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Natural Resources Law Center Press Releases

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOW IT EFFECTS THE WEST IS FOCUS OF CU LAW SCHOOL SUMMER CONFERENCE

Exploring the legal and political dimensions that climate change will bring to the American West will be the focus of the CU-Boulder Natural Resources Law Center's 27th Annual Summer Conference.

Titled "Climate Change and the Future of the American West: Exploring the Legal and Policy Dimensions," the conference will be held June 7-9 at the Fleming Law Building on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus.

Participants will explore a wide range of issues from climate science to how climate change will impact water and energy resources, agriculture, wildlife habitat, land use and planning, state, federal and international law and public and private initiatives.

"This is a conference for people who face decisions relating to climate change and for the lawyers and others who advise the decision-makers. We have an outstanding lineup of speakers and panelists who represent a broad array of backgrounds and expertise, ranging from climate scientists renowned in their fields to energy company executives, elected representatives and political advisers, environmental lawyers and heads of non-profits," said law Professor Mark Squillace, director of CU-Boulder's Natural Resources Law Center.

Ray Dempsey, vice president and commercial manager of the western hemisphere for BP America, Inc. will deliver the opening address at 8:15 a.m. June 7. Other speakers will include the Acting Director of the U.S. State Department's Office of Global Change, the Executive Secretary of Brazil's "São Paulo Forum on Global Climate Changes and Biodiversity," and the Senior Energy & Environment Advisor at the British Embassy in Washington, D.C. Participants registered to date include practicing attorneys as well as scientists from academia, government, affected industries and non-governmental organizations.

The conference is open to the public and continuing legal education credits are available. A complete conference schedule is available at [/law/centers/nrlc/summerconference/2006/index.htm](http://law/centers/nrlc/summerconference/2006/index.htm).