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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. Gilmier, 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
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

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