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*The Joint Spring Meeting of the Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) and the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) Conference will convene April 14-17, 2002. See registration information and details inside....*

***TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES:  
Collaborating on Land Management—  
Join Us at the Joint Spring ELRC/WSLCA  
Conference!***

Once again, we are preparing for the Joint Spring Conference of the ELRC/WSLCA at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel in Washington, DC.

This year's conference will feature new leadership in the major Federal land management agencies and officials that you may already know and who have new responsibilities at the Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Forest Service. They include Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director Kathleen Burton Clarke, DOI's Assistant Secretary for Fish & Wildlife & Parks Craig Manson, Forest Service Associate Chief Sally Collins, National Park Service Deputy Director Randy Jones, and Minerals Management Service Director R.M. "Johnnie" Burton. Some cutting-edge issues to be covered at the conference which directly affect State and Federal land managers include:

- \* National Park Service approaches to protecting endangered species, viewsheds, rivers, and trails;
- \* Ways to effectively participate in BLM and Forest Service planning processes for new monuments and energy projects;
- \* New tools for the BLM and Forest Service National Land Exchange Teams;
- \* National fire strategies and science-based decisionmaking;
- \* Approaches that really work to conserve threatened and endangered species; and
- \* Federal energy policy initiatives for the Departments of Energy and Interior.

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# Message from the ELRC President...

Dear Friends,

This will be the last piece I write for the ELRC newsletter as its President. As you all know, a new slate of officers will be elected during the business meeting at the Joint Spring ELRC/ WSLCA Meeting in April. In addition, I changed positions from Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) Lands Director to Operations Director for the Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, shortly after I was elected ELRC President in May 2000. Mike Fraysier, Vermont's new ANR Lands Director will be the new ELRC representative as of April 2002.

I have truly enjoyed my 15 year-long relationship with the ELRC, and during that time have developed a number of long-lasting relationships with many of you. Though I will no longer be an active participant in the ELRC's functions, I will still be in the background, providing any support and assistance that may be needed. You may still see me show up at a meeting now and then!

## 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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Just recently, I asked each State member to take another stab at contacting a nearby State that is currently not a member of the ELRC to entice those States to join. It is my sincere belief that membership in the ELRC is an extremely valuable and beneficial advantage that all States should pursue, and by encouraging other States to join, the organization will only grow stronger.

I need to mention that the Honorable David G. Brickley has recently left the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the ELRC. I know we were all certainly appreciative of his tireless efforts toward land and water conservation and making Virginia and the Nation a better place for future generations, as well as his personal and professional contributions to ELRC as our Third Vice President. In addition, Eric Schwaab, Director of the Maryland DNR's Fisheries Service, who has been a long-standing active member of the ELRC, has recently stepped down as our First Vice President. We will miss the enthusiasm and support that these two individuals brought to our organization, and we wish them luck in future endeavors.

I wish you all, as well as the ELRC, much success and keep up the good work!

*Ed Leary*  
*ELRC President*

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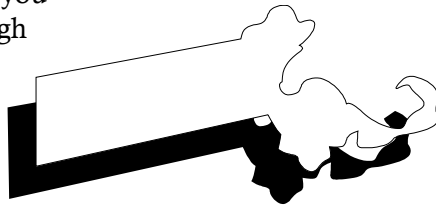
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For more information about the ELRC/ WSLCA Conference, contact Elinor Schwartz at (703) 920-5389 [elinorschw@aol.com](mailto:elinorschw@aol.com)

# *What's Happening in YOUR State?*

## **“Visit the Roots of the Land Conservation Movement” at the ELRC Fall Conference in Boston, Massachusetts**

The fall event in Virginia Beach was such an exciting, informative and well-run conference— you sure are a tough act to follow! We are busy planning this fall's visit, October 6-10, 2002, in Boston, to the “cradle of the American land conservation movement.” In Virginia we saw the first permanent English settlement, but how about seeing the site of America's first Thanksgiving celebration? There we will view how present-day Plymouth is struggling with growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and yes, it's approaching its 400th anniversary with a few too many “permanent settlers.”



We have reserved a conference center in Boston's “Back Bay,” just a short walk to America's first public park— the Boston Common, as well as many other Boston landmarks and great shopping, restaurants, and yes, many taverns. We are planning a tour of Walden Pond, home to Henry David Thoreau, and now the site of a land protection campaign led by the lead singer of the “Eagles.” We also plan to take in our (hopefully) peak fall foliage from the top of Mt. Wachusett, one of New England's busiest ski areas. The mountain is also the source of drinking water to over 2 million people and the site of a \$120 million dollar land acquisition program over the past decade. We'll tour some innovative forest management and research at the Harvard University Forest and the 60,000-acre Quabbin Reservoir Reservation. Also planned are a cruise to the Boston Harbor Islands, a recently-

designated National Recreational Area. Add to this— lunch at the Buzzards Bay Winery, the farm that put our Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program past the 50,000-acre mark last year and dinner at one of New England's oldest taverns. And we hope we have the beginnings of a really fun and informative time. So please, mark down October 6-10, for the fall conference and spread the word to others who may be interested.

## **Massachusetts Celebrates the Protection of 100,000 Acres**

In August 2001, Massachusetts's Governor Swift and Secretary of Environmental Affairs Bob Durand announced the conservation of 100,000 acres. Governor Swift reached this milestone more than 2 ½ years earlier than planned—reaching through a combination of increased funding, hard work by agency staff, increased partnerships with municipalities, non-profit land trusts and landowners, as well as increased acreage in gifts and increased use of conservation restrictions (CRs) to preserve land. (Massachusetts uses the term “restrictions” as opposed to easements.) In order to reach the 100,000-acre milestone by August 2001, the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) agencies completed conservation projects on 42,000 acres over Fiscal Year 2001— a record for one year and the most acres in one year for the Department of Environmental Management (DEM), Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement (DFWELE), and the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA).

Partnerships with State agencies and land trusts were key to the quick pace of success. DFA has partnered with land trusts and communities on nearly all of its Agricultural Preservation Restrictions (APRs), with communities and land trusts adding \$6 million to the \$11 million spent to acquire APR's on

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4,755 acres over the past year. The DEM and DFWLE partnered with land trusts such as the Trustees of Reservations, the Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, and the New England Forestry Foundation on three major land conservation initiatives— the Southeast Bioserve (8,000 acres), the Hull-Peck working forest initiative (8,000 acres), and the Tully Valley project (4,243 acres). EOEA also acquired a large number of gift parcels from conservation-minded landowners – a total of 1,178 acres in 2001 with an estimated value of \$4 million.

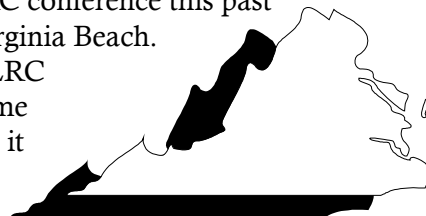
The protection of 100,000 acres in less than 3 years could not have been accomplished without the increased use of CRs, which allow the landowner to retain “fee” ownership of their land and to conduct environmentally-friendly farming and forestry activities. The State holds a “restriction” which precludes any development activities in perpetuity and requires reasonable access by the public for passive recreational activities such as hiking, nature study, fishing and hunting. The 100,000 acres or 156 square miles of land conserved by the State over the past 3 years (this is equivalent to the area of seven average-sized Massachusetts towns or 2 percent of the entire State) includes 54,000 acres or 84 square miles of CRs. In comparison, the use of CRs in the three prior years came to 17,000 acres.

While reaching the 100,000-acre milestone is a great achievement for the quantity of land conserved by the State, the quality of land conserved also represents an important accomplishment. The goals of conserving the most significant lands for biodiversity and habitat protection, water supply and rivers, lakes and ponds, working farms and forests, and recreation require that each acquisition project focus on land containing one or more of these attributes.

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## Virginia Hosts the Fall 2001 ELRC Conference

Virginia was delighted to host the fall 2001 ELRC conference this past October in Virginia Beach. Thirty-five ELRC members “came back to where it all began” and enjoyed 4 days of



workshops and field trips. Highlights included a trip to Jamestown Settlement for a presentation on archaeological work taking place at the park. It was reported that several of our members from the northern States were having to reconcile the fact that the first English settlers in the free world became Virginians. Another cultural highlight was the Candlelight Concert in the Governor’s Palace at Colonial Williamsburg. Musicians performed colonial period music in period costume. The entire “programme” was illuminated solely by candlelight.

More land conservation-oriented field trips took ELRC members to Virginia’s Eastern Shore and to one of the last totally undeveloped oceanfronts on the East Coast at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge and False Cape State Park. In addition to outstanding weather, the group had the beach to themselves as they rode the “Terragator” a “beach bus” developed specifically for traveling into this secluded State park.

Thanks to everyone who joined in for the Virginia Beach conference.

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# Douglas Point's Lower Potomac River Conservation Strategy

Situated only 1 hour from Washington, DC on the tidal, lower Potomac River, Douglas Point is one of the most ecologically and culturally-significant landscapes remaining in the State of Maryland. Migratory waterfowl and wading birds find shelter and abound in over 10 miles of undisturbed shoreline, and an extensive network of wetlands and forests also harbor some of Maryland's finest examples of rare and endangered plants and animals. Douglas Point's outstanding natural attributes are equally matched by its archaeological resources and history. Early Native American sites in the region also offer a rare insight into indigenous cultures well before European settlement, and dozens of sunken ships lie in Mallows Bay along the Potomac.

For several years, it was readily apparent that the lower Potomac River had a wealth of significant resources. The Department of Natural Resources' statewide Green Infrastructure assessment identified Douglas Point as a crucial ecological hub and a critical link in Maryland's greenway system. How could a plan of action preserve this valuable landscape, while contributing to the long-term economic needs of the local communities? How could the required financial and human resources be structured to implement this ambitious land conservation initiative? The answer: an innovative partnership involving the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Charles County, The Conservation Fund (TCF), and other non-profit land trusts. Over a year ago, the partners signed an agreement that provided for a coordinated strategy for land acquisition, long-range planning and community involvement, and on-going stewardship.

With TCF serving as lead negotiator, the State and Federal Governments secured funding to start the acquisition of the key properties from willing sellers along the Potomac shoreline. In

2001 Maryland's Governor Parris N. Glendening launched the landmark GreenPrint Program, designed to save the most threatened ecological and irreplaceable natural resources in the State. The Governor committed \$3 million specifically to help secure the first property, owned by the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO). The supportive actions of Congressman Steny Hoyer yielded an additional \$3 million in Federal funds through BLM to help with the first acquisition. GreenPrint funds also are helping to secure a second key tract along the Potomac River, the Wilson Farm at Mallows Bay.

What is the future vision for these public lands? Working with the local communities and the Charles County Government, the Bureau of Land Management and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are embarking on a year-long public planning process. With BLM serving as project lead to fulfill its legal requirements, and DNR providing additional resource planning and technical support, the completed plan will identify recommendations for future public use, resource management, and recreation opportunities.

In cooperation with the local communities and the county, the outcome of the public planning process will establish a framework for the future management of these public lands. Through the recommendations provided in the plan, the DNR and BLM will identify funding sources for site operations and on-going stewardship activities, as well as enlisting the assistance of an already extensive and highly involved community volunteer network. By working with the county and the local communities, the planned integration of heritage tourism and recreational opportunities on these public lands will provide income to the region, and continue to diversify its economy.

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# Florida Hosts National Conservation Easement Conference

The State of Florida has been buying land for more than 20 years to preserve natural lands in the face of the State's explosive growth. Now the State is examining how to use conservation easements to amplify the land-preservation efforts of such programs as the "Preservation 2000" and the "Florida Forever" programs. The State will host a national Conservation Easement Conference June 17-19, 2002, meeting at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort outside Orlando.



The major goals of the conference are to share conservation-easement information among State and local government professionals and to point out the advantages of perpetual conservation easements for landowners. Conservation easements have already been used by the State's five autonomous water-management districts to preserve lands around water sources, and the State-level interest in conservation easements came after discussion of easements during a State cabinet meeting.

Arranging the conference was a challenge for employees of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, who asked for advice from such organizations as the Land Trust Alliance. A planned highlight of the conference is a field trip to the Green Swamp, more than 200 square miles of cypress swamps, pine woods, and open pastures between Orlando and Tampa. One goal of the Green Swamp project is to protect the headwaters of four rivers flowing out of central Florida and the water supply under central Florida.

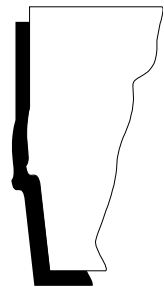
As the conference date nears, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection plans

to have online registration for the conference made available through its web site, <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/> or for more information, call the Department's Office of Environmental Services at 850-487-1750, or e-mail either [Tom.Butler@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Tom.Butler@dep.state.fl.us) or [Donna.Ruffner@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Donna.Ruffner@dep.state.fl.us)

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## Vermont Finalizes Former Champion Lands Management Plan

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources recently released the final management plan for the West Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA), situated in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. This document details the management objectives for Vermont's first State-owned ecological reserve, intended to protect more than 10,000 acres of unique ecological diversity.



"This management plan reflects the comments we heard from hundreds of Vermonters and the many hours of careful work by Agency staff to develop a thoughtful, balanced approach to managing some of the most ecologically diverse land anywhere in the State of Vermont," said Agency Secretary Scott Johnstone. "The most important differences between the draft plan released in October and this final plan are the changes to the easement we announced in late November clarifying that hunting and fishing will always be allowed within the ecological reserve," Johnstone continued. "The other notable changes are the more clearly articulated reasons for the reserve's existence, how we're going to manage ecologically significant areas outside of the ecological reserve, and a better explanation of just what a wildlife management area is."

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# STATE BRIEFS

**Minnesota**—The biggest land exchange project in Minnesota history, valued at nearly \$30 million dollars, came to a close in 2001. The exchange involved lakeshore lots owned by the State and leased to private parties on one side and tax-forfeited lakeshore and timberland on the other side, involving thousands of DNR staff hours. Leasing of lakeshore lands by the State began in 1917, and in 1923, the Minnesota Legislature ended the sale of State-owned lakeshore lots, allowing them to be leased instead. By the 1980's, there were over 1,700 State-owned lakeshore lots being leased, most of them on school trust land. In 1986, the Legislature directed the DNR to begin selling off the lots. By 1993, over 1,000 had been sold at public auction. In its 1998 session, the Legislature required the DNR to exchange virtually all its remaining 576 lakeshore lots being leased to private individuals in exchange for equivalent-value county tax-forfeited lands. The latter would then become school trust lands, while the lakeshore lots were required by the Legislature to be sold by the counties to the former lessees. By spring 2001, the State had exchanged over 500 acres of lakeshore lot land valued at over \$14.6 million for about 6,600 acres of county tax-forfeited land valued at the same amount. As required by law, the counties are now in the process of selling the leased lakeshore lots to the current lessees. The project received final approval on the last county from the Minnesota Land Exchange Board at their June 5, 2001 meeting.



**New Jersey**—Some 40 years ago, as development pressures increased, a cry for land protection arose and a clear and urgent vision unfolded. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Green Acres Program was created to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. This year marked the program's 40th anniversary of land preservation. Green Acres would not be possible without municipal, county, and non-profit partners.



**Tennessee**—This year, Tennessee celebrated the birth of natural area preservation when in 1971 the General Assembly enacted the Natural Areas Preservation Act. Tennessee became one of the first States in the Southeast to enact such legislation.



**Arkansas**—In 2001, the Natural Resources Minerals Leasing Division of the Arkansas State Land Office saw a dramatic increase in collections; a continued interest in removing atypical natural resources from our navigable streams have kept management of the division both challenging and controversial; and collections of royalty payments for natural gas and oil were 59 percent higher, totalling over \$1.6 million. The Arkansas State Land Office also received an application to remove diamonds, gems, and other minerals from the Little Missouri River.



**Virginia**—On September 19, then-Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Director David Brickley and Paul Gilbert, representing Virginia's United Land Trust (VaULT), signed a memorandum of understanding at the 2001 Mid-Atlantic Governor's Conference on Greenways, Blueways, and Green Infrastructure in Arlington, Virginia. The VaULT coalition and the DCR will improve information management, education tools, and efficient communication to advance the rate of land conservation in Virginia. The goal agreed to by 21 private, non-profit land trust and conservation organizations operating in Virginia and DCR will strive to eliminate duplicative efforts and help the conservation community enhance land protection in the Commonwealth. Also, the new agreement announced the new Office of Land Conservation—a Statewide, central repository and clearinghouse for land conservation information, led by Matt Bley, an Assistant Division Director for soil and water conservation at DCR.





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*Eastern Lands and Resources Council - Western States Land Commissioners Association*  
**JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE**

January 2002

**TO COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC LANDS AND LANDS MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATORS:**

*The 2002 Joint Meeting of the Eastern Lands and Resources Council (ELRC) and the Western States Land Commissioners Association (WSLCA) will be held at the Radisson Barcelo Hotel in the Dupont Circle area of Washington, DC, April 14-17.*

*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 interact with colleagues from other States, and to hear about how States are managing their current issues.*

*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 policy makers and program managers. Representatives from non-member States, Federal Agencies and non-profit organizations and guests are also welcome.*

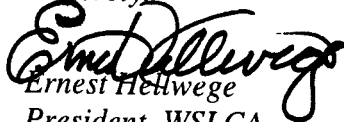
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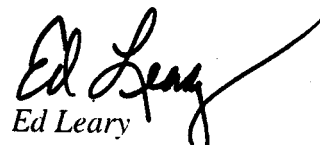
*Please contact the Radisson Barcelo Hotel directly for your accommodations at 202-293-3100, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST or send an e-mail to [reservations@barcelodc.com](mailto:reservations@barcelodc.com). The rate for conferees is \$140.00 for a single or a double per night for reservations guaranteed with a credit card by **March 25.** Rates for the ELRC/WSLCA block of rooms apply on a first-come, first-served basis for the nights of April 12 through April 17.*

*We hope that you will join us to discuss how to make our partnership with the National Park Service and other Federal Agencies more productive, from land acquisition, to managing endangered species habitat.*

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

Sincerely,

  
 Ernest Hellwege  
 President, WSLCA

  
 Ed Leary  
 President, ELRC



# Contemporary Topics in Managing Public Lands

*TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES: Collaborating on Land Management*

*Eastern Lands and Resources Council - Western States Land Commissioners Association*

**Joint Spring Conference — April 14-17, 2002**

**Radisson Barcelo Hotel - 2121 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC**



*Main Conference Location: Phillips Collection Ballroom – Hotel Lobby Level, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

## **Saturday, April 13**

6:00 – 7:00 pm *Hospitality Suite*

## **Sunday, April 14**

2:00 – 6:00 pm Board & Membership Mtgs: ELRC-2-3:15 pm, WSLCA-3:30-4:45 pm, Joint-5-6 pm  
6:30 – 8:00 pm Reception for Members and Guests (*Hospitality Suite*)

## **Monday, April 15**

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast  
7:30 – 8:30 am *Breakfast Discussion: Farm Bill*  
8:30 – 9:30 am Welcome, Roll Call and Introductions  
**Featured Agency: National Park Service (NPS)**  
**Randy Jones, Deputy Director, National Park Service**  
10:45 – 11:45 am NPS: Collaborating with Adjacent Landowners  
12:00 – 1:30 pm **Luncheon Forum: Kathleen Burton Clarke, Director, Bureau of Land Management**  
1:45 – 2:45 pm NPS: Achieving Management Goals through Land Transactions  
3:00 – 4:00 pm NPS: Tools for Jointly Protecting River and Trail Corridors with Multiple Ownerships  
4:15 – 5:00 pm **Open Forum with Forest Service Chief, Dale Bosworth**  
5:00 – 6:30 pm Reception for the National Park Service and Appointees  
8:00 – 10:00 pm *Hospitality Suite*

## **Tuesday, April 16**

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast  
7:30 – 8:30 am **Congressional Breakfast**  
8:30 – 9:15 am Continued Roll Call and Introduction of Federal Agency Liaisons  
9:30 – 10:30 am **Denny Truesdale, Dep. National Fire Plan Coordinator: Strategies - 2002 Fire Season**  
10:45 – 11:45 am Effectively Participating in Land Use Plans for Energy Projects & New Monuments  
12:00 – 1:30 pm **Luncheon Forum: Sally Collins, Associate Chief, Forest Service**  
1:45 – 2:30 pm **Energy Policy Keynote**  
2:45 - 5:00 pm **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**  
Workshop 1: Energy  
2:45 – 3:30 pm **R.M. “Johnnie” Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service**  
3:45 - 4:15 pm **Lucy Querques Denett, Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management**  
4:30 - 5:00 pm **VA Stevens, Director, White House Task Force on Energy Project Streamlining**  
Workshop 2: Environmental Management  
2:45 – 3:15 pm **Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish & Wildlife & Parks**  
3:30 – 5:00 pm Strategies for Protecting Endangered Species Habitat  
8:00 – 10:00 pm *Hospitality Suite*

## **Wednesday, April 17**

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast  
7:30 – 8:30 am *Concurrent Breakfast Discussions*  
GIS Demonstration: National Integrated Lands System (NILS)  
Lewis & Clark Trail: Stewardship & Events Across 17 States  
8:30 – 9:30 am **Jim Tate, Interior Science Advisor: Science-based Decision-making**  
9:45 – 10:45 am New Tools for Land Exchanges, Sales and Acquisitions:  
Feasibility Analyses, Value Consultation, Assembled Exchanges and Schedules  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm *Concurrent Membership Meetings: ELRC, WSLCA*  
12:15 – 1:15 pm Working Lunch: Planning for 2003 Joint Spring Conference  
1:15 - 2:30 & 2:45 - 4 pm **Tours: Canal Boat Rides at C&O Canal National Historical Park in Georgetown**

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**2121 P Street, NW - Washington, D.C.**  
**April 14 -17, 2002**

Please register now with a separate form for each person to help us finalize arrangements.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
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 ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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 GUEST \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE**

\$50 for each non-member fee can be applied to 2002 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. The luncheon to plan the next conference is extra.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$325 per person for member states
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$375 per person for non-member states
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$18 per guest at each breakfast
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 per guest at each lunch
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 per guest at Reception for National Park Service and Appointees - Monday, April 15
- \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

C&O Canal boat tickets will be sold at the boat at \$8/adult, \$6/senior (62+) and \$5/child (4-14)

**PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed
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# Contemporary Topics in Managing Public Lands

## *TRANSCENDING BOUNDARIES: Collaborating on Land Management*

### ELRC-WSLCA JOINT SPRING CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES April 14-17, 2002

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, April 14	Reception	—	—
Monday, April 15	Breakfast	—	—
	Lunch	—	—
	Reception	—	—
Tuesday, April 16	Breakfast	—	—
	Lunch	—	—
Wednesday, April 17	Breakfast	—	—
	Working Lunch to plan the Joint Conference for 2003	—	—
	C&O Canal Boat Tour* 1:15 - 2:30 pm** 2:45 - 4:00 pm	— — —	— — —

\* Not included in conference fee

\*\* Note if you need one of the 10-12 seats available in vans that would go directly to National Airport after the 1:30 pm tour

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During the initial comment period, some members of the sporting community voiced concerns that the draft management plan did not expressly guarantee permanent access to the 12,500-acre ecological reserve for hunters, anglers and trappers. To allay those concerns, the Agency of Natural Resources and its partners in this project – The Nature Conservancy and the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board – in late November signed new conservation easement language clearly stating that sporting uses will be forever guaranteed within the reserve.


The West Mountain WMA is a 22,000-acre piece of the former Champion lands in Essex County. The State purchased this property as part of a complex land transaction in 1999, when the Champion Paper Company sold its holdings in Vermont and other northeastern states. Champion's 132,000-acre property in northeastern Vermont was split into three parcels: the West Mountain WMA; 84,000 acres with conservation easements to a private timber

investor, the Essex Timber Company; and 26,000 acres to become part of the Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The Vermont Legislature appropriated \$4.5 million for this project in 1999. These funds were used to purchase conservation and public access easements on the private timberland portions of the Champion property.

The final management plan clearly enunciates that wildlife management areas are not refuges and that active timber harvesting will be conducted on the 9,500 acres of the West Mountain WMA outside of the ecological reserve.

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