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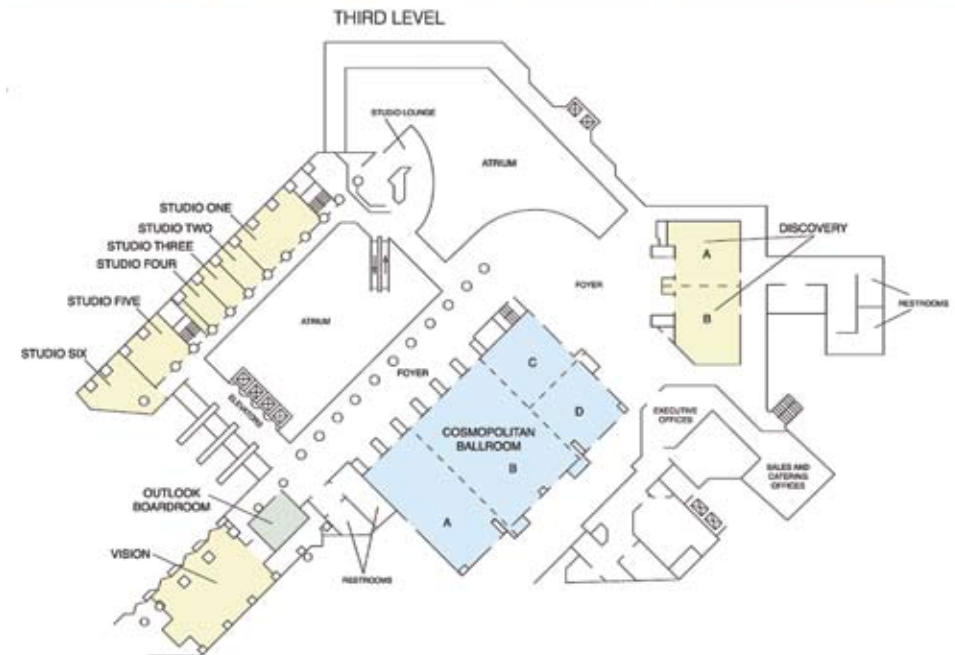
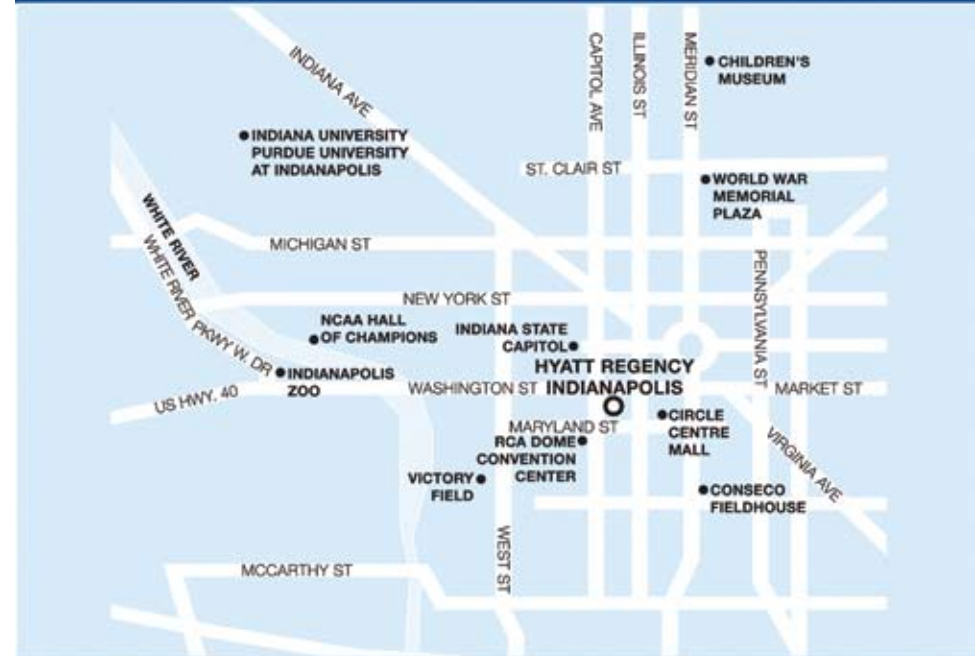
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Welcome to Indianapolis!

There's an old saying about being able to bring a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink.

The image is what came to mind when reading a couple of recent research reports from Responsive Management on hunting and fishing. For both activities, the surveys show that one of the leading causes for dissatisfaction among both anglers and hunters is a lack of access.

In other words, agencies like ours can engage in countless programs to recruit new participants in fishing and hunting, but that's not enough by itself to ensure a healthy future for conservation of fish and wildlife resources. To really make a difference requires a combination of recruitment and opportunity. Opportunity comes from providing public access to fishing and hunting.

That's a tall order any time, but increasingly more difficult under the current economic climate as budgets shrink or disappear altogether. More often than not, land acquisition for public recreation requires funding. You can't have one without the other, and in lean times being able to address the situation calls for creativity.

Thankfully, each of our agencies has creative, dedicated people ready, willing and able to take on the challenge. It's our duty as agency leaders to not only encourage that sort of behavior from our staff but also to provide them, whenever possible, with the tools to perform their jobs better and more efficiently.

The payoff is that by giving staff the necessary tools and the freedom to use them allows them to have a greater stake in the agency, creates buy-in to the agency's mission and provides incentive to the best and brightest who, in the long run, become critical pieces in succession planning as veteran workers retire.

Mark Reiter
President, Midwest Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies

Program Agenda-at-a-Glance

S u n d a y , J u n e 2 7 , 2 0 1 0	
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration and Exhibit Set-up – 3rd Level Foyer
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	MAFWA Executive Committee Meeting – Studio Five
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome to Indiana Reception – Eagles Nest Restaurant <i>Sponsored by National Wild Turkey Federation</i>
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room – Suite 2007 <i>Sponsored by Association of Midwest Fish & Game Law Enforcement Officers (AMFGLEO)</i>

M o n d a y , J u n e 2 8 , 2 0 1 0 {Cosmopolitan Ballroom A for all events except where indicated.}	
7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration – 3rd Level Foyer
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast – Network Room, 2nd Level <i>Sponsored by National Shooting Sports Foundation</i>
8:00 a.m. – 8:05 a.m.	Orientation – Cosmopolitan Ballroom A <i>Mark Reiter, Indiana DNR</i>
8:05 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.	Greetings and Introduction of Governor <i>Rob Carter, Director, Indiana DNR</i>
8:10 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.	Welcome to Indiana <i>Mitch Daniels, Governor State of Indiana</i>
8:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	State Reports - Necessity: The Mother of Invention <i>Each state will have an opportunity to highlight 1 or 2 successful endeavors that allowed each to get by/through a challenging situation</i> <i>Dan Zekor, Missouri DOC, Facilitator</i>

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break <i>Sponsored by Pheasants Forever</i>
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	MAFWA Committee Reports <i>Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator</i> Furbearers, Private Lands, Law Enforcement, Public Lands, Legal, Wildlife Action Plan
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Awards Luncheon – Network Room, 2nd Level <i>Sponsored by Archery Trade Association</i>
1:00 p.m. – 1:25 p.m.	Engaging in the Federal Budget Process <i>John Frampton, Director, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources & AFWA President</i>
1:25 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Learning from the Past: Turning Points in Yesterday's Success and the Challenges of Our Time <i>Randy Stark, Chief Warden, Wisconsin DNR</i>
2:10 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Partner Update - Fish and Wildlife Service Updates The Nation — <i>Dan Ashe, USFWS Deputy Director</i> Region 6 – <i>Steve Guertin, Regional Director</i> Region 3 – <i>Tom Melius, Regional Director</i>
2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Break — <i>Sponsored by Mule Deer Foundation</i>
3:10 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Update from Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies <i>John Frampton, President & Ron Regan, Executive Director</i>
3:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.	Partner Update <i>Logan Lee, Deputy Regional Forester, Region 9, U.S. Forest Service</i> <i>Charles Brown, Eastern Regional Director, USDA/APHIS – Wildlife Services</i> <i>Gary Vequist, Associate Regional Director Natural Resource Stewardship & Science Midwest Region, National Park Service</i>
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Off-site Event at Indiana State Museum <i>Sponsored by Bass Pro Shops</i> See Page 7 for details!
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room – Suite 2007 <i>Sponsored by AMFGLEO</i>

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7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast – Vision Room, 3rd Level <i>Sponsored by the National Archery in the Schools Program</i>
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Necessity: The Mother of Invention Follow-up from State Reports <i>Dan Zekor, Missouri DOC, Facilitator</i>
8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Panel Discussion: Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCCs) <i>Tom Melius, Region 3 Director USFWS</i>
10:00 a.m.– 10:15 a.m.	Break <i>Sponsored by D.J. Case & Associates</i>
10:15 a.m.– 11:15 a.m.	Panel Discussion: Federal Aid Reversion <i>Jim Hodgson, Federal Aid Chief Region 3 USFWS Glen Salmon, Deputy Assistant Director, Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR)</i>
11:15 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion: Feral Hogs in the Midwest <i>Seth Swafford, Ass't. National Coordinator, USDA/APHIS/WS National Wildlife Disease Program</i>
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch – Studio One, 3rd Level <i>Sponsored by U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance</i>
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Panel discussion: Evaluation of Hunter Recruitment/Retention Programs & Data Mining <i>Phil Seng D.J. Case & Associates Cortney Mycroft, Southwick Associates</i>
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Featured Sponsor: National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) <i>C. Tom Bennett, Vice President of Operations</i>

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	MAFWA Committee Reports Ollie Torgerson, Facilitator CITES, NCN, Climate Change, Pheasant, Deer & Wild Turkey, Wildlife and Fish Health
2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Break <i>Sponsored by Ducks Unlimited</i>
3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	MAFWA Committee Reports Continued
5:00 p.m.	Free Time/Dinner on your own
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room – Suite 2007 <i>Sponsored by AMFGLEO</i>
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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast – Network Room, 2nd Level <i>Sponsored by D.J. Case & Associates</i>
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	MAFWA Business Meeting – Cosmopolitan A <i>Mark Reiter, MAFWA President</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order and Roll Call 2. Approval of 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes 3. Treasurer's Report – <i>Sharon M. Schafer</i> 4. Audit Committee Report – <i>Rich Leopold, (IA)</i> 5. Investments Committee Report – <i>Rich Leopold, (IA)</i> 6. Resolution Committee Report – <i>Dave Schad, (MN)</i>
10:00 a.m.– 10:30 a.m.	Break <i>Sponsored by Indiana Wildlife Federation</i>
10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	MAFWA Business Meeting Continued <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Awards Committee Report – <i>Dave Graham, (OH)</i> 8. Bylaws Committee Report – <i>Ollie Torgerson</i> 9. Executive Secretary's Report – <i>Ollie Torgerson</i> 10. New Business FY11 Budget Approval – <i>Sharon Schafer</i> Forming New Technical Working Committees Southern Wings Project Approval VPAP Funding Request 11. Passing of Gavel to Iowa
12:00 p.m.	Adjournment

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Monday, June 28
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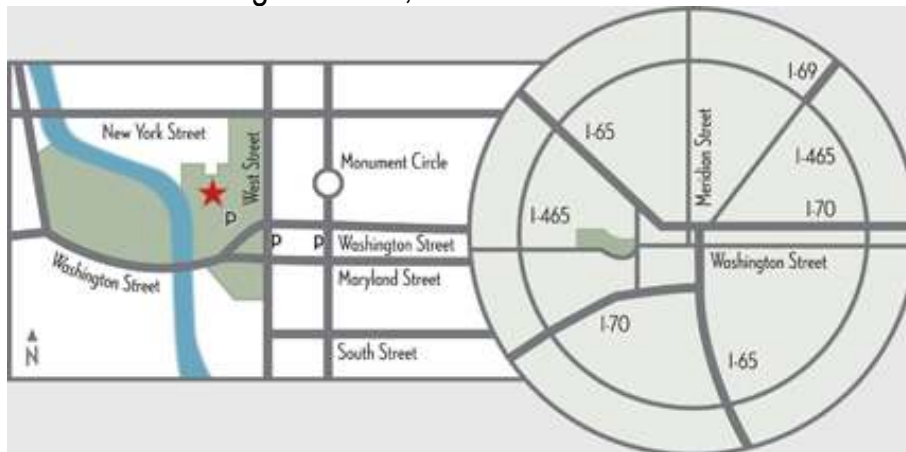
Level 2: Pioneers through the Industrialization and Pop Culture in Indiana

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner in the Canal Café & Terrace on Level 2

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The Mule Deer Foundation is a non-profit organization, with over 15,000 members nationwide. MDF's mission is to ensure the conservation of mule deer, black-tailed deer and their habitat. MDF is dedicated to restoring, improving and protecting mule deer habitat resulting in self-sustaining, healthy, free ranging and huntable deer populations; encouraging and supporting responsible wildlife management with government agencies, private organizations and landowners; promoting public education and scientific research related to mule deer and wildlife management; supporting and encouraging responsible and ethical behavior and awareness of issues among those whose actions affect mule deer; and acknowledging regulated hunting as a viable component of mule deer and black-tailed deer conservation.

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The Midwest Region is committed to expanding partnerships, offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region, promoting healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them and providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands.



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Amway Grand Plaza Hotel
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Southeastern Association for Fish & Wildlife
October 17 – 20, 2010 Biloxi, Mississippi
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