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INTRODUCTION

The articles in this issue of the University of New Mexico's *Natural Resources Journal* (NRJ) address topics important to the wild, the urban, and our intercontinental environment, all of which reflect the NRJ's core editorial mission: to offer interdisciplinary scholarship on natural resources topics at the forefront of our twenty-first century experience.

In terms of keeping the wild truly wild, author Gordon Steinhoff delves into the issue of interpreting the federal Wilderness Act and its impact on land-management goals: when does human manipulation of these protected wilderness areas become too much?

Moving from the wild to the manmade, we present a trio of topics. First, author Keith H. Hirokawa presents new perspectives on how to value urban forests, reaching beyond these green spaces' natural benefits in order to quantify their economic impacts as well. Second, author Caitlin S. Dyckman examines interbasin water disputes by comparing the recent conflict among South Carolina and its sister states with the seminal Colorado River lawsuit, *Arizona v. California*. Third, student author Ashleigh G. Morris, winner of the University of New Mexico's School of Law's Albert E. Utton Natural Resources Law Award recognizing excellence in natural resources, explores how conservation easements can be successfully applied to urban revitalization projects, including an examination of two groundbreaking city parks in Memphis, Tennessee, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In addition to these U.S.-specific topics, we bring you two articles of international import. Co-authors Allan Ingelson and Lincoln Mitchell examine the groundbreaking Glamis Gold mining case, the first environmental takings dispute under the North American Free Trade Agreement to consider the implications of mine development on governmental regulation aimed at protecting the environment. Lastly, author Hugo Tremblay explores water resource management issues by examining both the positive and negative interplay between two different management frameworks: integrated water resources management and the human rights-based approach to development.

We hope these articles inspire, provoke, and add to dialogue of natural resources discussions. Enjoy.

—Maggie Lane & Ashleigh Morris
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