

CAMNet

Fourth Annual Rendezvous

March 7 - 9, 2010

Tucson Doubletree Hotel

Tucson, AZ

CAMNet and our local hosts The Nature Conservancy, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution invite you to participate in the **Fourth Annual Collaborative Adaptive Management (CAMNet) Rendezvous in Tucson, Arizona on March 7-9, 2010.**

The Rendezvous

The CAMNet Rendezvous is designed to bring together innovative natural resource managers, policy-makers, scientists, and citizens to share successes, challenges, and lessons learned from conducting collaborative adaptive management. In the tradition of the annual gathering of fur trappers in the American West in the 1800s, this event offers a forum to share stories, exchange information, and celebrate with one another.

We will begin at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2010 with registration, opening remarks from Lynn Scarlett, Consultant to Marstel-Day and Environmental Defense Fund and former DOI Assistant Secretary, updates from a range of CAM projects and programs in the Southwest, an overview of CAM in the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, and an evening reception and interactive poster session.

On Monday, March 8, we will travel to the Las Cienegas National Conservation Area during the day, and dine together in the evening at a pleasant outdoor venue within walking distance of the meeting location.

Tuesday will offer an opportunity to hear from Jonathan Overpeck, Coordinating Lead Author of the UN IPCC Fourth Assessment, and Robin Craig, Professor of Law at the Florida State University College of Law and author of "Stationarity is Dead" - Long Live Transformation: Five Principles for Climate Change Adaptation Law. Attendees will participate in small group discussions to identify program, policy, research and training objectives to improve CAM implementation and explore the potential for applying CAM as a tool to respond to the challenges of a changing climate.

The Rendezvous will conclude at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 with a summary and review of action items emerging from the discussions.

For questions or additional information about the Rendezvous, please contact Jennifer Pratt Miles at jprattmiles@merid.org or 970-513-8340 ext.213 or Larry Fisher at fisher@ecr.gov or 520-670-5299.

Registration

The registration fee is \$250. A reduced rate of \$125 is available for students (see additional information below). Registration includes:

- Fee for conference participation
- Reception on March 7
- Field visit on March 8
- Assorted breaks and snacks
- Assistance in deferring expenses associated with organizing the Rendezvous

Students

We encourage exceptional graduate and advanced undergraduate students who are incorporating AM in their educational experience and/or research to participate in this year's Rendezvous. Recipients of invitations may nominate 1 or 2 students to accompany you to the Rendezvous at your or their expense and participate fully in all activities. Please provide the individuals names, educational institution, degree program, and how they are employing aspects of AM into their educational program. Students are particularly encouraged to present posters that share information about their AM project/program. Students will be registered as space permits and charged a reduced registration fee of \$125.

Please return the attached registration form to Holly Dobson by February 19, 2010 via facsimile 970-513-8348, email <hdobson@merid.org> or mail to Holly Dobson, PO Box 1829, Dillon, CO 80435.

This year, registered participants will be asked to provide a one paragraph description of the collaborative adaptive management project or program they are involved with, or a one paragraph biography, in advance of the event.

Poster Session

New this year, the Rendezvous will feature an opportunity for participants to display posters and share information about their collaborative adaptive management project/program throughout the event. During the Sunday evening reception, those with displays will be encouraged to actively share updates from their project/program with other participants. If you would like to reserve a space for a display, please indicate this on your registration form.

Logistics

A room block is being held at the DoubleTree Hotel Tucson at Reid Park at a rate of \$99/ night. To make a reservation, call 1-800-222-8733 and ask for the "CAMNet" room block. This block will only be held until February 19, 2010, so please make your reservations soon.

Please see attached Logistics Information for additional details on lodging and transportation.

For questions or additional information regarding Rendezvous logistics, please contact Holly Dobson at hdobson@merid.org or 970-513-8340 ext.204.

Background on CAMNet

The Collaborative Adaptive Management Network (CAMNet) is a network of adaptive management practitioners, scientists, resource managers, decision makers, and researchers dedicated to fostering resolution of complex natural resource management problems through:

- the appropriate application of collaborative adaptive management (CAM),
- documenting and applying proven practices in CAM, and
- creating and supporting learning opportunities for practitioners, decision makers, and researchers.

Since 1999, this Network has been bringing together the scientists, resource managers and citizens to grapple with what it means to put collaborative adaptive management (CAM) into practice and how CAM can help address some of our most difficult ecosystem management challenges. For more information about CAMNet, please visit our website at www.adaptivemanagement.net

We look forward to hearing from you regarding this invitation, and hope to see you at the CAMNet Rendezvous.

Best Regards,

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