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Local Food Advocate and Renowned Western Historian Featured Speakers at Sheridan Event

(SHERIDAN, WY) On Saturday, November 7 at the Historic Sheridan Inn, Powder River Basin Resource Council will have its 37th Annual Meeting.

The day's activities will start-off with luncheon speaker Mike Callicrate presenting on "Where's the Money from Farming, Ranching and Retailing." Callicrate's "call it like it is" style will cover issues of monopolies and corporate challenges to farmers, ranchers, feeders and independent processors. Drawing from various sources, Callicrate will inspire us to ponder questions about new food systems, hope for improving the economy, the state of agriculture, and the quality of our food.

The keynote dinner speaker will be renowned western historian and MacArthur genius award winner, Patty Limerick. Limerick is the founder and director of Center for the American West at the University of Colorado and will speak on "The Role of the Past in Reclaiming the Future of the West." Limerick's career has focused on bridging the gap between academics and the public and exalts the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary dilemmas and conflicts. The Center of the American West serves as a forum to bring together diverse Western citizens to look for commonalities to problem-solve around a wide range of challenges and opportunities faced by the American West including multicultural issues, land and water management and energy use and development.

"This year's lunch and dinner keynote speeches should be especially exciting," said Power River Basin Resource Council Chair Bob LeResche. "We encourage people from communities across Wyoming to come to the event to learn and engage in a productive dialogue about these important issues," LeResche added.

Two informative panel discussions will take place after lunch. The first panel focuses on water contamination related to oil and gas activities and will feature members of the Pavillion Area Concerned Citizens who have recently garnered substantial media exposure stemming from an EPA report documenting contaminated water wells.

The second panel features experts in the small-scale renewable energy and energy efficiency sector who will share hands-on tips and policy perspectives about this emerging way to decrease demand of electricity while saving consumers money.

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The early evening events include the popular Powder River Basin Resource Council silent auction and entertainment by local musicians.

The luncheon, dinner speaker and panels are open to the public. Please register before October 30th for an all inclusive fee of \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members, lunch & panels for members is \$20 and for non-members \$30. Attendance for the lunch speaker and evening speaker will be \$5 and non-members \$15.00 (no meal included,). Members of the public are welcome to attend the afternoon panels at no charge. The non-member price includes a 1 year membership. If you register after October 30th, please add \$10 to the cost of each registration.

Powder River Basin Resource Council is a landowner and citizen based membership group dedicated to the good stewardship of Wyoming's resources and the involvement of citizens in local, state and federal government.

For further information on these events, contact the Powder River Basin Resource Council office at 307.672.5809 or www.powderriverbasin.org

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