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# WESTERN NORTH DAKOTA REGIONAL LEGACY TRUST WEBINAR

Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. MST

## About this Important Opportunity

This webinar will provide discussion in detail on policy consideration to develop a regional trust fund for the counties of Western North Dakota directly affected by the energy development of the Bakken shale formation. Discussion will include an outline of nine different ways that local and state government could pay for mitigating the short-term impacts of shale development in ways that set the region up for longer-term sustainability. Three different examples at the national, state and regional levels will be shared regarding the use of endowment funds from natural resource booms to ensure long-term sustainability. Much of the webinar will describe ways that a Western North Dakota Regional Legacy Trust might be established and govern itself. The ideas to be presented are not definitive, but are offered as a starting point for discussion. The webinar will close with discussion on how North Dakota might fund such a regional legacy trust and how those funds could flow through the trust to the various stakeholders to address strategic purposes for sustaining the region. There will be time for questions included. *The session will be recorded and available later for reviewing or those who could not attend the live session. Recordings will be available through the Vision West ND website.*

## Your Presentation Team

Moderator for the webinar is Dr. Dick Gardner, a resource economist based in Boise, ID and associated with the national Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Facilitating these sessions will be Ray Ann Kilen, The Strom Center at Dickinson State University.

## Sponsors

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