



## Western Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Workshop

You are invited to submit an abstract for a technical paper or poster for the 2008 EPA Region 8 Western Wetlands Monitoring and Assessment Workshop to be held April 29, 30, & May 1, 2008 at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City, SD. This workshop, which has been organized by EPA and numerous EPA Region 8 states and tribes, is a follow-up to the successful wetland workshops held in Denver in 2005 and Rapid City in 2004. The goal of this workshop is to assist states and tribes interested in developing new programs or in improving existing programs for monitoring and assessing the biological integrity of wetlands. The workshop offers practitioners an opportunity to share technical information regarding wetland monitoring and assessment methods, study designs, and assessment approaches currently in use in the region and in the US.

The workshop is intended for wetland scientists and researchers with federal, state, and tribal agencies, academic institutions, and private organizations. Federal, state, and tribal water quality monitoring and assessment coordinators are also encouraged to attend this workshop.

### SUGGESTED TOPICS:

This year's workshop agenda will focus on selected wetland monitoring and assessment program objectives and technical topics that highlight the use of wetland monitoring data and assessment results in decision-making. Two special sessions will showcase projects on prairie potholes and intermittent streams. Additional workshop themes and technical sessions will be determined by the response to the call for abstracts and availability of invited speakers. Potential topics may include:

- Identifying and prioritizing wetlands for restoration and conservation
- Evaluating the performance and cumulative effects of wetland restoration and mitigation
- Reporting of trends in wetland acreage and condition
- Understanding the extent and significance of isolated wetlands and headwater streams
- Reference networks for wetlands and headwater streams
- Wetland indicators (Level I, II, and III) and assessment methods
- Wetland survey design and sampling techniques
- Data analysis procedures and preparation of assessment reports
- Technical information transfer
- Coordinating agency and private funding
- Evaluation of effects/performance/design
- Outreach/Public information
- Wetland mapping and classification

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS:

Those interested in presenting a technical paper or poster are asked to submit an abstract of no more than 250 words, using the format below to [ruth.danielson@ndsu.edu](mailto:ruth.danielson@ndsu.edu).

Abstracts must be received no later than **Jan. 10, 2008**. Please put "MAPWAG Abstract Submission" in the subject title.

Only PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. A total of 20 minutes will be allowed for each technical presentation, including speaker introduction and a question/answer period. However, time allotments for presentations in the workshops are flexible.

While papers related to the workshop theme are strongly encouraged, submittals are not limited to that subject. Presentations dealing with any aspect of watershed, wetlands, or streams, conservation and protection are welcome and may be worked into the program.

### ABSTRACT INSTRUCTIONS:

Please include the **paper/poster title, author name(s), affiliation, street and e-mail address, phone number, 4-6 keywords, and abstract**. If more than one author is listed, underline the name of the person who will be presenting the paper or poster. Type all information using 12pt, Times New Roman font to fit neatly on a single 8.5 by 11-inch piece of white paper with 1-inch margins on the top and sides. In a cover letter or e-mail cover, indicate if the abstract is being submitted as a **paper** (to be presented during the workshop) or a **poster**. If submitting a poster, please provide your estimated space requirements. Please clearly indicate under which Suggested Topic your abstract best fits.