



# Eastern Lands and Resources Council

## 2008 Fall Conference

September 28 – October 2, 2008

Bethel Inn Resort – “On the Common”

Bethel, Maine

## CONFERENCE AND HOTEL INFORMATION

### THE BETHEL AREA AND WHAT TO EXPECT

The Town of Bethel is located in the Western Mountains of Maine, approximately one and a half hours from Portland at the intersection of State Route 26 and US Route 2 near the New Hampshire border. Bethel is known as a four-season destination, and is within minutes of the popular Sunday River Ski Area. In late September the foliage begins to break through, and so we can expect to find color throughout the region.

### DRESS

Dress throughout the conference will be causal. Day time high temperatures normally average in the mid-60s with evening lows in the low-40s. It would be advisable to bring fleece and rainwear along with a good windbreaker. At least one short hike (2-3 hours) will be offered as part of the tour. The tread way on many of the area trails tends to be rough and uneven, so bringing adequate footwear will be important.

### ROOM RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the special ELRC rate of \$96.00 per night for conference participants (and their guests) at the Bethel Inn Resort. This reduced rate is only guaranteed until **August 28, 2008**. Rooms after that date will be available at a higher cost. The ELRC rate may also be applied for those arriving a day early, or staying over the last day of the conference.

**Address: The Bethel Inn, PO Box 49, On the Common, Bethel, Maine 04217**

**Tel: (207) 824-2175 Fax: (207) 824-2233**

**Web site: <http://www.bethelinn.com>**

### AIRPORT, RENTAL CARS, AND SHUTTLES

The Portland International Jetport is the nearest airport to the conference center. Car rentals are available at the Airport. Bureau of Parks and Lands staff will help provide transportation to and from the airport for those who do not wish to rent a car. A brief tour of Maine's southern coastal parks will also be offered on Sunday and Thursday of the conference (see registration form).

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

**From the Portland Jetport (1.5 hours)** – Follow the signs out of the airport to I-95 north (Maine Turnpike, toll highway), take Exit 63 in Gray (approximately 16 miles), then take Route 26 north to Bethel. Norway-South Paris is the midpoint between Gray and Bethel. Once in Bethel, Route 26 turns right and continues north – you'll want to stay straight onto Main Street, then left onto Church Street at the end of the street. The Bethel Inn will be on your right by the Town Commons.

**From New Hampshire and Vermont** – Take U.S. Route 2 East into Bethel; drive past the intersection of Route 5 (South), then turn right onto Church Street. The Bethel Inn will be on your right by the town Commons.

### AREA ATTRACTIONS

The Bethel Inn is within easy walking distance of shops, restaurants, and other services.

The Inn provides numerous resort amenities, including an 18-hole championship golf course, tennis courts, year-round heated outdoor pool, and fitness facilities.

Sunday River Ski Area is within a 15-minute drive of the Inn.

The Androscoggin River flows through the center of town and is a popular canoe and kayak destination. Rentals are available at the Inn or from other nearby outfitters.

**FOR REGISTRATION OR CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

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