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To: NRD Managers  
Conservation Partners

From: NARD Staff

Re: 2003 Annual Conference

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Enclosed in this packet is the tentative agenda and registration for the NARD Annual Conference that will be held at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center, September 21-23, 2003.

The conference offers a variety of speakers and topics, which **are sure** to interest you. Take a moment to look at the tentative agenda and I'm sure you'll agree!

**Some Conference Highlights include:**

- Annual NRD Golf Tournament and Prime Rib Dinner (additional information provided in this packet).
- An agenda that is packed with informative news on current issues, and educational training workshops, proven to be beneficial to everyone attending.
- Take the opportunity of meeting with vendors and learning about top of the line services available to you.
- Join us in congratulating the different award winners from across the state.
- Silent Auction with proceeds going to the NARD Foundation.
- Headlining the banquet Monday evening **will** be Darrel Draper - His portrayal of "George Drodard - Hunter, Interpreter, and Indian Sign-Talker for Lewis and Clark" has received standing ovations from Montana to Ohio.

As in the past, your **NRD** or agency is encouraged to submit a single registration form for all attendees. Simply use the bottom portion to list each attendee, their title and conference selections. Then, total the numbers and include them on the upper portion. Conference attendees may choose the standard *Full Registration, Monday Only, or Tuesday Only*. If needed, attendees may purchase extra luncheon and banquet tickets for spouse's or guest.

**Registration Information:**

- Registration deadline is Monday September 15, 2003.
- Late registrations and "walk-ins" **will** be \$175 per person.
- Cancellation Policies - Refunds must be in writing and will be accepted until Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup> with a \$25 processing fee for cancellations received between September 16- 18, 2003. No refunds for cancellations after September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Payment must accompany registration form to be accepted.
- **Mail registration and payment to NARD, 601 So. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 201, Lincoln, NE 68508 prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved for NARD Conference attendees at the Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center. To **make your room reservations**, call 308/237-5971 or 1-800-248-4460 and be **sure** to mention you are with the NARD Conference to receive your special rate of \$57 (for 1-4 persons) per night plus applicable taxes. The block of **rooms** will be held until **August 29, 2003**.

If you have any questions, please call the NARD office at 402-471-7670 or toll free 1-877-777-6273. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2003 Annual Conference.

**2003 NARD Annual Conference**  
**Kearney Holiday Inn & Convention Center**  
**September 21 – 23, 2003**  
*Tentative Program*

**Sunday, September 21**

12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Golf Outing - Meadowlark Hills golf course, Keamey, NE

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Pre-Registration

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. President's Reception

**Monday, September 22**

7:30 a.m. Registration desk open

8:30 a.m. Opening Remarks  
Governor Johanns (invited)

9:30 a.m. Legislative Panel  
Sen. Ed Schrock  
Sen. Roger Wehrbein  
Sen. Joel Johnson (invited)

10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions  
\*Water Policy Task Force  
\*GIS/GPS Software-  
Mapmaking/3D  
Visualization – Part A

12:00 p.m. Lunch – Awards Program  
\*Tree Planter of the Year  
\*Outstanding Grassland  
Conservationist  
\*Outstanding Community  
Conservationist  
\*Director of the Year

1:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions  
\*Conservation Programs  
and their Benefits  
\*GIS/GPS – Part B

3:00 p.m. Business Session

5:00 p.m. Vendor Reception

6:00 p.m. Banquet

\* Master Conservationist  
Award Winners

\* Keynote Speaker – Darrel Draper

**Darrel Draper** is a fifth generation Nebraskan and graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He is a veteran of 30 years of military service and was decorated for service in Vietnam and Desert Storm. Since retirement, he has delighted audiences with his dramatic, costumed portrayals of historical characters from Nebraska's past who helped to transform our state from wilderness prairie to the Comhusker State. His portrayal of "George Drodard – Hunter, Interpreter, and Indian Sign-Talker for Lewis and Clark" has received standing ovations form Montana to Ohio. In January, he performed at Monticello at the request of the National Park Service as part of the official ceremonies to commemorate the beginning of the 2003-2006 Lewis and Clark Bicentennial.

8:00 p.m. Closing of Silent Auction

**Tuesday, September 23**

7:45 - 9:15 a.m. NRD Basin Meetings

9:30 - 12:00 Concurrent Sessions  
\*Water Quality Issues  
\*USFWS  
\*Microsoft Frontpage-Part A  
"Water Quality Projects  
\*FrontPage – Part B  
\*NRCS Programs/Farm Bill

12:00 Lunch - Awards Program Staff

1:30 p.m. Business Session

1:30 p.m. NRCS Staff Session

3:00 p.m. DNR Meeting

3:00 p.m. NARD Board Meeting

ANNUAL NRD GOLF TOURNAMENT  
AND  
AWARDS DINNER



WHAT: Team "Best Ball" Scramble  
WHERE: Meadowlark Hills, Kearney, Nebraska  
WHEN: Sunday, September 21, 2003  
TIME: 12:00 Noon

Come join us at one of the finest courses in central Nebraska. Meadowlark Hills overlooks the Central Platte river valley and is located on the west side of Kearney, north of Highway 30. September weather is always erratic, but we have ordered partly cloudy skies and 68 degrees, with a slight breeze out of the west!!

We must furnish final numbers and a guarantee ten (10) days in advance, so we will have to set a sign-up **deadline of THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Current Average Golf Score: 9 holes \_\_\_\_\_ 18 holes \_\_\_\_\_

I like my Prime Rib(circle one) Rare Medium Rare Medium Well

My non-golfing spouse will attend the dinner: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

They like their Prime Rib (circle one) Rare Medium Rare Medium Well

ENTRY FEE - \$49.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Includes 18 hole green fee, cart, prizes, and the dinner!!  
(Prices are low because NARD always gets several sponsors for the prizes & awards)

Non-Golfing spouse's Dinner \$12.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL : (Make check payable to Ron Bishop) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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