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Conference Registration

Annual Meeting of the Western Agricultural Economics Association
Anchorage, Alaska -- June 28-30, 2006

Name: _____
Name Tag: _____
Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____
Phone Number: _____
Fax Number: _____

Conference Fee (includes reception, breaks, breakfast on Friday & awards luncheon)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Member | \$240 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-Member | \$300 | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student (attach proof) | \$100 | \$ _____ |

Awards Dinner Choice (included in registration fee)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beef (e.g. Oven roasted sirloin) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chicken (e.g. Rosemary roasted breast of chicken) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Vegetarian (e.g. Eggplant and Vegetable Napoleon) |

Options

Bring a guest to the awards luncheon	\$25/person	No. _____	\$ _____
Prince William Sound Dinner Cruise	\$145/person**	No. _____	\$ Collected by Vendor
Eagle River Nature Center Hike	\$82/person**	No. _____	\$ Collected by Vendor
Girdwood/Portage Sightseeing	\$120/person**	No. _____	\$ Collected by Vendor
Agricultural Tour	\$65/person	No. _____	\$ Collected by Vendor
Total			\$ _____

Location

Hilton Anchorage. Register directly at www.hiltonanchorage.com or 1-800-245-2527. Use code WAE.

Audio-Visual

Laptop computers and LCD projectors will be provided in every room. Bring your presentation on USB thumb drive or CD. Contact Dana Hoag by email if you have any other needs.

* Specific meal choices for beef, chicken and vegetarian choices not finalized

** Mail registration form directly to the vendor

Tentative Program

Wednesday

- 3-5 Board Meeting
6:30-9 p.m. Reception (Hor D'Oeuvres and cash bar, included in registration)

Thursday

- 8-9:45 Presidential Address: Dr. Gary Brester, Montana State University. *Refereed Publications in Agricultural Economics: Relevant or Irreverent?*

Invited Address: Dr. Julian Alston, University of California, Davis. *Perspectives on Farm Policy Reform*

10 -5:00 Selected Papers and Symposiums
5:15 Prince William Sound Dinner Cruise

Friday

- 7:30-8:30 Business Meeting (continental breakfast included)
8:30-5:15 Selected Papers and Symposiums
12:15– 1:30 Award Luncheon

Agricultural Field Trip

Under development

Dinner Cruise

**Prince William Sound Wilderness Explorer & Dinner Cruise – June 29, 2006

Depart Anchorage for a 1-hour and 15-minute drive to Whittier, which is nestled between huge glacier-capped mountains and the sea. You will spend a magnificent evening exploring the untamed wilderness and calm waters of Prince William Sound! Cruise the fjords and passageways to discover majestic tidewater glaciers, waterfalls, and passage inlets; a spectacular trip traveled by few. Watch and listen as your captain and crew share the history surrounding many islands of the Sound. Throughout the tour the residents of Prince William Sound will entertain you; sea otters, seals, porpoises and whales make these waters their home, and bird watchers will find this trip a one-of-a kind.

ITINERARY:	Depart Hotel at 5:15pm & Return to Hotel at 11:15pm
PROGRAM INCLUDES:	Exclusive Round Trip Motorcoach Transportation, Whittier Tunnel Fees, 3-Hour Exclusive Narrated Glacier Cruise, Dinner Aboard Vessel, Escorts, Driver & Cruise Staff Gratuities and Logistics Staff Coordination
MINIMUM REQUIREMENT:	75 Persons
MAXIMUM CAPACITY:	120 Persons
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$145.00
NOTE:	The charter includes a simple dinner which is halibut strips or chicken strips, chips, apple and cookie. Throughout the cruise complimentary soda, coffee and hot chocolate are served.

Entertainment for Friends and Family

Eagle River Nature Center Hike – June 29, 2006

Depart Anchorage for a 45-minute drive to the Eagle River Nature Center, which is located in the Chugach State Park. The half million acres that make up Chugach State Park are filled with rugged mountains, ice caps, and sweeping glaciers. Wildlife abounds, including brown and black bears, Dall sheep, moose, wolves, lynx, bald and golden eagles, and all five species of salmon! Anchorage has grown up next door to this amazing wilderness, and residents and visitors find a quick retreat in the park. With mountains rising almost 7000 feet in elevation just above the Nature Center, it's no wonder that Walter Mendenhall called the Eagle River Valley a "miniature Yosemite". The Nature Center is the trailhead to 26 miles of the most scenic miles of the Historic Iditarod/Crow Pass Trail. The trail system also includes a short 3/4 mile interpretive trail (Rodak Nature Trail); a 3-mile loop trail that takes you to the shores of the glacially-fed Eagle River; and a backcountry trail that takes you above the valley of Dew Lake. Enjoy a guided 1 ½ to 2-hour hike with a Naturalist who will describe the flora and fauna along the trail. A box lunch will be included on the tour.

Itinerary: Departs Hotel at 9:00am and Returns to the Hotel at 1:00-1:30pm
Tour Includes: Exclusive Round Trip Transportation, Narrated Tour, Exclusive 1½ to 2-Hour Guided Naturalist Hike, Refreshment and Box Luncheon, Driver Gratuity, Escort and Logistics Staff Coordination
Minimum Requirement: 20 Persons Per Bus
Maximum Capacity: 50 Persons Per Bus
Price Per Person: \$82.00

Girdwood/Portage Sightseeing – June 30, 2006

Spend your day enjoying the Girdwood and Portage Valleys. You will travel along the breathtaking Turnagain Arm, famous for its unusual bore tide. This drive has been voted one of the Top Ten Most Scenic Drives in America by Conde Nast Magazine. Watch for eagles, Dall sheep, moose and perhaps spot beluga whales feeding on the hooligan in Turnagain Arm. You'll visit Crow Creek Mine, now a National Historic Site. The first claims at Crow Creek were staked in 1897. Mining operations started thereafter, and the original buildings of 1898, which made up the camp, still stand today. This will be your opportunity to try your hand at gold panning! Onward to the Alyeska Prince Resort your Alyeska Tramway ride and lunch on top of the mountain. The tram will ascend Mt. Alyeska to 2,300 feet above the valley floor. Upon arrival at the top of Mt. Alyeska take in the magnificent views and don't forget your camera. Onward to Portage where the 1964 earthquake caused land to drop between 6 and 12 feet along the Turnagain Arm. High tides flooded the area, forcing the estimated 50 to 100 residents of Portage to move. Rustic old buildings and Ghost Forests are visible signs of remains by the invading saltwater. You will explore Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, which is Alaska's only drive-through wildlife viewing exhibit. This will be your opportunity to capture a glimpse of a grizzly bear, reindeer, buffalo, elk, musk ox, moose, eagles, or a Sitka blacktail deer. Then on to Portage Valley where you will get to visit Begich Boggs Visitor Center to see the glaciology exhibits. From the center you will be able to see Portage Lake and icebergs that have calved from the Portage Glacier. This lake was created from the recession of Portage Glacier. Enjoy a short walk along the shore of the lake to see icebergs up close.

Itinerary: Departs Hotel at 9:00am and Returns to the Hotel at 4:15pm
Tour Includes: Exclusive Round Trip Transportation, Narrated Tour, Tramway Ride and Lunch, Admission Fees, Gold Panning, Refreshments and Snacks Onboard the Bus, Driver Gratuity, Escort and Logistics Staff Coordination
Minimum Requirement: 18 Persons Per Bus
Maximum Capacity: 50 Persons Per Bus
Price Per Person: \$120.00