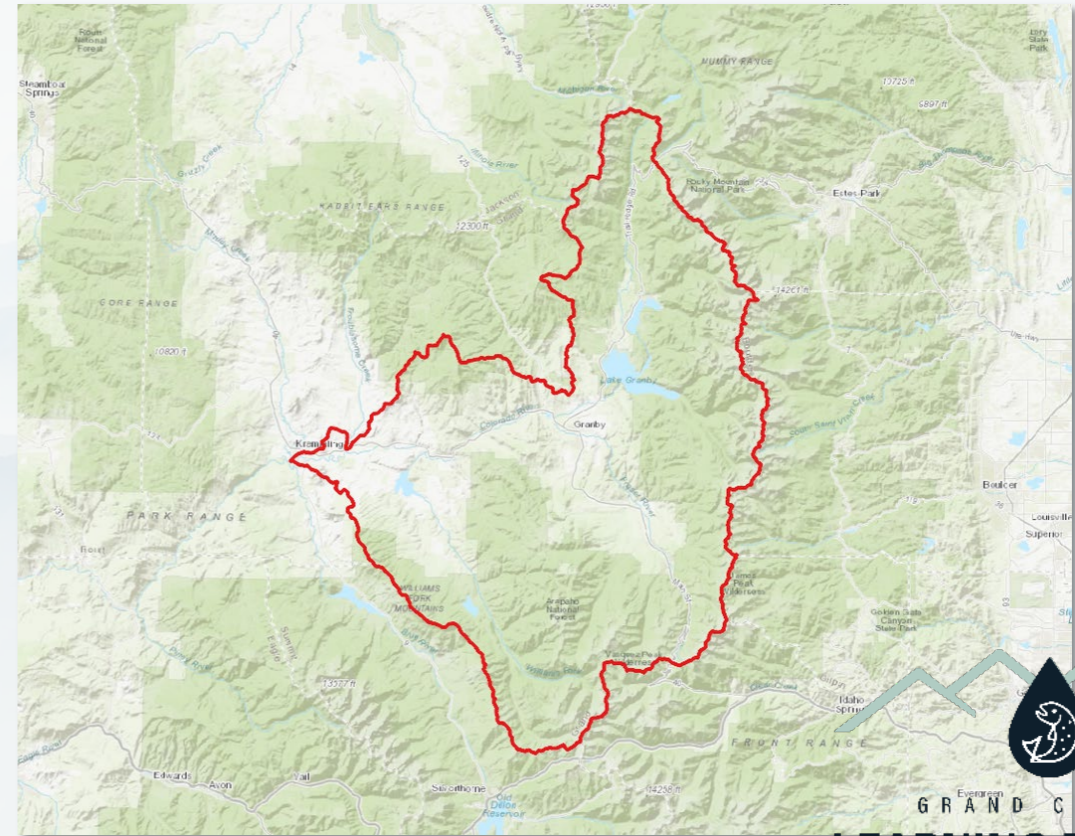


Grand County Stream Management Plan Update Kick-Off Stakeholder Group Meeting May 3, 2023

GC SMP UPDATE PURPOSE



- The purpose of the GC SMP update is to improve river and stream health by synthesizing new **technical information** and **stakeholder input** to identify:
 - Objectives,
 - Priority areas,
 - Cooperative restoration projects.
- The GC SMP update will occur in the LBD Cooperative Effort Area.



LBD Cooperative Effort Area





The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
<p>A Stream Management Plan - Data driven assessments on holistic river health to determine where and how our rivers are impaired.</p>	<p>An Integrated Water Management Plan - Consumptive water use planning (ex. drinking water, irrigation, and industrial).</p>
<p>The development of strategies for effective communication and use of environmental flows within the confines of the existing legal framework and water rights allocations.</p>	<p>An attempt to reverse water development projects that are operating or have been approved.</p>
<p>A way to identify and prioritize management actions that maintain or improve river conditions.</p>	<p>A way to address consumptive water needs.</p>

GC SMP UPDATE SCOPE



The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
An update of an existing SMP.	A watershed plan or other new and broader planning effort.
A community effort focused on the needs of the river and aquatic habitat with opportunities for stakeholder feedback and input.	Focus on specific individual stakeholder water needs.
Focus on collaboration and solutions for changes in river conditions.	Finding a culprit for changes in river conditions.

GC SMP UPDATE SCOPE



The GC SMP:

<u>IS</u>	<u>IS NOT</u>
Focus on rivers and streams.	Focus on lakes or reservoirs.
Geographic scope: LBD's Cooperative Effort Area.	Grand County watersheds in their entirety.
Address environmental water needs (ex. target flushing flows).	Address agricultural, municipal, industrial, and recreational water needs.

GC SMP UPDATE STRUCTURE



LBD Management Committee and Monitoring Subcommittee

- Roles and responsibilities:
 - Serves as project managers
 - Management Committee authorizes and approves final deliverables

Advisory Board of Representatives

- Selected by the Stakeholder Group
- Roles and responsibilities:
 - Synthesizes outcomes from Phase I to recommend objectives, areas of concern, and cooperative/restoration projects
 - Solicits feedback from the larger Stakeholder Group

Stakeholder Group

- Open membership (largest of the groups)
- Roles and responsibilities:
 - Provide input and feedback relevant to the GC SMP update
 - Attend meetings to learn about the Watershed Assessment and issues of concern affecting the watershed
 - Select representatives to join the Advisory Board of Representatives



Phase 1

Spring 23 to Winter 23/24

- Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Program
- Watershed Assessment

Phase 2

2024

- Synthesis of stakeholder input and watershed assessment into identification of:
 - Objectives
 - Priority areas
 - Cooperative restoration projects

GC SMP UPDATE PROCESS – PHASE 1



Stakeholder Outreach and Engagement Program

Stakeholders share their values, interests, and priorities via surveys, focus groups, and in-meeting exercises

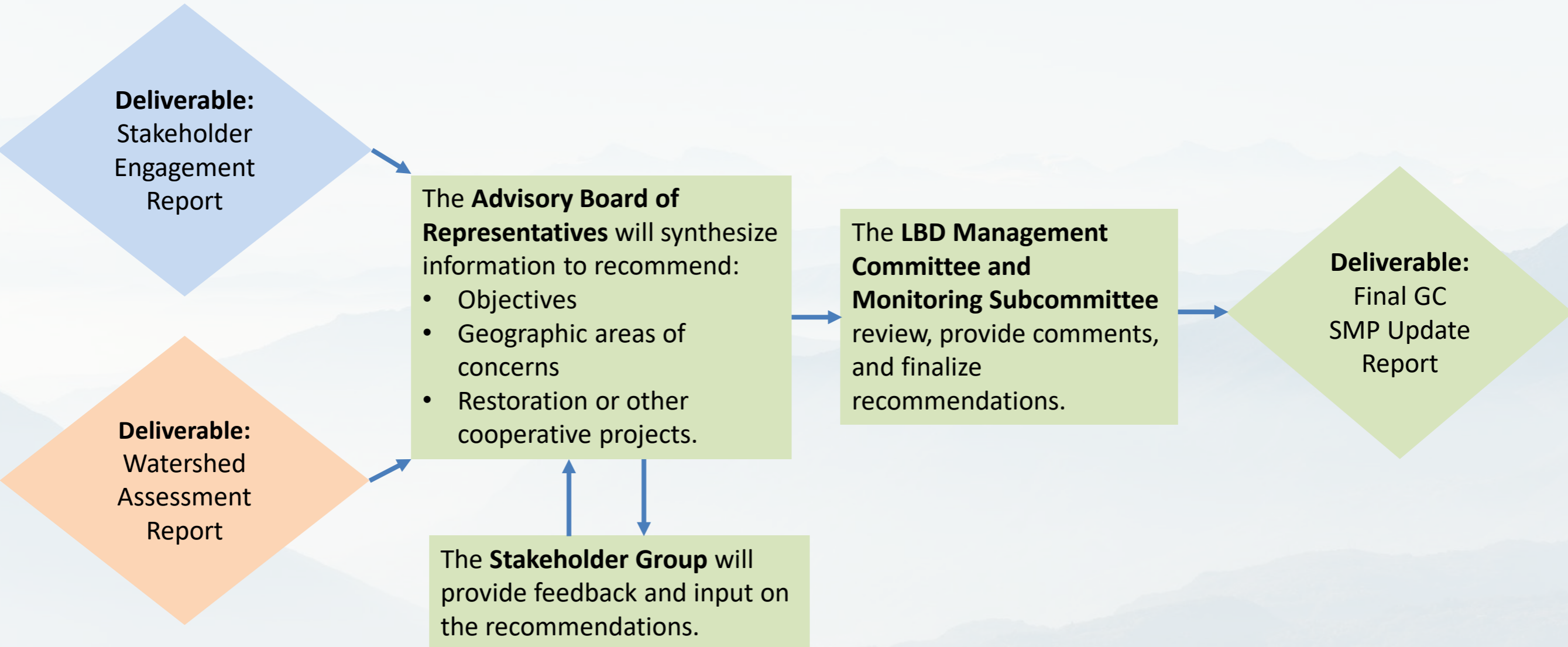
Deliverable:
Stakeholder Engagement Report

Watershed Assessment

Technical Consultant compiles existing data in the CEA and conducts a comprehensive analysis.

Deliverable:
Watershed Assessment Report

GC SMP UPDATE PROCESS – PHASE 2 (2024)



GC SMP UPDATE STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH PROGRAM



- The program will occur from Spring 23 to Winter 23/24.
- Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback via:
 - Surveys,
 - Topical focus groups (topics TBD),
 - In-room exercises and discussions during five open house stakeholder meetings.
- Stakeholders will select people to join the Advisory Board of Representatives via focus groups.

GC SMP UPDATE STAKEHOLDER EXPECTATIONS



- Ground rules:
 - Listen to understand, not respond
 - Allow every voice to be heard
 - Participate in the discussion
 - Treat everyone with respect
 - Discuss ideas, not people
 - Focus on the topic at hand
 - Respect everyone's time
 - Talk about what you think and know; let others do the same
- No stakeholders may speak to the media on behalf of LBD, focus groups, Advisory Board of Representatives, or Stakeholder Group



- Facilitation roles and responsibilities:
 - **Be neutral to any substantive outcomes of the update**
 - Ensure the different groups of the GC SMP update completes its work in the time available
 - Enforce ground rules and process commitments to ensure respectful and constructive dialogue
 - Document and summarize outcomes from the meetings
 - Prepare meeting materials (e.g., agendas)
 - Summarize stakeholder input into a final report for use in Phase 2



Clarifying Questions?