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The Eastern Lands and Resources Council Fall 2002 Conference will meet in Boston, Massachusetts, October 6-10, 2002. See registration information and details inside....

PARTNERSHIPS IN LAND CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP— Come and Meet with Fellow ELRC Members and Enjoy the Beautiful Scenery in Massachusetts at the Fall 2002 ELRC Conference!

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will host this year's Eastern Lands and Resources Council Fall Conference in Boston, Massachusetts October 6-10. The epitome of colonial American history, Boston has played a part in developing our nation from harboring the first pilgrims to the Revolutionary War.

The conference will be held at the John Hancock Conference Center located in the heart of Boston's historic Back Bay, however, participants will have a chance to see much more of eastern Massachusetts throughout their stay.

The theme of this year's conference is "Partnerships in Land Conservation." Drawn from experience, we have lined up speakers and site visits that will highlight interstate as well as non-profit partnerships and will include speakers from The Nature Conservancy, Harvard University, and the National Park Service. Some highlights during conference week include:

◆ Sailing about The Schooner Ernestina, the official vessel of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and designated National Historic Landmark. Tour the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, including our most recently protected 130-acre island—the last of the unprotected islands in Boston Harbor;

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Message from the ELRC President...



Dear Friends,

As we know, all of us who are engaged in protecting our natural resources are addressing budget issues at all levels of government. Whether it's the overall economy or costly forest fires, pressure on natural resource agency budgets will likely increase in the foreseeable future. Pressure from the public to satisfy their "appetite" for open space, recreational opportunities, wilderness areas, forest sustainability, to name just a few of the "demands," will also increase regardless of our budget woes. As the political climate continually shifts over time, we will still be here trying to address complex natural resource issues.

Recently, I heard a story on public radio about population growth, and what we can do today to better position society to deal with the reality of an increasing population. While there

was no agreement on this extremely complex social issue, it was clear to me that whatever we can do today to improve the management and protection of our natural resources can only help.

Being the optimist, I look at today's situation as providing opportunities for change, to explore new methods, to think outside the box, and work on being proactive and not reactive. That said, optimism has to be tempered with reality. As we have done in the past, each of us will look for the innovative solution to the problem, and make progress. The ELRC, like similar organizations, provides a forum to share information, to hear about successes, and learn from each other. The upcoming conference in Boston focuses on "partnerships," one of the important tools we have to do our job.

Partnerships between Federal, State, and the non-profit agencies have been around a long time, but are becoming increasingly critical to accomplish our mission. Bob O'Connor and his staff have done a tremendous job developing the agenda. In Maine, working with partners is necessary to assist us with the management of our public lands, State parks, and historic sites, and for our land protection effort. Whether it's working with the Friends of Fort Knox or the Trust for Public Land, relationships with partners are beneficial and also sometimes challenging. The fall conference provides an excellent opportunity to see first hand how "partnerships" have improved land conservation and stewardship in this region. I encourage you to attend, and look forward to the pleasant fall weather in New England.

Thank you.

*Ralph Knoll,
ELRC President*

The ELRC

...fostering responsible public land management policies for tomorrow

The ELRC is an organization comprised of highly trained public land professionals in the eastern United States which provides a collaborative and unique forum for enhancing land stewardship and conservation.

The ELRC fosters communication, strengthens professional development, and promotes sound policies and practices among those involved in the management and administration of public lands, records, and natural resources.

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What's Happening in YOUR State?

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- ◆ Visiting the Harvard University Forest and Quabbin Reservoir— the first Green Certified Public Forest in America;
- ◆ Seeing firsthand the 14,000-acre, newly-created Southeast Bioreserve, a partnership of the city of Fall River, the State of Massachusetts, and The Trustees of Reservations;
- ◆ Taking a riverboat tour of the Charles River, the most heavily used river for recreation in the United States, including new riverside parks funded through “The Big Dig” and Federal Transportation moneys; and
- ◆ Traveling to the summit of Mount Wachusett, Massachusetts’ most easterly old growth forest and one of the busiest ski areas in southern New England.

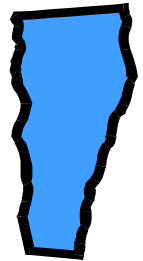


View from Tully Mountain, Royalston, Massachusetts

Go to pages 8-12 for ELRC Fall 2002 conference agenda and registration information.

Vermont's Lands and Facilities Trust Fund

Over the last decade, the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources acquired more than 80,000 acres of land and close to 120,000 acres of conservation easements. Collectively, these new land additions comprise approximately 40 percent of the land holdings now under Agency ownership and management. Not surprisingly, Agency's stewardship needs have never been greater and are increasing.



In response to this need, the Legislature created the *Lands and Facilities Trust Fund* in 2001 (Act 61, § 2807). This legislation established an income-producing fund in the State Treasury, managed by the State Treasurer, for funding eligible activities that further the management of Agency lands, facilities, and recreational assets and which are not covered in operating budgets. Eligible activities include repair and maintenance of State parks; contract surveys and mapping; maintenance of State land boundaries, roads, trails and facilities; contract inventories of State land natural resources; repair; replacement and maintenance of conservation camps; and timber management activities conducted in accord with U.S. Department of Agriculture silvicultural guidelines.

The Trust Fund is set up to accept funding from a variety of public and private sources and requires that funding priorities be based on consideration of at least the following: cost; availability of funds; condition of the resource, facility, or infrastructure; level of use; level of public need; the stated intent of the donor (if donated property is involved); and the ability to enhance or protect a public investment or resource. The Agency has established a project review process that reflects

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these considerations; allows for a thorough and efficient analysis of project proposals; and ensures that only those projects that reflect the Agency's highest priority stewardship needs are forwarded for approval.

The Agency's most immediate stewardship needs are at its State parks and fish and wildlife conservation camps. For this reason, repair and maintenance of facilities at these areas represent the Agency's initial focus for Trust Fund expenditures.

A major Agency initiative in 2002 will be to develop a marketing strategy and capital campaign for the Trust Fund. The success of the fund will hinge largely on how good a job the Agency does at promoting the need for enhanced stewardship of Agency lands and facilities, how effective the Agency is in getting the word out that a trust fund has now been established specifically for these purposes and, ultimately, how successful the Agency is in soliciting grants and donations to the Trust Fund.

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Budget Repair Bill Signed in Wisconsin

Wisconsin has had its share of budget woes. The Governor of Wisconsin just signed a "budget repair" bill that solved the current crisis, primarily by using over \$800 million in tobacco settlement money to balance this year's books. Unfortunately, the projected shortfall for the next biennium is as high as \$2.8 billion. This is the biggest issue in the current Governor's race. One of our three land commissioners, Attorney General James Doyle, is vying for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The winner of the September 10 primary will take on incumbent Republican Governor Scott McCallum.

The Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) was able recently to complete a three-way land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). BCPL turned over 1,800 acres of our trust land within the Nicolet National Forest Headwaters Wilderness Area to the USFS and received about 2,400 acres of DNR lands and timber easements. DNR received about \$1 million from the USFS. Our agency is only authorized the sell or trade trust lands and is not authorized to invest in new land.



For several years, we have tried unsuccessfully to persuade the Governor and legislature that BCPL should be given this investment authorization. This summer Stora Enso, the State's largest private landholder, put its entire 310,000 acres of timber land on the market and the DNR did not have the funds available to bid on the property. There is growing concern in Wisconsin about forest fragmentation as a number of large industrial forest blocks are being put on the market. BCPL has the trust fund resources to invest in timberland and would be a natural partner for DNR to protect our working forest resources.

Contact: Dan Wisniewski, Secretary, Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (and First Vice President), (608) 266-8369 Email: dan.wisniewski@bcpl.state.wi.us

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WSLCA Holds Conference in Wisconsin

During the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) Summer Conference in Minocqua, Wisconsin July 21-25, 2002, an early session on Aldo Leopold's Conservation Ethic set the tone in keeping with the conference theme of "Appreciating Wisconsin's North Woods." The meeting included multiple speakers on alternative energy; managing State lands in a changing environment; and sustainable and economic management as well as updates on Federal programs. Field trips explored multiple use management, forest fragmentation and approaches to limiting lakefront development.



The Association adopted a resolution urging reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act and its implementation on a sound scientific basis. The organization also endorsed a letter in support of continuing Congressional efforts to strengthen corporate accountability. The WSLCA agreed to send another letter seeking postponement of Senate action on the House-passed Reasonable Rights-of-Way Fee Act, which would codify below-market rates for transmission and pipeline rights-of-way crossing BLM and Forest Service lands. In addition, the Association decided to seek agreement on a letter that would address oil and gas royalty issues in the energy conference and the pending Interior Appropriations and raise strong concerns about revising the Minerals Management Service's oil valuation regulations.

The members elected a new slate of officers. They include Doug Sutherland, Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands, as President, and Michael F. Annable, Commissioner of the Arizona State Land Department, as Vice President. Kevin S. Carter, Deputy Director of the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and John Brejcha, Deputy Director of the Colorado

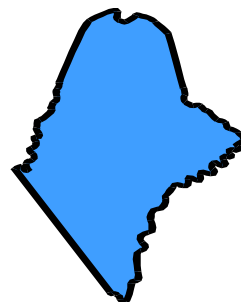
State Board of Land Commissioners, are continuing as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The next two meetings of the WSLCA in 2003 will take place in San Francisco, California (January 5-9) and Big Sky, Montana (July 13-17). In the meantime, a new task force will explore ways to improve the BLM land exchange process and several members plan to participate in the National Lands Training course in Sheperdstown, West Virginia.

Contact: Elinor Schwartz, Western States Land Commissioners Association Washington Representative (and ELRC/WSLCA Coordinator), (703) 920-5389
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Maine's Public Lands First to Receive Dual Certification for Sustainable Forest Management

On March 19, 2002, the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands was awarded independent certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) programs. The State of Maine is the largest forest landowner in the nation to concurrently undertake and pass SFI and FSC certification audits. The certification concludes a process which began in the summer of 2000, when the Bureau, through the Washington, D.C.-based Pinchot Institute for Conservation,



contracted with two separate third-party forest certification programs. InterForest, LLC of Branford, Connecticut, conducted the SFI portion of the audit, while Scientific Certification System of Oakland,

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California undertook the FSC portion. The process was unique in that the Bureau became the first public land manager to undertake two certification evaluations simultaneously.

The Pinchot Institute for Conservation, a non-profit organization created by President John F. Kennedy in 1963, with a mandate to strengthen forest conservation thought, policy and action, provided all of the financial support for the audits through a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. In return, the Bureau completed an assessment of the dual-certification process for the Pinchot Institute, which has since published a summary report of its findings that includes a number of public agencies from around the country.

The audit consisted of an analysis of the Bureau's financial, personnel, policy development, and record-keeping systems, in addition to an intensive two-week field audit of the forestlands. The Bureau spent almost one year preparing for this review.

The audit reports cited significant strengths in the Bureau's management practices, including natural and historic, wildlife, recreation, and timber resource areas. Many of the "standards" in these areas were exceeded. Certifications from both programs, however, are being issued with certain "conditions" that will require implementation to retain certification status over the next five-year period. These include improvements in the use of Best Management Practices and public education and outreach, as well as enhancements to the Bureau's forest inventory data and forest modelling capabilities, and a concerted effort to update or develop management plans for all of the lands under certification. It is standard for audit reviews to include these kinds of requirements.

Copies of the Final Reports may be obtained by contacting John Titus, Bureau of Parks and Lands, 22 State House Station,

Augusta, Maine 04333, (207-287-4916), or may be viewed or downloaded by visiting the Bureau's web site at www.state.me.us/doc/parks.htm.

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Maine Protects 329,000 Acres in the North Woods

In May, agreements were signed that will achieve permanent conservation of approximately 329,000 acres of the North Woods stretching from Moosehead Lake to the headwaters of the St. John River and Canadian border and guarantee public access for traditional recreation uses on these lands. Approximately 85 percent of these lands will be protected through the purchase of a working forest conservation easement to be held by the Forest Society of Maine, a statewide land trust, and the remaining 15 percent to be acquired in fee by the State of Maine.

The overall estimated cost of the purchase, including stewardship costs, is approximately \$35 million. It is anticipated that State and Federal funding will be used to fund the purchase of the fee lands, the cost of which will be determined by an appraisal. To date, \$17.2 million of Federal Forest Legacy funds have been committed to the project, and there is a pending request before Congress seeking an additional \$2.85 million. The conservation easement will be purchased with private funds raised by the Forest Society of Maine and its partners. It is anticipated that the private fund-raising campaign will need to raise about \$15 million.

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Michigan DNR Updates Fees for Utilities, Access, and Rail-Trail Crossings

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) uses a fee schedule for easements across State-owned land. This is more efficient and reduces the cost to the State and the applicants. The schedule is based on land values; it is revised periodically. Thank you to the States that provided information when the schedule was updated in 2001.

Public utility and public road easements—Easements are granted on State land only when no alternative exists on private land. The fee is charged at or above fair market value and is a one-time payment.

Pipeline, electronic line, telecommunications line, and public road fees are charged per linear foot, based on width and location in the State. A 10-foot-wide, electric line easement would be \$1.05 per foot in central Michigan, or 60 cents per foot in northern Michigan. A 20-foot-wide easement for natural gas would cost \$2.10 per linear foot in central Michigan. The minimum charge is \$500.

Many special conditions apply. Easements in a former railroad corridor are charged at the 100-foot width rate, regardless of width of easement required. For fiber-optic lines, the rate applies to each 1.25-inch-diameter or smaller cable. Appraisals are used if the fee schedule rate would be less than the value of the rights conveyed. The schedule is usually considered inappropriate for major metropolitan areas, waterfront resort areas, and rapidly developing communities.

Private Access Easements and Rail-Trail Crossing Fees— Under certain conditions, the DNR approves requests for private access easements. The grantee is required to meet specified conditions, including a survey and paying for any conditions required. The typical charge for private access easements is two times the rate charged for public utilities.



The State of Michigan owns hundreds of miles of rail-trail corridors that individuals and businesses must cross to get to their properties. A rate schedule is used, based on uses such as farms, residential, commercial, or development. The rate varies, by location, in the State. Crossings that existed prior to the rail line being abandoned are charged one-half the applicable rate. A new driveway crossing in central Michigan would cost a one-time payment of \$3,000 or \$1,500 for an existing crossing. Commercial crossings are 150 percent of the schedule rate. Applicants are responsible for cost of mitigating impact on the trail, signs, trail restoration, etc.

A discount is given for shared crossings that serve more than one parcel, since these are considered to have less impact on users of the trail. Easements serving more than 7 parcels are granted to a local government to ensure construction and maintenance are effectively performed.

For more information, contact Walter Linn at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (517) 335-2537, or by Email at linnw@michigan.gov.

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National Lands Training for Line Officers and Program Managers

The spring session is scheduled for March 17-21, 2003, at the BLM National Training Center in Phoenix, Arizona. Contact information: William C. Woodland, Jr., National Training Coordinator
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Boston, Massachusetts

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 6

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Wine and Cheese **Reception**

Monday, October 7

7 - 8 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Ongoing Registration
8:30 **Bob Durand, Secretary of Environmental Affairs:** *Partnerships to Achieve a Land Conservation Vision for Massachusetts*
9:00 **Joel Lerner, Director of Conservation Services, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA):** *Massachusetts Conservation Restriction and Municipal Open-space Grant Programs—A National Model in Grass Roots Land Conservation*
9:20 **Richard Forman, Professor of Advanced Environmental Studies in the Field of Landscape Ecology, Harvard Graduate School of Design:** *Land Conservation Approaches That Protect Landscape Ecology*
9:45 Break
10:00 **David Leff, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection**
Bob O'Connor, Director of Land and Forest Policy, EOEA: *Land Conservation Across State Borders*
Priscilla Geigis, Director of Community Preservation, EOEA: *A Grassroots Approach to Smart Growth: The Massachusetts Community Preservation Initiative*
Henry Woolsey, Program Manager, MassWildlife Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program: *The Biomap: A Science-based Guide to Land Conservation to Protect the Biodiversity of Massachusetts*
11:00 **Wayne Klockner, Director, The Massachusetts Chapter of The Nature Conservancy:** *A Model for Multi-state Conservation Partnerships in the Berkshire Taconix Landscape Program*
Keith Ross, Director of Conservation, New England Forestry Foundation: *The Hull to Peck Deal— A Partnership Approach to Conserving 8,000 Acres of Working Forests*
Arthur Eve, President, Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative: *Increasing the Power of Individual Forest Landowners to Better Manage Forests and Market Forest Products*
12:00 p.m. **Elinor Schwartz, Washington Representative, Western States Land Commissioners Association:** *Update on Federal Legislation and Initiatives*
12:30 Box Lunches (distributed)
1:15 Site visit: Northland Cranberry Bog
Jack Buckley, Assistant Director, MassWildlife; Bill Minior, Director of Land Acquisition, MassWildlife; and Robin Childs, Director of Land Acquisition, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement: *Conserving Working Cranberry Lands Across Southeast Massachusetts and Future Management Issues*

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Monday, October 7--continued

- 2:45 Site visit: Southeast Bioreserve
Andy Kendall, Executive Director, The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR); Wes Ward, Director of Land Conservation, TTOR; Debi Edelstein, Southeast Bioreserve Project Manager, TTOR; and Arthur Bergeron, Special Assistant to the Secretary, EOEА: *The Southeast Bioreserve — A Partnership of Non-profit, Municipal and State Agencies*
- 4:30 Site visit: Westport Winery
Richard Hubbard, Assistant Commissioner of Food and Agriculture: *The Agricultural Preservation Program — An Innovative Partnership of Farmers and the State on 50,000 Acres of Massachusetts Working Farms*
- 5:00 Winery Tour, Wine Tasting, and Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Return to Boston

Tuesday, October 8

- 7 - 8 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 Depart for Fan Pier
- 8:45 Sail aboard **The Schooner *Ernestina***, the official vessel of the Commonwealth
Katherine Abbott, President, Island Alliance
George Price, Park Manager, Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area, National Park Service
Peter Lewenberg, Special Assistant for Boston Harbor, EOEА and Betsy Shure Gross, Assistant Secretary for Community Preservation, EOEА: *The Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area—A Partnership for the Gateway to Boston*
- 12:30 p.m. Fish-n-Chips at the Barking Crab
- 2:00 Site visit: Charles River Esplanade
James Comeau, Urban Parks Coordinator, Metropolitan District Commission (MDC): *Doing More With Less, Protecting Key Remaining Metro Boston Open Spaces Through Partnerships, Donations and Bargain Sales*
Bob Wilber, Director of Land Protection, Massachusetts Audubon Society: *An Open-space Plan for Massachusetts—A Partnership Approach to Identifying and Protecting One Million Acres of Open Space*
- 3:45 Charles River Boat Tour
Bob Zimmerman, Executive Director of Charles River Watershed Association: *The Rebirth of the Charles River—10 Years of River Restoration*
Dan Driscoll, Charles River Planner, MDC: *Resolving 90 Boundary Encroachments to Create a River Greenway Utilizing Transportation Funds for Construction*

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- 3:45--cont. **Karl Hagland, Project Manager for the New Charles River Basin, MDC:** *Connecting the Charles River Esplanade Park to the Harbor using "Big Dig" Environmental Mitigation Funding*
Betsy Shure Gross, Assistant Secretary for Community Preservation, EOE: **The Muddy River Restoration Project:** *A Federal, State, City, Non-profit Partnership*
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Wednesday, October 9

- 7 - 8 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 Travel to Walden Pond
- 9:15 Site visit: Walden Pond
Featuring actor portraying **Henry David Thoreau**
- 10:00 Travel to Mt. Wachusett
- 11:00 **Doug Williams, Regional Ecologist, Department of Environmental Management (DEM):** *Balancing the Protection of Massachusetts' Most Easterly, Old Growth Forests Within Its Busiest Downhill Ski Area*
Mary Griffin, Chief Legal Counsel, DEM
Irene DelBono, Director of Land Acquisition, DEM
David McGowen, Land Agent, DEM: *Stretching Acquisition Dollars Through Partnerships*
Peter Church, Director of Natural Resources, MDC Watersheds
Jim French, Land Acquisition Coordinator, MDC Watersheds: *Protecting Boston's Future Water Supply Through Focused Land Acquisition*
- 12:00 p.m. Picnic Lunch atop Mt. Wachusett with views of New England in autumn
- 12:30 Travel to Harvard Forest
- 1:15 **David Foster [invited], Director, Harvard Forest:** *Researching New England's Land Use History to Aid in Future Forest Management*
Leigh Youngblood, Director of Conservation, Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust: *The Tully Project — Protecting 9,000 acres in 200 Parcels in 2 Years Through a State Non-profit Partnership*
Tour of Fisher Museum and World-renowned Harvard Forest Dioramas
- 2:45 Site visit: Quabbin Reservoir
Bruce Spencer, Chief Forester, MDC
Thom Kyker-Snowman, Natural Resource Specialist, MDC: *The Management of the 58,000-acre Quabbin Forest — The First "Green Certified" Public Land in the U.S.A.*
- 4:30 Dinner at Salem Cross Inn
- 6:30 p.m. Return to Boston

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Thursday, October 10

7 - 8 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 8:30 ELRC Business Meeting
 10:30 Conference Concludes
 12:00 p.m. Boston Duck Tour (optional): *A duck tour is tour of the city on land and water aboard a WWII amphibious landing vehicle. It is a great opportunity to learn about Boston and see the sights. The tour lasts approximately 80 minutes.*

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
 Title _____
 Organization _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____
 Guest _____

Hotel: Reservations may be made at: <http://www.pkghlrss.com/liveres/start.asp?e=7239&ch=257&cg=14952>

Meals: Please note any special meal considerations: ___ Vegan/Vegetarian
 ___ No Shellfish ___ Other (explain) _____

Other: Please let us know of any special needs (handicap, etc.) _____

Registration Fee:

___ @ \$325
 ___ @ \$250: ELRC spouse or guest
 ___ @ \$24: optional Duck Tour, 12:00 p.m., Thursday, October 10

Payment: Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to ELRC CONFERENCE, and mail with completed form to:

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HOTEL INFORMATION

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To make reservations for this event, go to: www.pkghlrss.com/liveres/start.asp?e=7239&h=257&g=14952

Reservations must be made no later than **September 20, 2002**. Rooms are reserved at the following rates:

\$130 single occupancy (plus tax)

\$140 double occupancy (plus tax)

(Individuals interested in arriving prior to and/or staying beyond the conference date will get the same rate quoted below.)

After September 20, 2002, rooms may be reserved based upon availability at the going rates.

Airport/ Transportation: Logan Airport is only 5 miles from the John Hancock Conference Center. The Center recommends using the Logan/Boston Hotel Shuttle, (617) 561-9500, for travel to their facilities. The shuttle departs at 10 and 40 minutes past each hour from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily outside baggage claim areas and travels to various hotels in the Boston area. The cost is \$9.00 per person. Rental cars, limo service, and taxi-cabs are also available. For more information on other ground transportation to and from Logan International Airport, call MASSPORT, 24 hours a day, at 1-800-23-LOGAN.

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Joint Spring ELRC/WSLCA Conference

The conference will focus on water-related land management issues and will be held at the Raddison Barcelo Hotel in Washington, DC, March 30, 2003, to April 2, 2003.