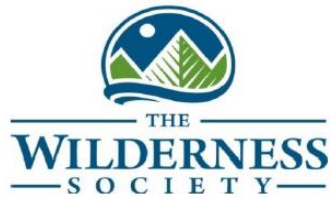


FLPMA Turns 40

University of Colorado School of Law
Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom
Friday, October 21, 2016

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Agenda: Friday, October 21st

7:30-8:00 Welcome and Refreshments

8:00-8:15 Welcoming Remarks

8:15-9:10 a.m.

FLPMA in its Historical Context

This session traces the history of FLPMA including, among other things, its legislative, administrative, and historical antecedents, including for example, and the Public Land Law Review Commission's 1970 report, *One Third of Our Nation's Lands*. It then considers FLPMA's unique public lands policies and requirements and how they are reflected in the BLM's management of public lands today.

See: https://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/online_books/blm/history/contents.htm

Speaker:

John Leshy, University of California, Hastings College of Law

Moderator and commentator:

Karin Sheldon, Four Echoes Strategies

9:10-10:30 a.m.

Managing our Public Lands under the Multiple Use Mandate (The BLM Directors Panel)

The current and a former BLM Director discuss the challenges of managing public lands under FLPMA's multiple use mandate. Among the issues that will be covered are land use planning, resource constraints, the challenges of balancing commodity uses alongside recreational uses and environmental values. Each panelist will offer their vision for how the BLM should evolve over the next several decades.

Panelists:

Mike Dombeck, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Neil Kornze, Director, Bureau of Land Management

Moderator and commentator:

Ruth Welch, Colorado State Director, BLM

**10:30-10:50 Morning Networking Break
(Refreshments provided in Boettcher Hall)**

10:50 to Noon

Managing our Public Lands for Conservation Values

Even before the creation of the National Landscape Conservation System, the BLM had a conservation mantle. FLPMA itself provides for protection of wilderness and wilderness study areas as well as for areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs), and BLM national monuments. These and other protected BLM lands, including historic and cultural properties, now fall under the umbrella of the NLCS and the panel will consider the role of the NLCS in broadening the BLM's mission, and in affording the agency a conservation agenda.

Panelists:

Kristin Bail, Bureau of Land Management

Brett Dickson, Conservation Science Partners

Ken Rait, The Pew Charitable Trusts

Moderator and commentator:

Fred Cheever, University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

**Noon-1:15 Hosted Lunch
Environmental Law Society BBQ**

Lunch Speaker:

Brian O'Donnell, Conservation Lands Foundation

The Past, Present, and Future of BLM National Monuments

1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

Managing our Public Lands for Extractive Uses

Our public lands have long been used for extractive uses. These include for example, mineral leasing, hard rock mining, livestock grazing, and more recently large-scale renewable energy siting. The panel will consider how well the current system is working and how it might be improved.

Panelists:

Roger Flynn, Western Mining Action Project

Kathryn Kovacs, Bureau of Land Management

Rebecca Watson, Wellborn, Sullivan, Meck, and Tooley, P.C.

Moderator and commentator:

Marcilynn Burke, University of Houston Law Center

**2:30-2:50 Afternoon Networking Break
(with Birthday Cake)**

2:50 to 4:10 p.m.

Modern Challenges and Modern Solutions

The BLM faces many recurring challenges. On the land use planning side, the BLM is struggling to incorporate landscape-level planning and adaptive management into its program in the face of serious resource constraints. Challenges to the BLM's management authority abound as shown by the Cliven Bundy incident, the Malheur Wildlife Refuge standoff, the state supremacy movement, and the long-standing fight over R.S. 2477 roads. On the other hand, cooperative efforts to protect the greater sage grouse suggest that interested parties can still work together to resolve difficult problems. This panel consider these multiple challenges and the hopeful signs that people can come together to address the myriad problems that face our public lands.

Panelists:

Bret Birdsong, UNLV School of Law

Nada Culver, The Wilderness Society

Dave Theobald, Conservation Science Partners

Moderator and commentator:

Mark Squillace, University of Colorado School of Law

4:10 to 5:10 p.m.

The Future of our Public Lands

This wrap-up panel will consider how FLPMA might look in the short term – during the next presidential administration, and what we might expect going forward over the next 40 years.

Panelists:

Mike Dombeck, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

Linda Lance, Bureau of Land Management (Invited)

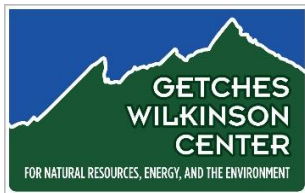
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