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## **Red Lodge Clearinghouse Launches Series on Environmental Problem-Solving Tools**

**The Red Lodge Clearinghouse, a website project managed by the Natural Resources Law Center of the University of Colorado Law School, has launched a new series on providing tools for anyone seeking to address environmental problems.**

In the first edition of this new Series, the Clearinghouse ([www.redlodgeclearinhouse.org](http://www.redlodgeclearinhouse.org)) addresses how to work with the federal notice and comment processes. Viewers are provided a primer on how to work within the process, tips on how to write effective comments, an interview with a federal official responsible for running a comment process, as well as links to additional resources.

The Red Lodge Clearinghouse provides resources to individuals and groups in their efforts to address their environmental challenges — through collaboration stories, funding information, the Collaboration Handbook, summaries of legislation and regulations, and up-to-date news. With the initiation of this Series, the Clearinghouse seeks to explicitly explore the process of collaboration—in its many forms and applications — as well as other approaches that may accompany, enhance, or even replace a collaborative process.

Future series will provide information on public hearings, meetings, field trips and open houses; administrative protests and appeals; alternative dispute resolution; legislation; litigation; and collaboration. For each of these topics, the Clearinghouse will evaluate the risks and benefits of these approaches, provide examples of their successes and failures, and illustrate lessons learned.

The Red Lodge Clearinghouse is devoted to supporting, connecting, and informing the many collaborative initiatives, community groups and individuals that are addressing natural resource problems in their communities.