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TO: All Local Elected Officials
FROM: Karen Houston, Meeting Planner
RE: MACo Midwinter Conference

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The MACo Midwinter Conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Convention Center, 1223 Mallowney Lane, Billings, (406) 248-7151 Monday, February 12, 2018 through Thursday, February 15, 2018.

The conference is for all local elected officials, therefore, would you please make sure that this information is distributed to all of them.

Rooms have been blocked at the Red Lion and the rate is \$93 plus tax. In order to get this rate, please make your reservation directly with the hotel. The cut-off date is Sunday, January 28, 2018. When making your reservations be sure to refer to the MACo room block to get the rate.

Other meetings planned during the week include the MACo Board of Directors; MACo Trust meetings; MACo Committee Meetings; Urban Counties; Reservation Counties; Oil, Gas & Coal Counties; Hard Rock Mining Counties; Coalition of Forest Counties; Coalition of Wildlife Counties and 6 County Fort Peck Lake Group. **Other groups desiring meeting time and space should contact me.**

On line registration is available through Monday, February 5th on the MACo website www.mtcounties.org. The registration fee for the conference is \$150 which covers two lunches, coffee breaks and conference material. There is a \$25 late fee for registering at the door. A draft agenda is posted on the website.

We look forward to seeing you in Billings in February.

Cancellation Policy: Registration will be refunded minus administrative costs only if cancellation is requested in writing by e-mailing either khouston@mtcounties.org or smcgowan@mtcounties.org no later than Monday, February 5, 2018.

MACo MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
Red Lion Hotel Convention Center - Billings
February 12-15, 2018

ON-SITE REGISTRATION OPEN:

Lobby

Monday, February 12 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13 7:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 a.m. MACo Executive Committee & MSPOA Lunch

1:00 p.m. Exhibitors set up

12:30-2:00 p.m. MACo Committees Meet:

Attendees who are not MACo committee members are invited and encouraged to participate in the committee meeting of their choice.

1. Agriculture Committee
2. Community, Economic Development & Labor Committee
3. Health and Human Services Committee
4. Land Use & Development Committee

2:00-2:30 p.m. Coffee Break

2:30-4:00 p.m. Committee meetings continued

1. Energy Committee
2. Justice and Public Safety Committee
3. Public Lands Committee
4. Transportation Committee

4:00 p.m. Coalition of Forest Counties Meeting

4:00 p.m. 6 County Fort Peck Lake Group Meeting

4:00 p.m. Reservation Counties Meeting

6:00 p.m. Board of Directors' Dinner Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**DES DAY**

- 6:30-8:30 a.m. PCT Trustees Breakfast Meeting
- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Welcome: Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director, and Delila Bruno, DES Administrator
- 8:45-9:00 a.m. National Weather Service – Drought and weather impacts
- 9:00-10:15 a.m. 2017 Wildfire Season – lessons learned, mutual aid, loaning and servicing
- 10:15-10:40 a.m. Break
- 10:40-11:00 a.m. Wildfire continuation
- 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Local Mitigation Program
- 12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch
- 1:15-3:00 p.m. Disaster and Emergency Scenario
- a. Roles and Responsibilities
 - b. Declaration Process
 - c. 2 Mil Levy
 - d. Procurement
 - e. New PA Model
- 3:00-3:25 p.m. Coffee Break - Visit Exhibitors
- 3:00 p.m. Yellowstone County Jail Tour
- 3:25-4:15 p.m. National Guard Resources
- 4:15-4:30 p.m. Wrap Up and closing remarks
- 5:00 p.m. Hard Rock Mining Counties
- 5:00 p.m. Oil, Gas and Coal Counties Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Urban Counties Meeting (at Yellowstone County Detention Center)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 6:30-8:30 a.m. Workers' Compensation Trust Trustees Breakfast Meeting
- 7:00-8:00 a.m. Coalition of Wildlife Counties Meeting
- GENERAL SESSION**
- 8:30-9:15 a.m. County Extension Program presentation

9:15-10:00 a.m.	Subdivision and Zoning Variance process & How To presentation on Development Permits Presenter: Tara DePuy, MACo PCT Land Use Attorney
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors
10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon	County Commissioner and Board Responsibilities Presenter: Dan Clark, Director, MSU Local Government Center
12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Safety Awards Lunch
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Safety Programs and Building a Safety Culture Presenter: Jeremy Norby, Seitz Insurance
2:30-3:00 p.m.	Coffee Break - Visit with Exhibitors
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Property and Casualty Trust and Workers' Compensation Trust Membership Meeting
5:00 p.m.	MACo "Pool Party" EVERYONE WELCOME

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:30 a.m.	Health Care Trust Trustees Breakfast Served
7:00 a.m.	Health Care Trust Trustees Meeting
8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon	GENERAL SESSION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Corrections Director 2. Resolutions 3. Update from staff
9:30 a.m.	Break items set up in the back of the room