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• Summer 1999, Vol. 39, #3
  • Procedural Fairness, Personal Benefits, Agency Expertise, and Planning Participants’ Support for the Forest Service, by Mitchel P. McClaran & David A. King
  • Transferable Development Rights in the Constitutional Landscape: Has Penn Central Failed to Weather the Storm, by Andrew J. Miller
  • Beyond Benefit-Cost Analysis: Institutional Transaction Costs and Regulation of Water Quality, by Dale B. Thompson
  • Wolves, Politics, and the Nez Perce: Wolf Recovery in Central Idaho and the Role of Native Tribes, by Patrick Impero Wilson
  • When Arsenic Is Safer in Your Cup of Tea than in Your Local Water Treatment Plant, by Sue E. Umshler

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  • Interest Group Competition and the Alaska Native Land Claims Settlement Act, by John R. Boyce & Mats A.N. Nilsson
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• Winter 2000, Vol. 40, #1
  • The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District’s Protected Water Rights: Legal, Beneficial, or Against the Public Interest in New Mexico, by Lisa D. Brown
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  • Terra Firma or Terra Incognita? Western Land Use, Hazardous Waste, and the Devolution of U.S. Federal Environmental Programs, by Kris Wernstedt

• Spring 2000, Vol. 40, #2
  • A Special Issue titled “The La Paz Symposium on Transboundary Groundwater Management on the U.S.–Mexico Border” with Guest Editor Professor Stephen Mumme of Colorado State University
  • This issue also included a complementary article on transboundary water in Europe, States, Markets and Beyond: Governance of Transboundary Water Resources, by Joachim Blatter & Helen Ingram
Included in these issues are student writings by Susan Bisong, Lisa Brown, Jim Burson, Christopher DeLara, Brett Olsen, and Sue Umshler, all former members of the NRJ and graduates of the Law School.

This year the NRJ has continued its tradition of providing our readers with an eclectic mix of articles on natural resource issues while maintaining its contribution to the literature of transboundary resources, in particular water issues confronting the United States and Mexico.

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The Year in Brief

In November of 1999, members of NRJ hosted the second annual NRJ Week to acquaint students at the Law School with the Journal and its mission. Our special speaker for the week was attorney Lettie Belen, who shared her insights into current natural resource issues in Albuquerque and New Mexico. A luncheon was held in her honor.

Several recruitment periods were held, resulting in the addition of ten new members to NRJ. Following the recruitment and acceptance of new members, orientation dinners were held here at the Law School. The dinners created an excellent opportunity for new staff and board members to talk with current NRJ members and to ask questions about what working with NRJ entails. Staff and board members noted once again that business/social gatherings such as these foster a sense of unity and shared commitment to the Journal among its members.

The Journal celebrates its 40th anniversary with the publication of Volume 40 in the year 2000. To recognize this milestone, the NRJ editorial board worked together to create a new cover for the Journal. With the help of UNM’s Media Technology Services, a new cover was unveiled on Volume 40, #1. This new cover maintains the symbolism of the Zia sign, representing New Mexico, and the waves, representing water and other natural resources, while
presenting the *Journal* with an updated appearance. The aqua color, which represents both the University and the *Journal*, was retained in the print and designs on the cover, but is now placed on a pure white background. The special issue for this year used a similar color scheme for its cover.

During Professor Suedeen Kelly’s sabbatical year, Professor Em Hall took on the responsibility for spearheading the *Journal’s* operation. The staff and students enjoyed working with Em and appreciated the interest he took in the *Journal*.

During this year, the members of the *Natural Resources Journal*, both staff and editors, shouldered immense responsibilities. The time and effort that is given to *Journal* work by the students is worthy of high praise. Through their concern for the quality and integrity of the *Journal*, we are able to maintain both. *NRJ* members are to be commended for their efforts and dedication.

**Looking to the New Year**

As we continue the 40\textsuperscript{th} year of the *Natural Resources Journal*, plans are in the works for a celebration to recognize this milestone for the *Journal*, as well as the many people who have been a part of *NRJ* during its first 40 years. The current *NRJ* members feel that it is important to recognize the contributions made by the *Journal* over its first 40 years to the Law School, the University, the community, and the field of natural resources.

The new year brings a change in the leadership of *NRJ*, with Professor Hall becoming the permanent editor-in-chief upon the stepping down of Professor Kelly. While *NRJ* members will miss the guidance of Professor Kelly, they are excited about the prospect of working with Professor Hall and look forward to moving the *Journal* into new and exciting directions.