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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*

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**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.

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**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*