2009 Midwest Region Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Joint Annual Meeting

Great Lakes Northern Forest CESU, Great Plains CESU, and Great Rivers CESU

September 2-3, 2009

Hosted by; The National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium and Grand River Center, Dubuque, Iowa
Purpose

The purpose of the joint meeting of three Midwest CESUs (Great Lakes/Northern Forest, Great Plains, and Great Rivers) is to discuss the role of the CESUs to enhance research, technical assistance, and educational needs and opportunities.
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Agenda

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Location: Depot Café-meeting room, National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium (NMRMA) 350 East Third Street

Moderator: Della Streaty-Wilhoit, National Park Service (NPS) Great Rivers Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (GR CESU)

1:00 to 1:45 pm: Welcome
Jerry Enzler, Executive Director, NMRMA
• Introduction
• History and overview of NMRMA

1:45 to 3:15 pm: Session I. CESU Updates
• National CESU Network, Tom Fish
• Great Rivers CESU, Tony Prato
• Great Lakes – Northern Forest (GLNF) CESU, Stella Collier
• Great Plains (GP) CESU, Christine Lockert

3:15 to 3:45 pm: Break

3:45 to 4:00 pm: Charge for second day
Tony Prato, GR CESU

4:00 to 5:00 pm: Walk-through Museum Tour

5:00 to 7:00 pm: Welcome Reception/Mixer

Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 3, 2009

Location: Grand River Center, part of Grand Harbor Resort, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA

7:00 to 8:00 am: Breakfast & Networking: RiverSide Room

Morning Moderator: Chris Barnett, GR CESU, Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems, CARES
8:00 to 8:30 am: Welcome
Gary Vequist, Associate Regional Director, Midwest Region of the National Park Service (NPS), Omaha, NE, Update on NPS Midwest Region

8:30 to 11:50 am: Session 2. River issues and challenges

8:30 to 9:10 am: Biological issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Robb Jacobson, Acting Chief, River Studies Branch, Columbia Environmental Research Center, USGS, Columbia, Missouri

9:10 to 9:50 am. Historical and cultural issues and challenges facing Midwest Rivers, Mae Davenport, Assistant Professor, Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota

9:50 to 10:30 am: Break: RiverSide Room

10:30 to 11:10 pm: Management issues and challenges facing scenic and recreational rivers in the Midwest, Mike Madell, superintendent of Missouri National Recreational River (Nebraska and South Dakota), National Park Service

11:10 to 11:50 am: Management issues and challenges facing big rivers in the Midwest, Ken Lubinski, River Ecologist and Science Director, USGS, La Crosse, Wisconsin

12:00 to 1:00 pm: Lunch: RiverSide Room

Afternoon Moderator: Jerrilyn Thompson, GLNF CESU

1:00 to 2:30 pm: Session 3. Reaction and discussion of issues and challenges
- Cooperator panel (panel of university coordinators and federal agency representatives responds to: issues and challenges raised by speakers)
- Speaker panel (panel of speakers reacts to cooperator panel’s responses and answers questions from audience)

2:30 to 3:30 pm: Session 4. Ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs
Meeting participates identify and discuss ideas and suggestions for potential future collaboration and funding needs

3:30 to 4:00 pm: Break: RiverSide Room

4:00 to 4:30 pm: Wrap-up, Tony Prato
Summary of issues, challenges, opportunities, and recommendations

4:30 pm: Adjourn
Thank you for your support to all participants, committees and sponsors!

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