37th Public Land Law Conference

BRIDGING DIVIDES:
ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND EMPOWERMENT IN A NEW ERA

Alexander Blewett III School of Law

[Working Agenda]

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 am  Registration, coffee, and pastries (ABIIISL 2nd Floor)

8:30 am – 3:30 pm  Field Trip: Old and New Legacies in the Upper Clark Fork Basin

Featuring speakers from Northwestern Energy, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and the Clark Fork Coalition. Stops include Berkeley Pit, Butte (Museum of Mining, NorthWest Energy / Transmission Switchboard), Opportunity (Superfund Cleanup Repository), Anaconda (Smelter Site, Dave Gates Generating Facility), Deer Lodge (NWE Renewable Energy Project), Milltown State Park (“Home of the Big Bull Trout”). Transportation provided.

5:00 – 5:45 pm  Opening Keynote Address: Federal Lands: Current Policy Directions and Opportunities for Bridge Building (ABIIISL Room 201)

United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke (invited)

5:45 – 7:30 pm  Reception (ABIIISL Atrium/Patio)

Friday, October 13, 2017

8:00 – 8:30 am  Registration, coffee, and pastries

8:30 – 8:45 am  Welcome from Dean Paul Kirgis (ABIIISL Room 201)
Acknowledging Our First Peoples

8:45 – 10:00 am  Water, Wind, and Wildlife

- **Sam Panarella**, Assoc. Prof., ABIISL, Moderator
- **Travis Kavulla**, Commissioner, Montana Public Service Commission – *A Regulatory Perspective on Alternative Energy Development in the West*
- **Reed Benson**, Prof., University of New Mexico School of Law – *Federal Water Projects, Hydropower, and the Environment*
- **Robin Craig**, Prof., Acting Director of the Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources, and Environment, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah – *It's Not Just an Offshore Wind Farm: Combining Multiple Uses and Multiple Values on the Outer Continental Shelf*

10:00 – 10:15 am  Networking Break

10:15 am – 11:45 pm  Energy, Infrastructure, and Culture

- **Monte Mills**, Asst. Prof. & Co-Director, Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic, ABIISL, Moderator
- **Nikki Ducheneaux**, Partner, Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan LLP – *Tribal Perspectives on the Dakota Access Pipeline*
- **Larry Roberts**, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend, former Acting Assistant Secretary of Interior – *Federal Consultation and Collaboration as Bridge Building*
- **Greg Smith**, Partner, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker – *Weaving Bridges from Grass: Twining Native and Western Legal and Cultural Perspectives to Resolve Conflicts*
- **Thomas H. Shipps**, Partner, Maynes, Bradford, Shipps & Sheftel, LLP, General Counsel, Southern Ute Indian Tribe – *Building Development and Environmental Regulation as a Tribal Government*

12:00 – 1:00 pm  Lunch Address: *Building Bridges in the Management of Public Lands and National Monuments*

**Charles F. Wilkinson**, Distinguished Professor and Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado School of Law: Author, *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations*

1:00 – 1:15 pm  Networking Break

1:15 – 2:45 pm  The Theory and Practice of Sustainable Energy Development

- **Sandra B. Zellmer**, Distinguished Visiting Prof., ABIISL, Moderator
- **Jeff Cook**, Energy Policy and Market Analyst, National Renewable Energy Laboratory – *Local and State Voices in Renewable Energy Development*
- **Todd Aagard**, Vice Dean & Prof. Villanova Law School – *Using Cultural
Cognition to Reframe the Energy Dialogue

- **Steve Smutko**, Prof. & Spicer Chair of Collaborative Practice, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming – *Creating Social License in Energy Development*

- **Justin Pidot**, Assoc. Prof. with tenure, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, former Deputy Solicitor for Land Resources, Department of the Interior – *Agency-Business Agreements in Energy Development*

2:45 – 3:30 pm  
**Closing Address: How Bridges Get Built - Connecting Conference Themes**

**Scott Slovic**, Professor and Chair of English Department, University of Idaho; Editor of ISLE Interdisciplinary Studies of Literature and Environment

3:15 – 3:30 pm  
Closing Thoughts and Audience Discussion

**Saturday, October 14, 2017**

**Law School Tailgate – details**

**Homecoming Game - details**