

# 25th Annual Midwest Esri Utility User Group Conference

**March 30th - April 1st, 2026**

**The Park Event Center**  
500 Division St. Waite Park, MN 56387



- Hosted By -



## Preliminary Agenda

### Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at: Hilton Garden Inn and Residence Inn. Both hotels are connected to The Park Event Center

Address: 500 Division St. Waite Park, MN 56387

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**Rooms must be reserved by Monday March 2nd to receive the group rate.** After 3/3/2026 any rooms reserved will be subject to availability, their Best Available Rate, and the Group Rate will not be honored.

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### General Conference Information

We will be utilizing the Yosemite and Glacier rooms for the main and breakout presentation locations and the Vendor Hall will be located in Badlands, Central Park, and Rushmore rooms throughout the MWEUUG conference.

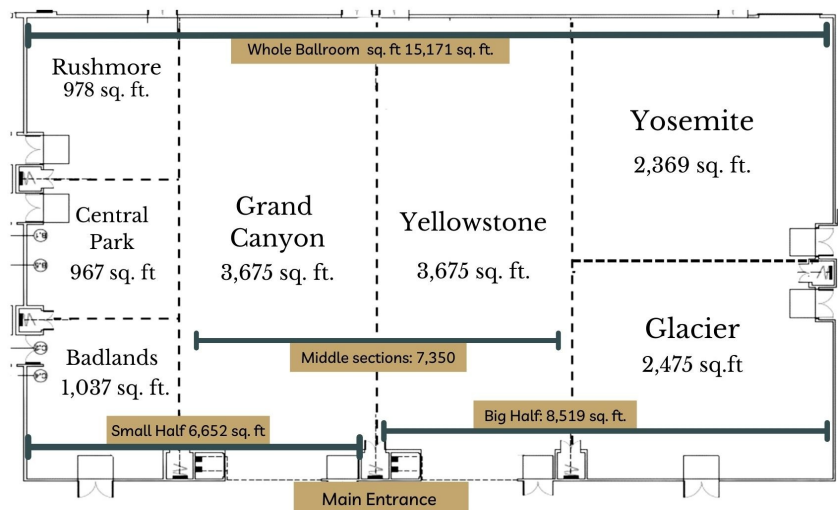
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Track 1	GIS Beginners Classes
Track 2	GIS Intermediate & Advanced Classes
	Sponsor Presentations

**Monday, March 30th, 2026**

Time	Activity
11:30 am - 4:30 pm	Registration
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Leica Geosystems
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Frontier Precision
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Davey Resource Group
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Afternoon Break
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Power System Engineering
3:45 pm - 4:15 pm	WSB
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm	SSP Innovations
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm	
5:15 pm - 8:00 pm	Vendor Hall Evening Social



## Tuesday, March 31st, 2026

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Exhibits Open at Breaks	Morning Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am - 8:05 am		Welcome - General Assembly	
8:05 am - 9:00 am		Plenary Session - Introductions	
9:00 am - 10:00 am		<b>Keynote Presentation</b> – Matt Piper—Global Director Industry Solutions: Utilities, Telecom, Water, AEC & Infrastructure—Esri	
10:00 am - 10:15 am		Morning Break	
10:15 am - 12:00 pm		Esri Utilities overview - Keith Krall, Jessica Gooch, Aaryn Persson	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm		Lunch Break	
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm		<b>What is the VALUE of GIS to your organization?</b> <b>Over the past 25 years, how has GIS added VALUE to your organization?</b> <b>GIS, it's more than just a map!</b> Peer to Peer Session - James Huffman and Chad Schauf (moderators)	
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm		Afternoon Break	
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm		<b>Bringing Underground Mapping Online with Gopher State One Call</b> Kelly Connolly, Adam Franco, Bob Basques Gopher State One Call & SharedGeo	<b>Leverage Python, JavaScript &amp; EXB to Modernize Your Permit System</b> Jenna Walz Sherburne County, Minnesota
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm		<b>Empowering field data collection with ArcGIS Field Maps Designer</b> Robert Borchert Great River Energy	<b>Offline Maps for Field Use</b> Mark Bresnahan Minnkota Electric
3:45 pm - 4:15 pm		<b>From Big to Small: Adapting ArcGIS Enterprise Techniques for Small Business Utilities</b> Phil Creighton Arrowhead Electric Cooperative	<b>Backing It Up: Protecting ArcGIS Enterprise Data</b> Jessie Lloyd—James Huffman City of Fairmont & Riverland Energy
4:15 pm - 4:45 pm		<b>Lead Service Line Inventory Update: AMI Installation Verification</b> Todd Copeland Moorhead Public Service	<b>Public facing applications—Outage map for public use</b> Ryan Moore Rochester Public Utilities
4:45 pm - 5:15 pm		<b>Preparing Damage Assessment Procedure for a Major FEMA event</b> Casey Hansen Nodak Electric	<b>The “E” in “ESRI” stands for “Engineers”</b> Matt Othmer and Dhruv Thakkar City of Oconomowoc Utilities
		Group Dinner and Social @ ?	

## Wednesday, April 1st, 2026

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Morning Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am - 9:00 am	MWEUUG Business Meeting / Q & A Session
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Morning Break
9:15 am - 9:45 am	<b>UAS—Getting started a “Small Utility” perspective</b> Jessie Lloyd—City of Fairmont
9:45 am - 10:15 am	<b>Photogrammetry</b> Eli Sack—Minnkota Electric
10:15 am - 10:45 am	<b>Improving Imagery Workflows</b> Joanna Bristol—Great River Energy
10:45 am - 11:45 am	<b>Levering Imagery and Remote Sensing solutions for Electric and Gas Utilities—followed by panel discussion</b> Tom Lenzen—Esri and panelists
11:45 am	Adjourn