



# 2016 River Rendezvous

June 9<sup>th</sup>, Fort Benton, MT

The 2016 River Rendezvous will be hosted by Chouteau County Conservation District, June 9<sup>th</sup>, on the Missouri River near Fort Benton, MT. Rendezvous attendees will take a boat tour of riparian fencing projects, cottonwood planting sites, and other riparian enhancement efforts. Landowners and partners will speak about the challenges and opportunities for riparian restoration and enhancement along the Missouri River. Experts will report on bird and fish habitat enhancement efforts and the importance of partnerships to any successful restoration and enhancement effort.

## Tour Schedule

- 9:00 AM      Meet at the Missouri Breaks Interpretive Center in Fort Benton (701 7th St, Fort Benton, MT 59442)
- Welcome and load boats
- Depart on tour (sack lunch provided at Woods Bottom during the tour)
- Featured Speakers:
- University of Montana, Avian Science Center – Monitoring Birds along the Madison/Missouri Rivers
  - Missouri River fisheries update – Great Falls to Fort Peck Lake
  - Friends of the Missouri River Breaks Monument, Bureau of Land Management, and Northwestern Energy – cottonwood planting projects
  - Missouri River Conservation Districts Council & Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Montana – Ranching for Rivers project and riparian fencing cost share
  - Northwestern Energy – Conservation and cooperative fish and wildlife efforts along the Missouri River.
- 3:30 PM      Return from boat tour
- 4:30 PM      Social and hors d'oeuvres at the Grand Union Hotel hosted by Montana Land Reliance (MLR)  
                “Conservation Easements and Opportunities in Montana” – Presentation by MLR
- 6:30 PM      Dinner on your own (*if you are still hungry*)

**Please RSVP to Rachel Frost, 406-454-0056.**

Space is limited on the boats, but all are welcome at the evening social and presentations.

*A small block of rooms will be reserved at the Grand Union Hotel – 406-622-1882*

*Mention “Missouri River Conservation” to get in the block at the negotiated rate of \$100*



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