

Focus and Who Should Attend:

The Great Plains Wind Energy Summit seeks to expand communication between Tribes and the Department of the Interior about all phases of wind energy development and transmission line placement in Indian Country.

Individuals who work with wind and other forms of energy development should attend, including Tribal Leaders and Energy Planners; Bureau of Indian Affairs and Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs staff; Affected Tribal, State, and Federal Agencies; and all others involved with Tribal Energy Development.



Great Plains Region Wind Energy Summit



July 28 -29, 2009

Rapid City, SD
Ramkota Hotel and
Convention Center

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There is no fee for attendance, but we appreciate your R.S.V.P. for planning purposes.

Please call Dani Daugherty at 605-226-7376 or 605-350-5824 with any questions about the Summit

Hotel Location:

Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center
2111 N. LaCrosse Street
Rapid City, South Dakota 57701
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Summit co-sponsored by the Great Plains Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of Interior

Day 1, Tuesday, July 28, 2009

- 7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Welcome – Emcee Lawrence Baker
- 8:45 **Setting the Stage – Overview of the Great Plains Wind Energy Summit**
The Green Power “Movement” and Wind Energy Policy
Daryl Francois, Chief, Div. of Indian Energy Policy Dev., Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (OIEED)
Robert Middleton, Director, OIEED
- 9:00 **Basics of Tribal Wind Energy Development: From Met Towers to Turbines**
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 **Panel 1 – The Economics of Wind: Paying for and Getting Paid for Wind**
Professor Neil Hamilton, Director, Agricultural Law Center, Drake University
Stephen Many Deeds, Division Chief, Office of Indian Energy and Ec. Development
Margit Halverson, General Counsel, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 11:30 **LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**
- 1:00 **Panel 2 - Getting to Market – The Future of Indian Country Transmission**
Ron Rebenitsch, Basin Electric Power Coop.
Dusty Johnson, Commissioner, SD Public Utilities Commission
Kevin Cramer, Commissioner, ND Public Service Commission
- 2:00 **Panel 3 – Indian Country Wind Energy Models Lessons Learned**
Ken Haukaas, Administrative Budget Analyst, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD
Michael Connolly, Campo Kumeyaay Nation – The Kumeyaay Wind Farm
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 **Panel 4 – Policy Perspective – Intertribal Wind Alliances**
Tracey Fischer, President, Wind Energy Tribes United
Pat Spears, Intertribal COUP
- 4:15 **Summary of Day One and Adjournment**

Day 2, Wednesday, July 29, 2009

- 7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 Welcome and Summary of Day Two
- 8:15 **Panel 5 – Jurisdictional Impacts of Civil, Regulatory, and Taxing Authority**
Cheryl Three Stars - Valandra, Supervising Attorney, Dakota Plains Legal Services
Roger Campbell, Director, State Tribal Relations Office of South Dakota
- 9:15 **Panel 6 - DOI and Other Federal Agency Roles and Resources in the Development Process**
Environmental, Cultural, & Natural Resource Considerations
Paul Hofmann, Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA
Diane Mann-Klager, Regional Wildlife Biologist, GPRO, BIA
Jeff Towner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Field Office Director, Bismarck, ND
Russell Eagle Bear, Tribal Councilman & Tribal Hist. Preservation Off., Rosebud, SD
- 11:00 **LUNCH – ON YOUR OWN**
- 12:30 **Panel 7 - DOI and Other Federal Agency Roles and Resources in the Development Process, continued**
Land and Leasing Considerations in Wind Energy Development
Rick Clifford, Deputy Realty Officer - Tenure & Management, Division of Real Estate Services, GPRO, BIA
Larry Claypool, Deputy State Director, Minerals and Lands, Wyoming BLM
Geoff Oliver, ARA, Regional Supervisory Appraiser, OAS, Office of Special Trustee
Stephen Many Deeds, Division Chief, Office of Indian Energy and Ec. Development
Joann Koda, Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Southern California Agency, Riverside, CA
- 2:15 **Summary of Summit and Call to Action –**
Paul Hofmann, Supervisory Energy and Environmental Specialist, GPRO, BIA