

September 17, 2008



Dear Western RC&D Association Members,

The South Dakota Association of RC&D Councils is very excited and proud to be hosting the 2009 Western RC&D Conference. The conference will be held in Spearfish, SD from January 25th through January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center.

Our theme for the conference will be “Great Faces Great Spaces South Dakota 2009”. Enclosed is a Draft Agenda for the conference.

**REGISTRATION:** Online registration is available at [www.westernrcd.org](http://www.westernrcd.org). You may also register by mail using the registration form included with this letter. Please make checks payable to South Central RC&D Council, Inc. and mail to South Central RC&D Council, Inc., PO Box 461, Murdo, SD 57559. If you have any questions, please call Jewell Bork at (605) 669-2404 Ext. 4.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:** Confirmed lodging rates at the Holiday Inn Hotel is \$59.95 for single/double occupancy room and the hotel number is (605) 642-4683. This rate will be reserved until December 25, 2008. Please mention you are with the Western RC&D Conference to receive this conference rate. Other hotels in the area are Rodeway (\$54.99) at (605) 642-2350, Best Western (\$60) (605) 642-7795, Fairfield Inn (\$59.00) at (605) 642-3500, and the Spearfish Super 8 (\$49.99) at (605) 642-4721.

**STATE RC&D ACTIVITY REPORTS:** (Please see recently updated [LINK](#) for information.)

**EXHIBITOR/SPONSOR APPLICATION:** Enclosed is an exhibitor/sponsor registration form. A fillable form is also available on the Western Association web site. Individual councils and state associations are encouraged to host a booth space and help sell conference sponsorships. Vendors are also welcome, but need to check the box on the form to obtain a license form if they are selling products. The booth registration deadline is January 7, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the Randall RC&D office at (605) 487-7077 Ext. 4.

**AUCTION ITEMS:** Just a reminder that we are asking each RC&D Council to donate at least one regular auction item or one silent auction item and as many door prizes you would like to bring. You may send auction and door prize items in advance to: Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center, c/o SD Association of RC&D Councils, 305 North 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Spearfish, SD 57783. Otherwise, please bring items to the conference registration desk. The auction proceeds will benefit the Western Resource Conservation and Development Association.

**VOTING DELEGATE:** Please remember to bring your voting delegate letter with you from your Council listing you as the Official Delegate for the business meeting. The Official Delegate may only vote if his/her Council has paid their Western RC&D dues.

**AIRPORT ACCOMODATIONS:** The area's largest airport is Rapid City Regional Airport located in Rapid City. It is approximately one hour from the conference facility. The website is [www.rapairport.org](http://www.rapairport.org) and their phone number is (605)-393-9924. Rental car agencies are located on-site at the Rapid City Regional Airport.

A tour registration form is also enclosed for those that may be interested. For more information on dining, lodging, and tourist attractions for the Black Hills area, visit [www.visitspearfish.travel](http://www.visitspearfish.travel).

We look forward to seeing each and every one of you in January. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming conference, please call me at (605)-685-3028.

Sincerely,

/s/

Bruce Kroetch  
SD Association of RC&D Councils, President