

Hello again - here's hoping you are all safe and healthy amid this craziness and angst so many are dealing with. For one of the first times, I am actually grateful. Jeannine and I are both retired and don't have to travel - anyplace - right now.....

As a quick update, you can imagine how uncertain things are within the travel and hospitality industries right now. After not having a very positive response from Denver-area facilities, we expanded our search to Colorado Springs. Given the fact we were considering mostly C.S. area activities, it seemed to make more sense.

Thankfully, several C.S. locations have responded - but so too did a few Denver locations. Attempting to stay within our targeted room rate of \$130/night, we have excluded those what came in well-above that rate.

Due to the fact most locations are running short staffed, if even open, we have been asked to give them an extra week or two to respond and make any commitments. So, while we were hoping to have all the details in place by April 1st, it looks like it will be closer to May 1st.

If someone planned to join us based on the original Denver location plan, and can't join us in C.S., please let us know ASAP so we can adjust accordingly. Likewise, if someone didn't think they could make it to Denver, but now would like to join us in C.S., please let us know. As of last week, we have had 38 positive responses, with many of the "regulars" planning to attend, but have not yet responded. That's all good - as we have set an estimate of 50 rooms per night as our initial "room block".

As for timing - it seems everything is happening in C.S. about the same time. We have tentatively locked in on our original dates of Thursday, Sept 10th - Sunday, September 13th.

Finally, having a "contact" at the USAF Iron Mountain facility seems to be the best route to secure a tour for us. While difficult and having to rely on clearances from Homeland Security again (which we did for Davis-Monthan AFB), being approved for a tour has been successful. Knowing someone who knows someone (the right person to know), will hopefully make our quest successful.

That's it for now, folks. I do know some have missed one or two past emails, and apparently the email lists are still in flux. As an example, more than 120 emails have been returned as "undeliverable" for whatever reason. Just a request/reminder: if you change your email service from one service to another, please remember to let us and Rick Fortney at the Kagnew Web Site know.... we may have worked for NSA, but we don't keep tabs on anyone's email..... just sayin'

Best wishes for all to stay safe and healthy,

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