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Balancing Nature and Commerce in Communities that Neighbor Public Lands (OUT 8115)

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COMMUNITY LEADERS & CITIZENS:

- Do you live in a community that borders a national or state park, wildlife refuge, forest or other public land?
- Is your community feeling the pressures of increasing tourism or rapid growth? Conversely, is your community seeking a viable mechanism to jump-start economic growth?
- Is your community concerned about losing its unique character and special places?
- Does your community want a better relationship with the managers of a neighboring public land?

PUBLIC LAND MANAGERS:

- Are you interested in improving communications and partnerships with nearby communities?
- Are you feeling the pressures of reduced budgets and changes in visitor patterns?
- Are you interested in addressing adjacent lands issues with nearby communities?
- Are activities outside of the public land you manage negatively impacting its resources?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then consider putting together a community team and attending this course!

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COURSE
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

During this four day course teams will focus on the economics, natural resources and community character of their areas and learn valuable partnership-building skills. At the end of the four days, teams will leave with a specific action plan for implementing a collaborative project when they return home.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Describe the social, political, and economic characteristics of communities and their public land neighbors
- Identify the benefits of protecting and enhancing natural, cultural and visual resources of communities
- Describe approaches to land use and community planning that provide common ground for conservation and development interests
- Identify opportunities for developing partnerships between communities and neighboring public land managers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Participants will attend this course in teams of approximately 4 – 7 members consisting of public land managers, others in public agency/service roles, citizens, and local business representatives.

TO APPLY

Each team must submit an application. Applications are available online at <http://www.conservationfund.org/node/458> and from Margarita Carey: 304-876-7924
mcarey@conservationfund.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 11, 2009

COURSE TUITION & FEES

Tuition: \$760 (BLM, FWS, NPS: call for rates)
Lodging & Meals: FWS, BLM, NPS: \$111/night
All others: \$121/night

SCHOLARSHIPS

Limited tuition scholarships are available to non-governmental applicants through The Conservation Fund

For questions about forming a team, please contact:

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