

Planning Group Process to Develop a MRRIC Charter (Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee)

PREPARATORY MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Denver Renaissance Hotel
3801 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado
(303) 399-7500

7:00 - 9:00 pm - Sovereigns Working Group Meeting

Location: Ballroom B

Purpose: The tribal and state representatives on the Planning Group have indicated a strong preference to use a letter to the Secretary of the Army to convey their endorsement of the recommended Charter for MRRIC, their willingness to abide by the provisions included in the Charter, and to designate their governments' representative to MRRIC. The purpose of this meeting will be to develop important key recommended common elements for all the sovereigns to include in their letters to the Secretary of the Army. The result will be a basic letter template with some "boilerplate" language that the sovereigns can then use and customize for their own letters to the Secretary.

Note: *Participation in this meeting is focused on representatives from the sovereigns. Nongovernmental members of the Planning Group are welcome to attend as observers.*

7:30 - 9:00 pm - Moving Beyond Spring Rise

Location: Ballroom D

Purpose: To identify specific issues and areas of concern related to the Spring Rise process that need to be addressed in the development of the MRRIC charter. The issues identified at this meeting will be used as a part of the Planning Group discussions the next day.

Note: *This is not intended to be a gripe session to address outstanding issues and wounds from the Spring Rise process. Rather, it is an opportunity for people to come together to share their concerns for the purposes of developing a list of specific topics that can be constructively addressed in the MRRIC charter that can help MRRIC function more effectively and be less negatively impacted by the baggage currently associated with the Spring Rise process.*