

Environmental Assessment of the McMurdo Dry Valleys: Witness to the Past and Guide to the Future

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**[http://www.mcmlter.org/about/environmental-stewardship-
mcmurdo-dry-valleys](http://www.mcmlter.org/about/environmental-stewardship-mcmurdo-dry-valleys)**

AGENDA

DAY 1; Sunday, 1 May 2016

Arrive Denver, shuttle to hotel and check-in at the Best Western College Ave, Fort Collins, CO

1930 h **WELCOME SOCIAL AND DINNER:** “Mayor of Old Town” 632 S. Mason St. Fort Collins, CO 80524, phone: 970-682-2410

DAY 2; Monday, 2 May 2016 (Colorado State Univ., Grey Rock Rm., Lory Student Center)

0830 h Introduction (J. Priscu)

0850 h Welcome (P. Cutler, NSF-PLR)

0855 h Environmental stewardship: A vision from NSF-PLR (P. Penhale)

0910 h P. Morin: Imaging disturbance in the MCM

0925 h Environmental stewardship in MCM: International coordination (C. Harris)

0945 h Historical perspectives of environmental stewardship (A. Howkins)

1005 h Synergy between science and stewardship in the MCM: Why is it necessary? (B. Lyons)

1025 h **BREAK**

1040 h Climate change and physical drivers in the MCM (P. Doran)

1100 h Responses to human perturbation in the McMurdo Dry Valleys (D. Wall)

1120 h Environmental Stewardship: Lessons from the Arctic (W. Vincent)

1140 h Tourism, helicopter use, and former sites of known pollution (N. Gilbert)

1200 h Environmental Stewardship: Bridges into classrooms (B. Adams)

1220 h **LUNCH: Sack lunches provided**

1340 h Group assignments and charges; Groups I, II and III meet separately to consider questions 1, 2, 3 & 4

1630 h Reconvene as a group for wrap up

1730 h **ADJOURN**

1900 h DINNER: BBQ at home of Diana Wall, 1525 Independence Road, Shuttles provided.

DAY 3; Tuesday, 3 May 2016 (Colorado State Univ., Grey Rock Rm., Lory Student Center)

0830 h Review and schedule update (J. Priscu)

0845 h Groups I, II and III meet jointly to consider questions 1, 2, 3 & 4

1030 h **BREAK**

1100 h Groups I, II and III meet separately to consider questions 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

1245 h **LUNCH: Sack lunches provided**

1345 h Groups I, II and III meet jointly to discuss objectives 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

1545 h Break into writing groups for each objective; prepare Draft Report

1800 h Reconvene as a group for wrap up

1830 h **ADJOURN**

1930 h DINNER: “Mainline” 125 S College Ave, Fort Collins, CO 80524, Shuttles provided.

Day 4; Wednesday, 4 May 2016 (Colorado State Univ., Grey Rock Rm., Lory Student Center)

- 0800 h** Draft reports available
- 0830 h** Groups I, II and III meet separately to discuss draft reports
- 0930 h** **BREAK**
- 0945 h** Groups I, II and III meet jointly to complete draft reports
- 1145 h** Wrap up and **ADJOURN** (majority of participants)
- 1215 h** **LUNCH: Sack lunches provided (for all participants)**
- 1300 h** Finalize draft report (organizing committee, discussion group leaders, and rapporteurs)
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- 1730 h **DINNER** (organizing committee, discussion group leaders, and rapporteurs):
“Jay's Bistro” 135 W Oak St, Fort Collins, CO 80524 (970) 482-1876

Specific questions to be considered by the break-out groups:

1. How is projected climate change in the area going to influence environmental management decisions?
2. We now have the dry valleys ASMA with new ASPA's in place since the last environmental review. How have these managed and protected areas provided environmental protection to the environment?
3. Are current guidelines for the response to environmental incidents (e.g., spills and other releases) adequate?
4. Should we begin monitoring for invasive species and could we predict the timing of introduction through models or experiences in other regions?
5. To what level do we need to catalogue sampling sites and sites of instrument deployment, camping sites and helicopter landing sites?
6. Do we need to do a better job of tracking visitation to the valleys?
7. Will extended season research affect the integrity of the environment?
8. What are the current regulations for handling hazardous materials and are they adequate?
9. How will UAVs and submersible ROVs affect the environment and what rules should be placed on their use?

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Chiuchiolo, A.

Cunningham, J.

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Scofield, O.

Sletten, R.

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Walker, M.

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Group III**Discussion Leader:** Cannone, N.**Rapporteur:** Morgan-Kiss, R.

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Fritsen, C.

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Hughes, Kevin

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Levy, J.

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Wall, D.

Wilch, T.

Cross-group “floaters”:

Penhale, P.

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Local CSU helpers:

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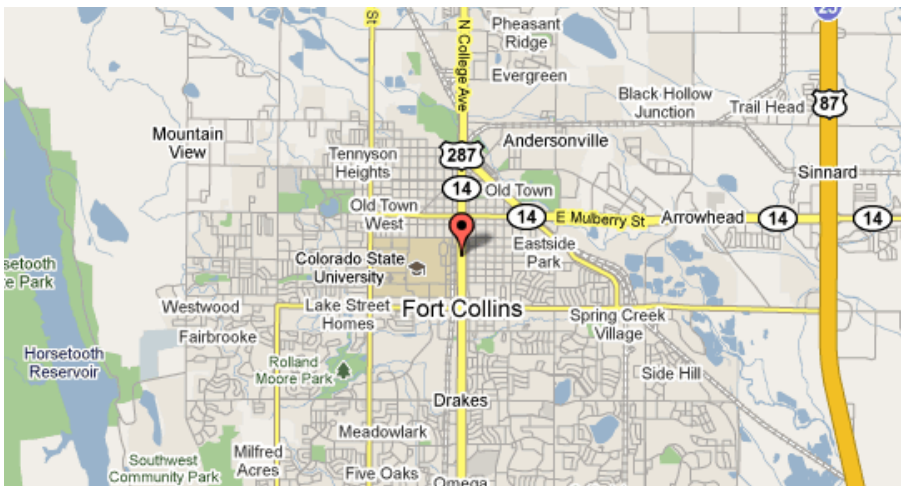
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HOTEL

Accommodations will be pre-booked at the Best Western University Inn.



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Phone: (970) 484-2984

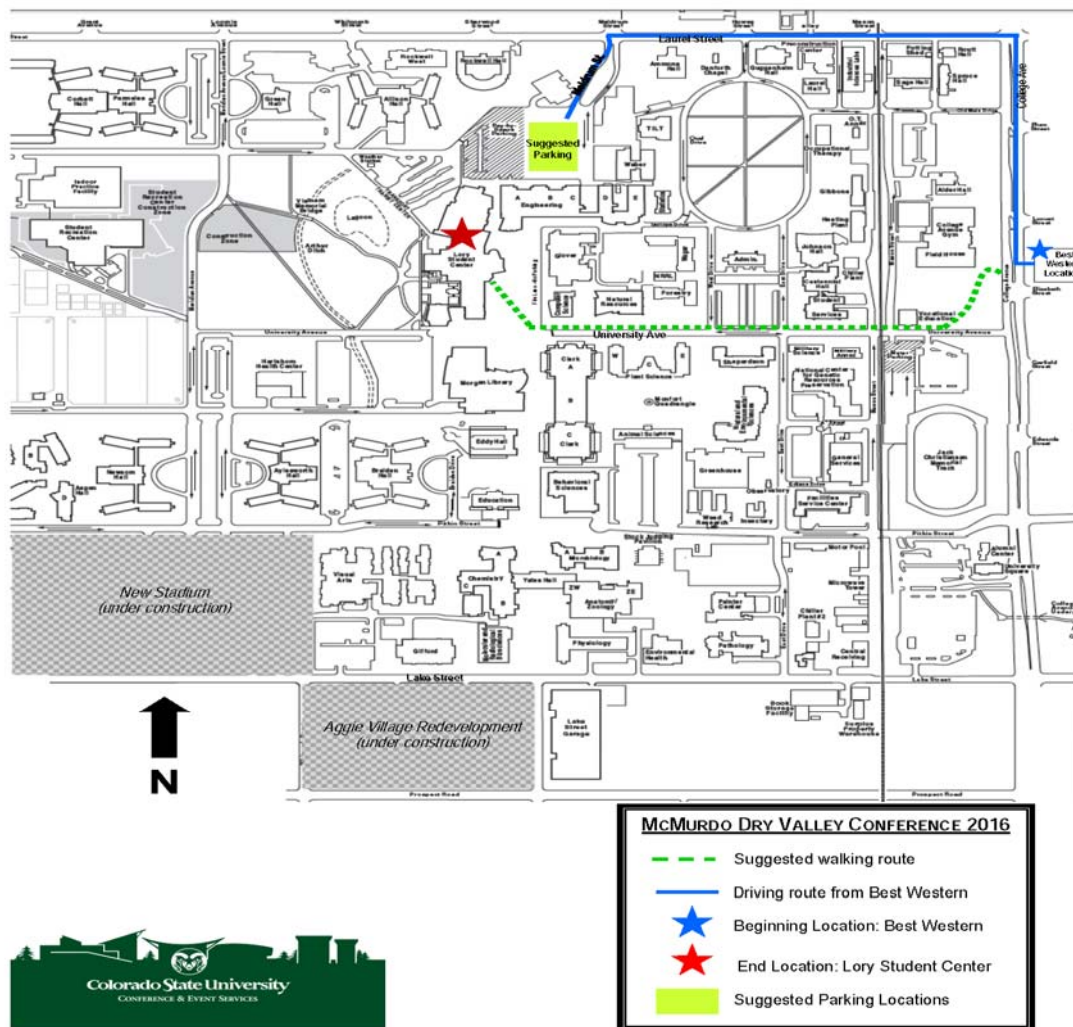
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Relaxed rooms and suites have free WiFi and flat-screen TVs, plus mini-fridges, microwaves and coffeemakers. All have pillow-top mattresses and desks; suites add sofas, wet bars and extra TVs.

Freebies include continental breakfast, parking and a weekday local shuttle. There's a whirlpool and an indoor pool with a retractable roof, as well as a fitness center, a business center, a meeting room and a coin-operated laundry.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE LORY STUDENT CENTER

The workshop will be held in the Lory Student Center on the Colorado State University campus. It is a half mile walk from the Best Western to the Lory Student Center. The meeting room location will be posted at the entrance to the student center.



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