

Mike Eng

From: Mike Eng
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2007 12:55 PM
To: Mike Eng
Cc: Patricia Lewis
Subject: MRRIC Planning Group

Importance: High

Attachments: Planning Group Member List.pdf; March 28-29 Meeting Logistics.pdf



Planning Group



March 28-29

Member List.pdf... Meeting Logistics...

Dear MRRIC Planning Group Members:

Congratulations on your appointment or selection to serve on the Drafting Team or Review Panel for the MRRIC Planning Group! Your willingness to assist with this important preliminary step in establishing a strong foundation for a successful Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC) is greatly appreciated.

The complete list of individuals appointed by state governors and tribal leaders and the nongovernmental and local government representatives selected by the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to serve on the Drafting Team and the Review Panel for the MRRIC Planning Group is attached.

The first meeting of the Drafting Team will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 28-29, in Omaha, NE. If you can make it, we are planning a Welcoming Reception on Tuesday evening from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. On Wednesday, we will meet from 8:30am to 5:00pm. That evening, we'll have an informal dinner together at a nearby restaurant. On Thursday, we'll start again at 8:30pm and finish up by 12:00pm. Important logistical information about this first meeting of the Drafting Team is attached. Please review immediately so you can make your travel arrangements.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING ROOM RESERVATIONS AT THE MEETING VENUE (DOUBLETREE HOTEL AND EXECUTIVE MEETING CENTER) IS FRIDAY, MARCH 16. THE GROUP RATE IS \$84/NIGHT + TAX. A list of additional hotels in the area is also provided in the attached information.

The main purpose of this initial meeting of the Drafting Team is to interview and recommend selection of an independent facilitation team to assist the Planning Group in developing a recommended initial Charter for MRRIC. Shortly, we will be sending you the proposals of the four finalists teams to review in advance of the meeting. In addition to conducting the interviews, we will be reviewing the relevant legal and policy "sideboards" for the MRRIC, discuss the overall schedule for the Planning Group process, and go over plans for the meeting with the Review Panel to be held in conjunction with the National Ecosystem Restoration Conference, April 23-27, in Kansas City. MO.

In the next few days, we will be sending you hotel and registration information for attending the National Ecosystem Restoration Conference, April 23-27, in Kansas City. MO.

IF YOU REQUESTED SUPPORT FOR TRAVEL ASSISTANCE, PAT LEWIS WILL BE EMAILING OR FAXING YOU IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO WITH MORE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS. YOU WILL STILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN FLIGHT AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS. TRAVEL SUPPORT IS REIMBURSABLE ONLY AND CANNOT BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

On behalf of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution, please accept our congratulations and gratitude for your assistance. I look forward to a productive effort together.

If you have any questions after reviewing the attached information, please don't hesitate

to contact me or Pat Lewis at (520) 901-8538 or lewis@ecr.gov.

We'll see those of you on the Drafting Team, March 28-29, in Omaha, NE.

We'll look forward to seeing members of the Review Panel at the National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration, April 23-27, in Kansas City, MO.

Thanks again.

Michael Eng
Senior Program Manager
U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution 130 South Scott Avenue, Tucson,
Arizona 85701
Telephone: 520.901.8542 Fax: 520.901.8543
Email: eng@ecr.gov Website: www.ecr.gov