National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
Midwest Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)
Regional Workshops
Cedar Rapids, IA

November 9, 2016

12:15 - 1:00 Sign in

1:00 - 1:20 Introductions
Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

1:20 – 1:50 Current Drought Conditions & Climate Outlook
Historical Drought Overview
Harry Hillaker, Iowa State Climatologist

1:50 – 2:15 Introduction to NIDIS, Midwest DEWS, and Strategic Plan
Courtney Black, NIDIS

2:15 – 2:45 Revisit Needs from the Midwest DEWS Kickoff Workshop
Facilitator, Courtney Black, NIDIS

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 3:30 Existing Activities to Enhance Drought Early Warning and Long-Term Resilience
Doug Kluck, NOAA
Mike Anderson, Iowa DNR
Mike Gannon, Iowa Geological Survey
Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

3:30 – 4:00 Use of Available Drought and Climate Tools & Resources
Facilitators, Beth Hall, MRCC and Kelly Smith, NDMC

4:00 - 4:45 Drought Mitigation Planning, Triggers, and Response Panel Session
Mike Gannon, Iowa Geological Survey
Mike Anderson, Iowa DNR
Charlie DuCharme, Missouri DNR
Maren Stoflet, USACE, Rock Island District
Facilitator, Courtney Black, NIDIS

4:45 - 5:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn
Courtney Black, NIDIS and Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

5:30 - 7:30 Informal Networking Event

November 10, 2016

9:00-9:10 Overview of the Day
Courtney Black, NIDIS

9:10-10:10 Strategy 1 Development - Small Group Breakouts
- Collection and Dissemination of Drought Impacts
- Collection and Dissemination of Adaptive Management Capacities
- Support of Drought Vulnerability Assessments

10:10-11:10 Strategy 2 Development - Small Group Discussion Breakouts
- Leveraging Existing Citizen Science Monitoring Programs
- Consistent Drought Messaging Across Sectors
- Improving Transfer of Drought & Climate Information to Stakeholders

11:10-12:15 Working Lunch
Mesonets in the Midwest region
Stuart Foster, Kentucky State Climatologist

12:15-1:15 Presentation of Strategies
Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC

1:15-2:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn
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