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The Public Lands During the Remainder of the 20th Century: Planning, Law, and Policy in the Federal Land Agencies

Monday, June 8, 1987

8:45 Welcome and Introduction, Dean Betsy Levin

OVERVIEW

9:00 Planning as a Major Tool of Public Land Management
Prof. John D. Leshy, Arizona State University School of Law, Tempe

During the 1970s federal land and resource planning was vastly expanded, and has now become probably the single most dominant activity of federal land management agencies. This presentation explores the reasons behind this new emphasis, discusses the general requirements of the major planning statutes, and attempts a mid-course assessment of the usefulness of the planning process to federal land management.

10:15 Break

10:35 Progress and Problems in National Forest Planning
Jeff M. Sirmon, Deputy Chief, Programs & Legislation, USDA, Forest Service, Washington, DC

The speaker will give a status report on strategic (RPA) and National Forest planning. He will describe the contentious issues currently under consideration and some of the obstacles to their resolution.

11:10 Public Land Management: Planning, Problems, and Opportunities
David C. Williams, Chief of Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Washington, DC

This talk will focus on the melding of FLPMA and NEPA, public involvement in planning, consistency with state and local plans (including the unique governor's review) and the totally internal process for protesting plans. It discusses coordination with other federal land management agencies and highlights contrasts with land use planning in the Forest Service.

11:45 Questions and Discussion

12:00 Lunch

Public Land Planning: Will the Current System Endure?
Prof. Charles F. Wilkinson, University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder

THE TIMBER RESOURCE

1:45 Setting the Allowable Timber Cut
Prof. A. Allen Dyer, Department of Forest and Wood Sciences, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins.

This presentation describes Forest Service procedures for determining timber harvest levels nationally, regionally, and locally. Emphasis is placed on forest decisions regarding minimum resource requirements and land suitability, and how decisions made at the national and regional level affect local decisions.

2:30 Standards for Judicial Review of Forest Plans
Wells Burgess, Department of Justice, Washington, DC

Whether NFMA provides standards for stricter judicial oversight of agency planning or perpetuates traditional judicial deference to agency discretion will be critical to the future of forest planning. This presentation describes developments in this area.
3:15  Break

3:35  The Gardener's Ethic and Other Lessons From Forest Planning
Peter M. Emerson, Vice President, Resource Planning & Economics, The Wilderness Society, Washington, DC

Significant controversy surrounds the long-term management plans now being promulgated for each national forest by the U.S. Forest Service. An assessment of forest planning shows that highest priority is given to increased access, vegetative manipulation, and bringing forestlands under active "management." Conservationist goals will be compared to those of the "Gardener's Ethic" using examples from the national forests of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

4:10  Timber Industry Concerns in Forest Planning
James Riley, Intermountain Forest Industry Association, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

A representative of the timber industry will discuss issues being raised by the planning process of concern to the industry.

5:00  End of day's sessions

6:15  Cookout dinner on Flagstaff Mountain

Tuesday, June 9, 1987

THE RANGE RESOURCE

9:00  Livestock Grazing on Public Lands: Procedures and Issues
Prof. E. T. Bartlett, Department of Range Sciences, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins

Livestock grazing traditionally has occurred on public lands in the west. Procedures that determine the grazing of livestock are based on ecological principles and the character of rangelands. Current issues include grazing fees, riparian area management, wildlife management, and other multiple uses.

9:50  Riparian Management: Back to Basics
Wayne Elmore, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville, Oregon

Riparian management and condition is a major resource issue in the U.S. This presentation will focus on the functions and benefits of healthy riparian systems such as aquifer recharge, water storage, improved stream flows, soil stability, wildlife habitat and others, emphasizing case histories, management, and research.

10:35  Break

THE MINERAL RESOURCE

Guy R. Martin, Perkins Coie, Washington, DC

Congress will be asked this year to consider the future of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Alternatives to its current status as a national refuge include wilderness designation and opening the refuge to oil and gas exploration. The issue will be played on a national stage, and its resolution, which may take years, should provide important clues to the future of federal resource policy.

11:40  Lunch — on your own
Changes in Altering Land Classifications and BLM Land Use Planning: the *National Wildlife Federation v. Burford* Case

Constance E. Brooks, Vice President and General Counsel, Mountain States Legal Foundation, Denver

This discussion will address the current status of BLM Resource Management Plans in the context of land classification review and the related problem of withdrawal revocation and review. Implicit in the question of land classification review is the extent to which Congress intended to affect all present and proposed land activities pending revision of land management plans.

The Oil Shale Saga: Where Do We Stand?

Donald L. Morgan, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, Washington, DC

This presentation reviews the history of the disputed oil shale claims, the recent TOSCO decision, the subsequent settlement, and its aftermath.

THE WILDLIFE RESOURCE

Recovering the Wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains

Hank Fischer, Northern Rockies Representative, Defenders of Wildlife, Missoula

Wolf recovery in the Northern Rockies is not so much a biological as a political problem, particularly as it impacts the livestock industry. Using available data on wolf/livestock conflicts, the speaker will construct a likely scenario for wolf recovery and will suggest ways that possible adverse impacts could be modified.

Grizzly Bears, Politics and the Language of Efficiency

Don Snow, Northern Lights Research & Education Institute, Missoula

Preserving the grizzly means protecting or restoring its habitat, which today is almost entirely confined to public lands. This presentation examines the social and political will necessary to the task of keeping bears in reality as well as myth in the Lower 48.

Wolves, Grizzlies, and the Public Lands: Panel

Hank Fischer, Defenders of Wildlife, Missoula

Lorin Hicks, Wildlife Biologist, Plum Creek Timber Co., Seattle

Patrick Y. O'Brien, Ph.D., Coordinator of Ecological Services and Conservation, Chevron Corp., San Francisco

Don Snow, Northern Lights Research & Education Institute, Missoula

John L. Weaver, National Grizzly Bear Habitat Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service, Missoula

Repositioning Arizona Lands

Dean Bibles, State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix

Arizona BLM has had an active state and private land exchange program over the last three years. The presentation will describe the procedures and positive impacts brought about by the acquisition of 700,000 acres and the transfer of 550,000 acres.
THE RECREATION RESOURCE

9:15 Ski Development in National Forests
Harris D. Sherman, Arnold & Porter, Denver
This presentation discusses various issues associated with development and expansion of downhill ski areas on national forest system land. The issues to be addressed include wildlife impacts, minimum streamflows, requirements under NEPA, the use of land exchanges and land withdrawals, and the use of mitigation agreements in resolving certain of these issues.

9:45 Carrying Capacity in the National Parks
Denis P. Galvin, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Washington, DC
This presentation discusses efforts under way to address problems associated with crowding in the national parks.

10:15 Break

THE PRESERVATION RESOURCE

10:35 BLM Land Planning and Consistency Obligations to Provide for Protection of Natural Values on Adjacent Protected Lands
Prof. William J. Lockhart, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City
This presentation will analyze BLM's obligations to assure that activities on BLM lands do not materially impair the protected values of adjacent national park, wilderness or other protected lands. Analysis will focus particularly on the obligations arising out of BLM's duty to identify, designate and protect "areas of critical concern," and its obligation to assure consistency with protective management policies or programs applicable to those protected lands.

11:15 Wilderness Protection on Forest Service Lands: Badger-Two Medicine
Arnold W. Bolle, Retired Dean, School of Forestry, University of Montana, Vice Chair, The Wilderness Society, Missoula
The Badger-Two Medicine region of Montana is being claimed for many competing uses, including timber development, oil and gas leasing, endangered species protection, and native American religious practice. This conflict and other issues have deadlocked wilderness designation in Montana.

11:55 Lunch

THE WATER RESOURCE

1:30 Watershed Management and Water Quality Protection
Thomas E. Wilson, Chief, Office of Water Planning, EPA - Region 10, Seattle
This presentation emphasizes that actual compliance with state water quality standards is often best indicated by the health of the resident fishery, and reviews the management implications of this approach.

2:15 Integrating Private Water Development Activities into Federal Land and Resource Planning and Management
James F. Engelking, Saunders, Snyder, Ross & Dickson, Denver
Federal land and resource management planning involves new public constraints on private use of water resources. The speaker will use examples of existing and planned water facilities and BLM/USFS plans to describe typical access and land occupancy issues. Pre- and post-FLPMA rights-of-way will be compared.

3:15 Adjourn
THE PUBLIC LANDS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE 20TH CENTURY:
PLANNING, LAW AND POLICY IN THE FEDERAL LAND AGENCIES
June 8-10, 1987

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

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FACULTY

E. T. BARTLETT (Ph.D. University of Arizona in Range Management, 1974) was raised in southern and central New Mexico, and educated in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, and Arizona. He has been at Colorado State University in the Department of Range Science since 1971. His research and teaching interests have focused on range and natural resource planning, the use of systems analysis to resolve resource problems, and range economics. He has recently completed several projects concerning grazing and range values. He is the author or co-author of over 70 journal articles and technical reports. He is currently completing a sabbatical in the Department of Forest and Resource Management, University of California, Berkeley.

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ARNOLD W. BOLLE (B.A. '34 Northwestern College, Wisconsin; B.S. '37, University of Montana; M.P.A. '55, Dr. P.A. '60, Harvard University) was on the faculty of the University of Montana from 1955-78 in various positions, including 11 years as Dean of Forestry and one as Academic Vice President. Since July 1978 he has been Dean and Professor Emeritus of the University of Montana School of Forestry. From 1937-54 he held various positions with USDA Soil Conservation Service in range management, forestry, wildlife, and watershed and soil management. His memberships include the Governing Council of The Wilderness Society, the Advisory Committee of The Trust for Public Land, the Advisory Committee of the Northwest Power Planning Council, and the Great Bear Foundation. He is Chair of the Advisory Committee on Forestry and Natural Resources for Senator Max Baucus, and does informal advisory work with the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, BIA, and others.

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WELLS BURGESS is a staff attorney with the General Litigation Section of the Land and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. He has defended the Government against suits challenging both federal land use management plans and other federal natural resource plans: these include the challenge to the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, California v. Watt, 712 F.2d 584 (D.C. Cir. 1983), and the challenge to the Bureau of Land Management's grazing management program, Natural Resources Defense Council v. Hodel, 624 F. Supp. 1045 (D. Nevada 1985), appeal pending, 9th Cir. No. 86-1687. He currently heads a team of lawyers from various sections within the Lands Division charged with coordinating the defense of prospective litigation challenging forest plans promulgated under the National Forest Management Act. Prior to joining the Justice Department in 1979, he was in private practice in New York City.

WAYNE ELMORE (B.S. in Forestry/Wildlife, Oklahoma State University, '68; Post Graduate Studies in Fisheries Management, State of Washington, '69-72) is BLM Oregon State Riparian Specialist stationed in Prineville, Oregon. During 19 years with the BLM he has served as a Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist— for 6 1/2 years in Spokane and 13 years in Prineville. He has intensive inventory experience on over 500 miles of riparian systems in the west including recovery potential, fisheries and wildlife habitat, bank stability, and stream flow. He has worked on and observed riparian recovery on approximately 200 miles of stream in many different sites and systems. For the last three years he has lectured widely to academic and governmental groups.

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