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BLM Colorado State Director Joins NRLC

Ann Morgan, the State Director of the Bureau of Land Management in Colorado, joined NRLC in late July of 2002 on a new assignment that draws on her significant experience dealing with public lands issues in the West. BLM State Director since 1997, Ann has overseen management of 8.4 million acres in Colorado and 27 million acres of mineral estate, with a attention to community-based partnerships, multiple use management, and the challenges of being the backyard to a growing population. She focused the agency on integrating fire management with landscape health and working with local communities in the wildland-urban interface to reduce their risk from wildfire. She is a champion of the co-management of land and resources on a landscape level with the United State Forest Service through co-mingled organizations in the southern part of the state. In addition to working on special projects with the Center, Ann has joined the law faculty on an adjunct basis, and is co-teaching a minerals law seminar with NRLC Director Jim Martin. "I am very excited about the chance to serve on the faculty of such a wonderful institution as the CU Law School and at NRLC," she said, upon accepting the assignment. "NRLC is doing a lot of work in the public lands arena, exploring the policy and legal issues surrounding energy development, water, community-based stewardship, and other natural resources issues," she notes, "and it's a great opportunity to work on issues of sustainability with this group."

Prior to her post in Colorado, Ann was the BLM State Director in Nevada, and was manager of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Lands. Her assignment is expected to last up to three years.