



JOURNAL

Serving the Needs of Land Professionals
February 2004

Visit our Web site at:
www.elrc.org

2002-2004 Officers

President: Ralph Knoll
Maine Department of Conservation
(207) 287-4911; fax (207) 287-3823
E-mail: ralph.knoll@maine.gov

1st Vice President: Dan Wisniewski
Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of
Public Lands
(608) 266-8369; fax (608) 266-2787
E-mail: dan.wisniewski@bcpl.state.wi.us

2nd Vice President: Bob O'Connor
Environmental Affairs Executive Office
(617) 626-1170; fax (617) 626-1181
E-mail: robert.oconnor@state.ma.us

3rd Vice President: Jim Griggs
Alabama Department of Conservation
& Natural Resources
(334) 242-3484; fax (334) 242-0999
E-mail: jgriggs@DCNR.state.al.us

Secretary: Mike Fraysier
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
(802) 241-3682; fax (802) 244-1481
E-mail: mike.fraysier@anr.state.vt.us

Treasurer: Bill Brice
Minnesota Department of Natural
Resources
(651) 296-4807; fax (651) 296-5939
E-mail: william.brice@dnr.state.mn.us

Member at Large: Ed Meadows
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
(517) 373-8243; fax (517) 335-3264
E-mail: meadowse@michigan.gov

Past President: Ed Leary
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
(802) 241-3683; fax (802) 244-1481
E-mail: eleary@fpr.anr.state.vt.us

You're invited!! Please join us at the Joint Spring Meeting of the Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) and the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) Conference to convene March 28-31, 2004, in Washington, DC. Registration and details inside....

JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC LANDS

on

Meeting Economic Challenges for Public Land Managers

Sponsored by the

**Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) &
Western States Land Commissioners Association
(WSLCA)**

March 28-31, 2004

Radisson Barcelo Hotel

Washington, DC

This is the conference you cannot afford to miss!

Speakers include Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton and senior officials from the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, as well as Congressional staff.

It will be an opportunity to explore cost-effective **best practices**, as well as supplemental income sources, such as Federal **grants**, carbon sequestration **credits** for forests, **endangered species habitat conservation banks**.

We will hear about **real estate** issues, including Interior's reorganization of **appraisals** and Federal approaches to **land sales** and **exchanges**. This conference will examine ways to **finance recreational opportunities** and **large tracts**. It will feature special acquisition or easement options, such as, **conservation buffers for military bases** and the repositioning of timber companies.

Continued on page 2



Message from the ELRC President...

Greetings:

Maine continues to be an interesting place to live and work. The headlines in the newspapers over the past couple of months have stirred debate over the role of our State-owned public lands.

We are currently facing a fiber supply shortage, causing some to put pressure on the Department of Conservation to harvest more wood from the public lands, while others are looking for more "wilderness" areas. A wealthy individual continues to purchase land that may be set aside for non-motorized recreation and, where no timber harvesting would occur, causing private property rights' activists to now think State ownership may be a good thing. In fact, Mead/Westvaco recently sold 600,000 acres in Maine to a timber investment entity, which means more land acquisition opportunities for the State. We also recently allocated the remaining land acquisition bond funds, and the legislature is now debating the need for another bond. While all of this happening, there is

continual pressure on the natural resource agencies to manage our lands more efficiently and to identify other sources of revenue.

The theme for this year's Joint Spring Conference on Public Lands, "Meeting Economic Challenges for Public Land Managers," couldn't be more appropriate for the times we are facing.

I invite you to take a look at the impressive agenda for this conference, as many people have put a lot of work into making it meaningful and worthwhile. And as in the past, I really encourage you to attend and share our collective wisdom.

Thank you.

Ralph Knoll

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.

For more information, write:
Ralph Knoll, Deputy Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Maine Department of Conservation
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022
E-mail: ralph.knoll@maine.gov
or call Ralph at (207) 287-4911

Spring conference...continued from page 1

We will discuss the impacts of recent court and administrative decisions on **wetlands** and strategies to head off listing the sage-grouse as **endangered species**. The conference will also offer an opportunity to compare **field operations** and rapid response to **invasives** as well as **LNG proposals, fee structures for natural gas storage, and oil and natural gas valuation.**

For more information,
please contact Elinor Schwartz,
Joint Spring Conference Coordinator
Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) &
Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA)
(703) 920-5389, (703) 920-5402 (fax)
elinorschw@aol.com

For ELRC-WSLCA hotel reservations,
please contact the Raddison Barcelo Hotel
directly at (202) 293-3100, or reservations@barcelodc.com
For conference details, visit www.elrc.org or www.wslca.org

Alabama's Fall 2003 Conference Re-energizes Public Land Managers

In fall 2003, the State of Alabama hosted an outstanding conference in Point Clear, Alabama. Alabama State Lands Director and conference host, Jim Griggs, opened the conference, followed by remarks from ELRC President and Maine's Deputy Director, Bureau of Parks & Lands, Ralph Knoll, who welcomed ELRC members, a retiree, guests, and Bureau of Land Management-Eastern States (BLM-ES) representatives. The conference provided another opportunity for State and Federal public land managers to discuss lands and natural resources management issues of mutual interest or concern.

Curt Jones, a Founding member of the ELRC and former BLM-ES Director, discussed the role of resource managers in the public discussion of natural resource issues. He stressed the responsibility of State land managers to communicate issues of public land management to elected officials, as the pressure on public lands will increase and the issues will become more complex.

BLM-ES Director Mike Nedd discussed leadership principles and a vision for public land managers. He called upon the group to determine where they wanted to be as leaders, and as an organization, in 10 years. He also encouraged partnerships and relationships that are sustainable.



ELRC members relax at Alabama's Historic Blakeley State Park, where Joanne Flirt, Interim Director for the Park (not pictured), gave a presentation on the management challenges of historic facilities.



ELRC conferees listen to Dr. Lee Warner, Director of the Alabama Historical Commission (not pictured), as he tells the history of the Bottle Creek Indian Mound Complex, a National Historic Landmark, administered by the Alabama Historical Commission.

Other topics of discussion included the Alabama Trust Fund — Maintaining Support for Dedicated Funds, Current Developments in Production and Challenges of Offshore Natural Gas, Coordination of Acquisition Funds for Synergy (plus, new fund sources), Forest Legacy, Historic Sites—the Importance of Building Support of Non-Traditional Partners; NGO Strategies for Land Acquisition and Stewardship, and a Federal Update of Land Management Issues. There was a roundtable presentation of State programs, and the group enjoyed fabulous field trips along the Mobile Delta.

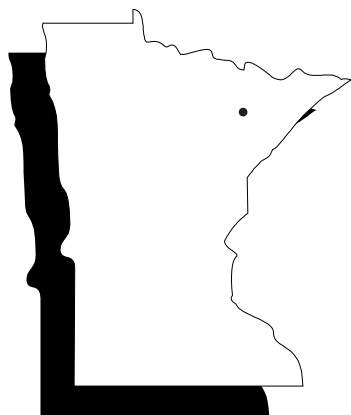
BLM-ES provided a special ELRC 20th Anniversary Powerpoint photo presentation and highlights paper, which reminisced the ELRC meetings over the last 20 years. BLM-ES also distributed a report on ways in which BLM-ES has worked with the States to enhance management of public lands and resources in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River. Both the ELRC and the BLM-ES work toward the development of sound State and Federal public land management policies and promote general policies of sound resource management and conservation of public lands.

*Contact: Ed Meadows, Manager, Acquisitions and Exchanges, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (and ELRC Member-at-Large), (517) 373-8343
E-mail: meadowse@michigan.gov*

What's Happening in YOUR State?

Minnesota To Host Fall 2004 ELRC Conference

This year's fall conference will be held October 3-7, at the Giants Ridge Golf and Ski Resort in Biwabik, Minnesota. Biwabik is located 55 miles outside of Duluth in Minnesota's great North Woods.



The theme for the upcoming conference will be "Off-Highway Vehicles: Issues for Public Land Managers." Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation is one of the fastest growing

outdoor activities across the country. In response to the increasing popularity of off-road recreation, public land managers have recognized the need to provide areas where individuals can take part in this sport safely and legally.



Beautiful scenery in Biwabik, Minnesota



Blazing reds, yellows, and oranges reflect the cool, crisp blue waters of northern Minnesota and create a spectacular fall landscape near Biwabik, Minnesota.

Photos by Paul Stafford, MN, Office of Tourism

At the conference you will be able to participate in panel discussions covering a wide range of topics such as location, acquisition, design, construction, management, safety, and enforcement of OHV parks and trails. You will also be able to complete a safety training course, take a trail ride, and visit Minnesota's newest OHV facility in Gilbert, Minnesota.

Daily lodging rates for conference attendees are \$79 plus tax for Sunday through Thursday, October 3-7, and \$99 plus tax for Friday and Saturday, October 8 and 9. For more information about Giants Ridge Golf and Ski Resort, visit www.giantsridge.com.

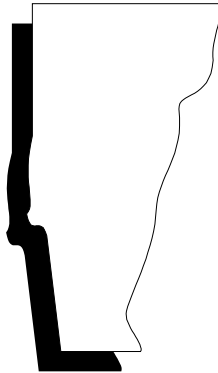
Further details about the conference and registration information will be available at the Joint Spring 2004 ELRC/WSLCA conference in Washington, DC. Hope to see you there!

Contact: Jim Lawler, Assistant Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Lands and Minerals, (651) 297-2572 E-mail: jim.lawler@dnr.state.mn.us

Vermont Completes Land Exchange with Ski Area

In February 2004, after more than 10 years of difficult negotiations and endless public meetings, the State of Vermont and Stowe Mountain Resort completed the last phase of an historic land exchange. The complex exchange involved 10 separate parcels of land totaling approximately 1,200 acres in and around Vermont's highest peak, Mt. Mansfield.

Under Vermont statutes, such land transactions require the approval of the Vermont legislature. As part of this land exchange, the legislature authorized the State to convey the old Smuggler's Notch State Park Campground parcel to Stowe Mountain Resort.



In turn, the resort was required to replace the historic State campground in Smugglers' Notch. The original State campground at Smuggler's Notch contained many structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). In close cooperation with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Stowe Mountain Resort, built and conveyed a new campground to the State this past summer.

It is reputedly the only CCC campground to be entirely replaced in the country. All of the CCC structures at the old campground (including an historic log-faced bathroom building, original log lean-to's, and stone fireplaces) were carefully relocated and reconstructed on-site at the new campground. Though less than a mile from the old campground, the new campground is in a far superior location and commands an outstanding view of scenic Smugglers' Notch. The new campground officially opened for business this past June and has proven very popular with campers and visitors.

In addition to the new State campground, the land exchange resulted in a net increase of approximately 1,100 acres of land conveyed to the State by Stowe Mountain Resort and added to Mt. Mansfield State Forest. These lands provide additional protection to spectacular Smugglers' Notch and the famous Long Trail, which provides important wildlife habitat and scenic value.

The exchange also provided some important benefits to Stowe Mountain Resort. The Resort operates its ski area on both land it owns as well as State land that is under lease to the ski area from the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. From the Resort's perspective, the land exchange was critical because it provided them with the ability to move forward on a major \$225 million expansion project, which when completed, will provide an economic boost to the region and the State.

*Contact: Mike Fraysier, Vermont State Lands Director, Department of Forestry & Parks & Recreation (and ELRC Secretary), (802) 241-3682
E-mail: mike.fraysier@anr.state.vt.us*

Maine's West Branch Project Completed

In late 2003, the State of Maine in partnership with the Forest Society of Maine completed the protection of 329,000 acres, the largest contiguous tract of undeveloped forestland ever conserved in Maine. The Forest Society of Maine purchased a conservation easement on 282,000 acres of forestland surrounding the West Branch of the Penobscot River, west to the Canadian border and north to Baker Lake and the St. John River headwaters. The State, through the Maine Department of Conservation, acquired 47,000 acres of ecologically and recreationally significant lands surrounding Seboomook Lake, Canada Falls, Baker Lake, and the St. John River Headwater Ponds.

Continued on page 12

MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS

**Eastern Lands and Resources Council &
Western States Land Commissioners Association
Joint Spring 2004 Conference
March 28 – 31, 2004
Radisson Barcelo Hotel - 2121 P Street, NW
Washington, DC**



February 2004

TO COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATORS:

The Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) and the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) will hold their Joint Spring 2004 Conference at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel near Dupont Circle in Washington, DC, from March 28-31, 2004. This year, we are focusing on "Meeting Economic Challenges for Public Land Managers."

In addition to an impressive agenda, the conference provides an outstanding opportunity to develop effective working relationships with officials in the Administration and Congress, to hear about how State colleagues are managing their current issues, and to learn about grant opportunities.

We urge all ELRC and WSLCA members to participate and to encourage officials in their Federal and State counterpart agencies to attend. The agenda is designed to benefit both policymakers and program managers. Representatives from non-member States, Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and guests are also welcome.

*Enclosed are registration materials. Please return your registration form, activity sheet, and payment by **March 12**.*

*Please contact the Radisson Barcelo Hotel directly for your accommodations at (202) 293-3100, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, or send an E-mail to reservations@barcelodc.com. The rate for conferees is \$150.00 for a single or a double per night for reservations guaranteed with a credit card by **March 12**. Rates for the ELRC/WSLCA block of rooms apply on a first-come, first-served basis for the period of March 26 through April 2.*

We hope that you will join us to discuss how to make our partnership with the Federal land and environmental management agencies more productive, from land exchanges to energy policy to managing endangered species habitat.

If you have any questions, please contact Elinor Schwartz at (703) 920-5389, or elinorschw@aol.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug Sutherland".

*Doug Sutherland
President, WSLCA*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph J. Knoll".

*Ralph Knoll
President, ELRC*



MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS

**Eastern Lands and Resources Council &
Western States Land Commissioners Association
Joint Spring 2004 Conference
March 28 – 31, 2004
Radisson Barcelo Hotel - 2121 P Street, NW
Washington, DC**



Sunday, March 28

3:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration
4:30 – 5:30 p.m. ELRC-WSLCA Joint Membership Meeting
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reception for Members and Guests

Monday, March 29

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
7:30 – 8:20 a.m. *Breakfast Discussion*
Conservation Easements as Buffers for Military Bases
Mollie Glover Palmer, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Scott Belfit, Army Wildlife Biologist
Bob Barnes, Senior, Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy
8:30 – 11:45 a.m. *Welcome & Introductions*
Roll Call of State and Federal Agencies (5 minutes each)
Open Forum
State Cost-Cutting and Income-Generating Initiatives
Moderator: *Ralph Knoll*, Maine Department of Conservation
12:00 – 1:15 p.m. *Luncheon Forum*
From Vision to Policy - Conservation Banks and Other Landowner Incentives to Protect Endangered Species
Moderator & Speaker: *Kevin Carter*, Director, Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Honorable Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish & Wildlife & Parks, Department of the Interior (DOI)
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. **NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES**
Main Interior (Room 5160), 1849 C Street, NW
Kit Kimball, Director, External and Intergovernmental Affairs, DOI
Honorable Gale A. Norton, Secretary, DOI, and Senior Officials from the DOI
Topics and speakers include:
Management Initiatives
Honorable Lynn Scarlett, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management & Budget
Rapid Response to Invasives
Scott Cameron, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management & Budget
Energy Initiatives
Honorable Rebecca Watson, Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management (Invited)
Managing Endangered Species
Gary D. Frazer, Assistant Director for Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Continued on page 8

MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS



**Eastern Lands and Resources Council &
Western States Land Commissioners Association
Joint Spring 2004 Conference
March 28 – 31, 2004
Radisson Barcelo Hotel - 2121 P Street, NW
Washington, DC**



Tuesday, March 30

- 7:30 am – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
7:30 – 8:20 a.m. *Decision-Maker Breakfast*
Senior Land Trust Executive (Invited)
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **State Bonds & Innovative Financing for Acquiring Large Tracts**
Moderator: *Ralph Knoll*, Deputy Director, Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands
Kathy DeCoster, Director of Federal Affairs, Trust for Public Land Representatives,
Plum Creek Timber
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **Initiatives to Fund Land Protection and Conservation Programs**
Moderator: *Mike Fraysier*, State Lands Director, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
Bruce Evans, Majority Clerk, Senate Interior Appropriations Staff (Invited)
Amelia Jenkins, Legislative Director, Office of Congressman George Miller
Margaret Spring, Minority Senior Counsel, Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Fisheries, and
Coast Guard
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Financing and Planning Recreational Opportunities**
Moderator: *Rick Thompson*, Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources (Invited)
Wes Johnson, Assistant Secretary for Land and Water Conservation, Maryland Department
of Natural Resources
Michael D. Nedd, Director, BLM-Eastern States
Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands, Washington State
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. *Luncheon Forum*
Policy and Management Initiatives
Honorable Kathleen Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
1:45 – 2:30 p.m. **Everything You Wanted to Know about Forest Policy: *Stewardship Contracting,***
Roadless Rule, Forest Legacy, Healthy Forests and the Four Threats
Sally D. Collins, Associate Chief, USDA Forest Service
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT
Moderator: *John Brejcha*, Deputy Director, Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners
2:45 – 3:15 p.m. **New Era for Appraisals: Interior Department's Reorganization**
Brian Holly, Acting Chief Appraiser, Department of the Interior
3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Current Approaches to Federal Land Sales and Exchanges:**
Coordinating Land Acquisitions, Exchange Handbooks and Sales of Administrative Sites
and Surplus Properties
Ray Brady, Group Manager, Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resources Protection,
BLM (Invited)
Bob Barbour, Senior Realty Specialist and Acting Leader, Natl. Land Exchange Team, BLM
Greg Smith, Acting Director, Lands Staff
Cindy Swanson, Acting Assistant Director, Lands Staff and Team Leader, National Land
Exchange Team, USFS
4:15 – 5:00 p.m. **Concurrent ELRC & WSLCA Membership Meetings**
During the WSLCA meeting, discussion of the State Chapter of the BLM Land Exchange
Handbook will continue with *Bob Barbour*, BLM.
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Reception at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel

Continued on page 9

MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS



**Eastern Lands and Resources Council &
Western States Land Commissioners Association
Joint Spring 2004 Conference
March 28-31, 2004
Radisson Barcelo Hotel - 2121 P Street, NW
Washington, DC**



Wednesday, March 31

- 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. Registration
7:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
7:30 – 8:20 a.m. *Breakfast Discussion*
Managing Field Operations on a Tight Budget
Bruce Mackey, Lands Steward, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Concurrent Workshop: ENERGY
Moderator: *J. D. Hall, Deputy Commissioner, Energy Resources, Texas General Land Office*
8:30 – 9:15 a.m. **Reworking Oil & Natural Gas Valuation**
Walter D. Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Minerals Management Service (MMS)
Lucy Querques Denett, Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **The Role of Liquefied Natural Gas in Addressing the Projected Natural Gas Shortfall**
Helen Golde, Member, White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamling
David M. Sweet, Executive Director, International LNG Alliance
10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Rethinking Fee Structures for Natural Gas Storage**
Kermit Witherbee, Acting Group Manager, Fluid Minerals, BLM
Concurrent Workshop: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
8:30 – 9:30 a.m. **Emerging Markets for Storing Carbon in Forests, Grasslands and Wetlands —
Management Practices that Earn Credits**
Moderator: *Gerald McWhorter, Assistant Secretary of State, Mississippi (Invited)*
Dick Kempka, Director, Energy and Technology Partnerships, Ducks Unlimited
Michael B. Murphy, Policy Analyst, USDA, Forest Service
9:45 – 10:30 a.m. **Preventing the Train Wreck: Working Together to Protect the Sage Grouse Across
11 States — Implications for Managing Fire, Mining, Grazing and Recreation**
Dwight Fielder, Group Manager, Fish, Wildlife and Botany, BLM
10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Managing Wetlands in the Wake of Federal Court and Administrative
Decisions: Filling the Gap with State and Federal Programs**
Moderator: *Dan Wisniewski, Executive Secretary, Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of
Public Lands*
John Meagher, Director, Wetlands Office, U.S. EPA
Julie Sibbing, Wetlands Policy Specialist, National Wildlife Federation
12:00 – 1:15 p.m. *Working Lunch*
Planning for 2005 Joint Spring Conference
1:30 – 4:30 p.m. *Field Trip -- BLM-Eastern States' Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area*
Gary Cooper, Lower Potomac Field Station Manager, BLM-Eastern States

BLM-Eastern States' Meadowood Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), a unique 800-acre rural property on Mason Neck Peninsula in Fairfax County, Virginia, was acquired by BLM-Eastern States in 2001 through an exchange for federally owned land in the former Lorton Correctional Complex in Lorton, Virginia. The Meadowood SRMA provides open space for a variety of recreational opportunities—hiking, equestrian trails, environmental education, observable wildlife and plant life, plus periodic wild horse and burro adoptions. BLM-Eastern States has formed active partnerships with other public land managers on the Mason Neck Peninsula, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, State and regional parks, land trust and historic properties, and is collaborating with residents and local interest groups. (See BLM-Eastern States' Web site at www.es.blm.gov for more information.)

Continued on page 10

MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS



ELRC-WSLCA Joint Spring 2004 Conference
Radisson Barcelo Hotel
2121 P Street, NW - Washington, D.C.
March 28-31, 2004



Please register now with a separate form for each person.

NAME _____
TITLE _____
ORGANIZATION _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____
GUEST _____

REGISTRATION FEE

\$50 for each non-member fee can be applied to 2004 ELRC or WSLCA membership dues for States joining before or at the conference. The conference fee covers the meetings, three breakfasts, two lunches, two receptions and the tour.

- _____ \$325 per person for member States* whose registration is received by February 20
_____ \$325 per person for member States* with registrations received by March 12 for 4 or more participants
_____ \$350 per person for member States*
_____ \$395 per person for non-member States
_____ \$20 per guest at each breakfast
_____ \$35 per guest at each lunch
_____ \$35 per guest at Reception for Federal Appointees -Tuesday, March 30
_____ TOTAL

* Member States include Federal Agency Liaisons to the ELRC & WSLCA and their colleagues

PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION

- _____ Payment enclosed
_____ Payment will be mailed

If possible, please mail checks with registration payable to: ELRC/WSLCA CONFERENCE.

Please mail or fax registration so that it is received by March 12, 2004:

Mr. William Brice, ELRC Treasurer
Division of Lands and Minerals
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4045
Fax: (651) 296-5939

For more information, contact: Jeanne Mittelstadt at 651-297-4953, or by E-mail at jeanne.mittelstadt@dnr.state.mn.us

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please make hotel reservations directly with the Radisson Barcelo Hotel at 202-293-3100, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, at 202-296-5939 (fax) or on reservations@barcelodc.com before March 12 for conference rates of \$150.00 for singles or doubles and guarantee them with a credit card.

Continued on page 11

MEETING ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS



**ELRC-WSLCA JOINT SPRING 2004 CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES
Washington, DC
March 28-31, 2004**



Please indicate which activities you or your guest will attend and send one form for *each participant* with your registration.

Please note if you need a **vegetarian** lunch or other accommodations _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Guest: _____

		Conferee	Guest
Sunday, March 28	Reception	_____	_____
Monday, March 29	Breakfast	_____	_____
	Lunch	_____	_____
Tuesday, March 30	Breakfast	_____	_____
	Lunch	_____	_____
	Reception	_____	_____
Wednesday, March 31	Breakfast	_____	_____
	Working Lunch to plan the Joint Conference for 2005	_____	_____
	Meadowood Tour: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.*	_____	_____

* Please note if you need a ride to National Airport directly after the tour.

Please mail or fax with registration before March 12 to:
Mr. Bill Brice, ELRC Treasurer
Division of Lands and Minerals
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155-4045
Fax: (651) 296-5939

Maine's West Branch Project Completed...continued from page 5

The \$32 million acquisition project was funded with \$19.7 million from the Forest Legacy Program, an unprecedented amount. Maine's Congressional delegation was key to securing these funds over a 4-year period. The State's Land For Maine's Future program contributed \$1 million towards the fee acquisition. The remaining acquisition funds were raised privately through the Forest Society of Maine. The Forest Society of Maine has also committed to raising \$1 million towards a stewardship endowment fund. The revenue from this fund will be used to help defray costs of monitoring the terms of the conservation easement by the Forest Society of Maine, and also be available to the Bureau of Parks and Lands to help with managing the fee lands.

*Contact: Ralph Knoll, Deputy Director, Bureau of Parks and Lands, Maine Department of Conservation, (and ELRC President), (207) 287-4911
E-mail: ralph.knoll@maine.gov*



ELRC Members: Share your success stories. Let us hear about innovative activities or programs going on in your State. Send, fax, or E-mail your articles to Ralph Knoll, President ELRC.

**Ralph Knoll, President
Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC)
Maine Department of Conservation
22 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0022**

www.elrc.org