AGENDA: Outdoor Recreation: Promise and Peril in the New West

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Outdoor Recreation: Promise and Peril in the New West

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1998

8:30 - 9:45 Registration (note that the late start of the conference is designed to allow some participants to travel early on Monday morning, if desired, rather than Sunday).

9:45 Welcoming Remarks
Harold Bruff, Dean, University of Colorado School of Law

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE WEST’S MAJOR NATURAL RESOURCE USE

10:00 Outdoor Recreation in the United States: The Quiet Explosion
Curt Meine, Action Plan Coordinator, International Crane Foundation

10:40 The Policy Vacuum Surrounding Outdoor Recreation Management
Richard Knight, Professor of Fishery and Wildlife Biology, Colorado State University

11:20 Legal Issues in Outdoor Recreation: Trends in Litigation
Ted Zukoski, Director of Western Ecosystems, Land and Water Fund of the Rockies

12:00 Lunch (provided on site)

SESSION 2: OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

1:15 Environmental Impacts: The Dark Side of Outdoor Recreation?
Scott Miller, Coordinator, Partners for Wildlife Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

2:00 Recreation as an Ally to Environmental Protection
Gary Sprung, Communications Director, International Mountain Bike Association; Board Member, High Country Citizens Alliance; and Town Council, Crested Butte, Colorado

2:45 Break
3:15 Recreational Impacts on Native American Religious and Cultural Sites
Suzan Shown Harjo, Executive Director, The Morning Star Institute

4:00 The Dilemma of County and Municipal Open Space Programs: The Case of Jefferson County, Colorado
Ron Holliday, Jefferson County Administrator

4:45 Question and Answer Period for Session 2 Speakers

5:15 End of Afternoon Session. Reception on West Lawn.
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8:00  Coffee

SESSION 3: ISSUES OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCING

8:30  Market Solutions to Public Recreation Finance: The Texas State Parks Example
      Donald Leal, Senior Associate, Political Economy Research Center

9:15  The User Fee Approach to Hunting and Fishing Finance: The “Teaming With Wildlife” Proposal
      R. Max Peterson, Executive VP, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

9:50  Response: Drawbacks to the Teaming with Wildlife Proposal
      David Secunda, Executive Director, Outdoor Recreation Coalition of America

10:00 Break

10:30  The Limitations of a Market-Based Outdoor Recreation Policy: Reasons for Caution
      Scott Silver, Executive Director, Wild Wilderness

11:15  Tourism, Recreation, and the Fate of Local Communities: A Mixed Bag
      Hal K. Rothman, Professor of History, University of Nevada Las Vegas

12:00  Question and Answer period for all Session 3 Speakers

12:20 Lunch (on your own)

SESSION 4: CONFLICT MANAGEMENT IN OUTDOOR RECREATION

1:45  Conflicts Among User Groups: An Overview of Major Issues and Opportunities
      Mark Brunson, Associate Professor of Forest Resources, Utah State University

2:30  Lessons from the Yellowstone Experience
      Michael V. Finley, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

3:15 Break
Panel Discussion: The View from Field Level
Jim Webb, Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest, U.S. Forest Service
Arden Anderson, Recreation Specialist, Gunnison Resource Area, BLM
Ev Elmendorf, Facilitator, Vail Pass Task Force, Dillon Ranger District, USFS
Martha Rosenkowski, Executive Director, Bicycle Colorado
Moderator: William Riebsame, Professor of Geography, University of Colorado

5:15 End of Afternoon Session

6:00 Flagstaff Mountain Bar-B-Que
SESSION 5: THE AGENCY RESPONSE TO OUTDOOR RECREATION PRESSURES

8:30   Outdoor Recreation and Water Development: The National Recreation Lakes Study
       Bruce Brown, Deputy Director, National Recreation Lakes Study

9:15   Outdoor Recreation Management by the U.S. Forest Service
       James R. Lyons, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment,
       United States Department of Agriculture

10:00  Break

10:30  Recreation Management by the Bureau of Land Management: A Local Perspective
       Ann Morgan, Director, Colorado Bureau of Land Management

11:15  One State's Response to Outdoor Recreation Pressures
       Laurie Mathews, Director, Colorado State Parks

12:00  Question and Answer period for Session 5 Speakers

12:30  Lunch (provided on site)

SESSION 6: THE ROAD AHEAD

1:30   Activity in the 105th Congress
       Barry S. Tindall, Director of Public Policy, National Recreation and Park Association

2:15   Concluding Panel: Defining the Future Outdoor Recreation Agenda
       Comprised of a selection of earlier conference speakers and special guests
       Moderator: William Riebsame, Professor of Geography, University of Colorado

3:30   End of conference