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NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT: 1976-1996
September 16-18, 1996

Monday, September 16, 1996

- 8:00 *Registration and Coffee*
- 8:30 *Welcome*
Betsy Rieke, Director
Natural Resources Law Center, University of Colorado School of Law
- 8:40 *Framework for Assessing NFMA -- The Purpose of this Conference*
Margaret A. Shannon, Associate Professor, Maxwell School of Citizenship
and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
K. Norman Johnson, Professor, College of Forest Resources, Oregon State
University
- 9:00 *Keynote Address*
Charles Wilkinson, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado
Law School
- 10:00 *Break*
- SESSION I NFMA: Our Expectations and The Law**
- 10:30 *Making Forest Policy in an Imperfect World*
James W. Giltmier, Senior Associate, Pinchot Institute for Conservation;
former staff to Senator Hubert H. Humphrey
- 11:00 *Stories from the Front Lines: How NFMA Developed -- Key Players and
Ideas*
Robert Wolf, former Director, Environment and Natural Resources
Division, Congressional Research Service
- 11:30 *Writing the Regulations: Using Scientists to Link Law and Policy*
Art Cooper, Chair of the Committee of Scientists and Professor
North Carolina State University
- 12:00 *Questions, Discussion and Summary*
- 12:30 *Lunch*
*Luncheon Address: "Can You Live With That, Chief?" -- Forging NFMA
Through Congressional and Agency Give and Take*
John McGuire, former Chief, US Forest Service, 1972-1979

SESSION II NFMA IN CONTEXT: Courts, Tribes, Agencies and Laws

- 2:00 *Framework for Understanding NFMA in a Legal Context*
David H. Getches, Raphael J. Moses Professor of Natural Resources Law,
University of Colorado School of Law
- 2:15 *Tribal Interests and Concerns*
Rob Williams, Professor of Law and American Indian Studies, University
of Arizona School of Law
- 3:00 *Understanding the Interplay Among Many Laws: 1970 to 2000*
Perry Hagenstein, President, Institute for Forest Analysis, Planning and
Policy
- 3:45 Break
- 4:15 *Participating in the Dialogue: 1976 to 1996*
Maggie Fox, Public Land and Water Specialist, Sierra Club
Steven Quarles, Crowell and Moring, Washington, D.C.
- 5:10 *Questions, Discussion and Summary*
- 5:30 *End of Afternoon Session*

Tuesday, September 17, 1996

SESSION III NFMA in a Dynamic Society

- 8:00 *Challenges to Achieving Sustainable Forests: Is NFMA Up to the Task?*
Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, U.S. Forest Service
- 9:00 *Break*
- 9:15 *What Should be the Goals for the National Forests? An Overview*
Margaret A. Shannon, Syracuse University
- 9:30 *Global Economics and Resource Trends*
Nels Johnson, World Resources Institute
- 10:00 *What We Hold Dear*
Dan Budd, Rancher, Big Piney, Wyoming
- 10:30 *Rural Communities in an Urban Society and Global Economy*
Mike Preston, Ft. Lewis College
Leah Wills, Plumas Corporation
- 11:10 *Wildness and Beauty in the National Forests*
Andrea Lawrence, Mono County Supervisor, California, and President,
Sierra Nevada Alliance
- 11:40 *Questions, Discussion and Summary*
- 12:00 *End morning session*
- 12:30 *Lunch*
*Luncheon Address: Reflections from the 7th American Forest Congress: A
Future Vision of America's Public Lands*
Bill Bentley, Consultant, Salmon Brook and Associates, Grandby,
Connecticut

- 2:00 *Can We Achieve these Goals? Introduction*
- 2:15 *"But, What does a Forest Plan Look Like?" -- Interpreting the Regulations*
Steve Mealey, former Forest Supervisor, Shoshone and Boise National Forests
- 2:40 *Can Managers Adapt to New Relationships and New Roles under NFMA?*
Elizabeth Estill, Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region
Phil Janik, Regional Forester, Alaska
Susan Yonts Shepard, Staff Assistant to NFS Deputy Chief, U.S. Forest Service
- 3:15 *Break*

Scientists' Perspectives on NFMA

- 3:45 *Does NFMA Reflect Current Scientific Thinking?*
K. Norman Johnson, Professor
College of Forest Resources, Oregon State University
- 4:00 *NFMA and Ecosystem Management*
Richard L. Knight, Associate Professor of Fishery and Wildlife Biology,
Colorado State University
- 4:20 *Bringing the Aquatic Sciences into the NFMA Framework: Will They Fit?*
James Sedell, Acting Program Manager, Pacific Northwest Research Station
- 4:40 *Forest Planning -- Economics and Resource Uses*
John Sessions, Professor, Oregon State University
- 5:00 *Questions, Discussion and Summary*
- 5:25 *End of Afternoon Session*
- 7:30-9:00 Discussion groups will address key questions that have emerged during presentations and discussions up to this time.

Wednesday, September 18, 1996

SESSION IV LOOKING TO THE 21ST CENTURY: Is NFMA Adequate?

8:00 *Roundtable Discussion Groups: Reflect on Ideas and Prepare Summary*
Hanna Cortner, Director, Water Resources Research Center, University of Arizona
Betsy Rieke, Director, Natural Resources Law Center

9:15 *What We Can Learn From Past Reform Efforts*
Max Peterson, former Chief, U.S. Forest Service

10:00 Break

Proposals for Reforming Public Land Law

10:30 *Assessing the Need to Reform the Laws or Regulations*
Perry Hagenstein, Institute for Forest Analysis, Planning and Policy

10:45 *Proposals Under Consideration in Congress*
Mark Rey, Staff Member, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate

11:15 *Principles from the Western Governors' Association*
Bruce Flinn, Western Governors' Association

11:45 *Proposed Changes in NFMA Regulation*
James R. Lyons, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, USDA

12:15 *Questions, Discussion and Summary*

12:30 *Lunch*

Taking a Hard Look at NFMA's Past, Its Future and Current Proposals for Change

1:45

Co-Moderators: **K. Norman Johnson and Margaret A. Shannon**

Frances Korten, Program Officer, Poverty and Resources Program, Ford Foundation

Charles Wilkinson, Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado Law School

James Huffman, Dean, Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College

Questions, Discussion and Summary

3:30

End of Conference