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After eight years connected with GG and BB, it is hard to say where BB stops and starts in my life. I am thankful for the network and all of the people and places where the decision for a regenerative future is alive and well... The work with The WILD Foundation continues, with me now as founding director of the Indigenous & Community Lands & Seas program. This international bridgework at the intersection of First Nations and wilderness conservation is supported by many in the BB network and is flourishing, generating a new body of work that has not existed before in this form. Thank you for the continued support...

Over the winter, Sam and I were Three Creeks base camp stewards. It was a relatively quiet time at the Creeks...good and deep, cold water world. Water... Walking Water continues to be a strong focus, with GG, Kate and I as the core team. In April, we hosted Andy Lipkis and TreePeople at Three Creeks for four days, and brought many key players together in the Valley. After 2.5 years of preparation, we are ready to walk this fall. Many of our BB network will be there and/or support in various ways. We are looking forward to this time.

As Siri mentioned, she and I, along with Kate, attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Love School (GLS) at Tamera, continuing the collaboration and mutual exchange there. Following the course, we spent several days, in support of the Peace Research Center Middle East, convening council and bearing witness to their continued efforts to create a land-base in the middle east incorporating Israelis, Palestinians and others from the region and internationals. This May, we will return again and complete our four-year commitment to the GLS. In the autumn, core carriers Vera and Benjamin and others from Tamera will join us on Walking Water, and we will see what more collaborations may arise from there.

Birdsong. Several in the BB network and beyond are dreaming a center for deep listening and stewardship in the Bay Area, a village... The name as it was given to me on quest in 2012 is Birdsong...and 2014 was a strong year of listening into the dreaming. The conversations continue in 2015 and this dreaming has me spending more time in the Bay than in past years.

In July at the annual gathering of council carriers, the Global Council Web working group formed to support GG and the recognition of circle work, in its many forms, worldwide. Several of us from BB stepped in and it was a significant moment, in a pivotal time of change for TOF and the council network, especially in the USA, as the Center for Council branches out. As said elsewhere, we are working toward a website and international gathering in the coming years.

The autumn was a particularly strong time of work in the BB network. In September, nine months of work with the Youth Passageways Cross-Cultural Protocols working group culminated in a hosting a working retreat at TOF. We are working toward guidelines that will serve the national youth ROP network. Following this, I assisted the Nature of Council course at Three Creeks, with Yvan, Marlow and Leslie at the helm. This November, Marlow and I, with others, will offer a NOC at TOF. This will be my first time guiding this course, and I am looking forward to it. Come one and come all!

From there, it was to the New Story Summit, supporting the gathering there and leaning into the new stories of our times. I returned to a month working collaboratively with Ilarion Mercurieff, traditional messenger for the Aleut people. During that time, we were guest teachers at Weaving Earth and co-convened council at Bioneers, where the council-connected work is now flourishing... This year, I anchored the Council Tent, Community of Mentors team and the Youth Program coordinator. Weaving Earth was a great collaborating partner.

Last but not least, the new Beyond Boundaries website will soon be available online. It will feature the stories, partners, gifts and growth of this work and dreaming. I have been chipping away at this slowly for the past while, and we are nearly there. It has been a good process, mirroring the growth and changes of BB. Happy that Kate will provide ongoing maintenance and updating.