

Crown Managers Forum
February 24, 25, 26
Heritage Inn
Pincher Creek, AB



GENERAL INFORMATION

Please find a copy of the draft agenda and registration form at www.rockies.ca/cmp/forum.php. Registrations are due **February 18, 2009**. The registration fee for the forum is \$150 CDN or \$125 USD which includes the cost of the forum, meals and the cost of organizing and hosting the Forum. However, the CMP does not wish *inability to pay a registration fee* to preclude the attendance of any invited participants. Please contact us if you need to discuss alternative arrangements. As in past years, we are pleased to have the Miistakis Institute (403-220-8968) coordinating registration for the Forum.

Payment can be made in cash/cheque at the Forum or you can send a cheque payable to the Miistakis Institute.

In addition to addressing broad partnership objectives, the Crown Managers Forum is an opportunity to highlight specific issues that affect resources across the Crown ecosystem. This year's forum will focus on biodiversity, and will provide an opportunity not only to learn about programs in our sister agencies, but to collectively discuss strategies for building transboundary partnerships in the Crown ecosystem.

The 2008 Forum will also provide updates on the progress made towards addressing the CMP strategic plan (download this document at www.rockies.ca/cmp under Strategic Plan) and will allow agency managers to give further direction to the Steering Committee.

We ask that one representative from each agency provide an oral (maximum five minutes) and written update summarizing challenges, accomplishments, issues and collaborative efforts for their respective agency since the Somers 2008 Forum. As in past years, we are encouraging participation at the workshop by senior/middle managers in your agency and professional staff with a clear role in the larger regional ecosystem issues (such as land use planners, conservation biologists, etc.).

For previous Forum minutes please visit www.rockies.ca/cmp/forum.php.

The 2009 Forum will be held at the Heritage Inn in Pincher Creek, Alberta <http://www.heritageinn.net/pincher creek.php>. You can contact them for reservations at 403-627-5000. A block of rooms are being held until January 31 under "CMP Forum". Rooms available and rates are as follows:

1. Deluxe queen rooms, with 2 queen pillow top beds each, a refrigerator, micro wave and flat screen TV. All are non-smoking. \$143.00/night
2. Non-smoking standard rooms with 2 queen beds, all with frig some with microwave. \$113.00/night
3. Smoking standard rooms with 2 queen beds, all with frig some with microwave. \$113.00/night