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RAHALL TO HOLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

AT MATEWAN, TWIN FALLS

BECKLEY, W. VA. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) said today that he will be sponsoring two economic development seminars in Mingo and Wyoming Counties later this month. Rahall has previously held successful seminars in Mercer and McDowell Counties as part of his district-wide effort to bring together the various economic development groups in each county with the appropriate state and federal officials, as well as the private sector.

The Mingo County seminar will be held in Matewan on Monday, August 29th, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at Matewan High School. The Town of Matewan and the Matewan Development Center are serving as cosponsors of the seminar. There will be a luncheon during the seminar and those wishing to make a reservation for the luncheon must call the Matewan Development Center at 426-4239.

The Wyoming County seminar will be held at Twin Falls State Park from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The Mullens, Oceana and Pineville Chambers of Commerce, the Wyoming County Economic Development Authority, and the Mullens Area Task Force are serving as cosponsors of the seminar. There will be a cost of \$7.57 per person for the luncheon during the seminar and reservations must be made by calling Ms. Sandra Privett at the First Community Bank in Pineville at 732-7011.

"I am excited by the enthusiasm and dedication to progress shown by the people of these areas and I am looking forward to getting everyone together to pool our thoughts and resources toward rebuilding and expanding our economic base," Rahall said. "I view my seminars as a coordinating vehicle through which local business interests and public and private groups with economic development ideas can get together with the proper federal, state and local government officials and pool their efforts toward a common goal."

"These seminars have been very successful in other counties and I am very confident of their success in Mingo and Wyoming Counties as well," Rahall added.

The inclusion of the private sector is viewed by Rahall as key to the effort. "There is only so much that government can do to help an area," Rahall observed. "The private sector involvement greatly enhances the economic climate and prospects for any area, particularly one that has been as hard hit as we have been in southern West Virginia."