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**Annual Report for the
Natural Resources Journal (NRJ)
July 1998 through June 1999**

Issues Published

- Summer 1998, Vol. 38, #3 – Transboundary Water Treaties, Interstate Water Agreements, Water Marketing, Using Federal Rule 11, and Regulation of Out-of-State Waste
- Fall 1998, Vol. 38, #4 – Land Ownership and Mining in Ghana, NM State Engineer Steve Reynolds, Tort Principles and Climate Change, Protecting the Rain Forest, Low Level Radioactive Waste Sites, Conjunctive Management of Stream-Aquifer Water, and Municipalization of Utilities
- Winter 1999, Vol. #1 – Special Issue: Coping with Scarcity in the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo Drainage Basin: Lessons to be Learned from the Droughts of 1993-1996
- Spring 1999, Vol. #2 – Use of the Property Clause, CITES, Policy for Wildlife and Agriculture Compatibility, Environmental Policy, Hydro-Politics in South Asia, Water Markets, and Wetlands.

Included in these issues are student writings by J. Reid Mowrer, Jason Rael, Jeffrie Minier, Thomas Schmidt, Brian Smith, and Sue Umshler.

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The Year in Brief

In November of 1998, members of *NRJ* hosted the first annual *NRJ* Week to acquaint students at the Law School with the Journal and its mission. Our special speaker for the week was Judge Leroy Hansen, who reminisced about the beginnings of the Journal and his work with it in its fledgling stage. A luncheon was also held in his honor.

Two recruitment periods were held, resulting in the addition of ten new members to *NRJ*. Following the spring recruitment and acceptance of new members, an orientation dinner was held here at the Law School. The dinner 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 that a similar orientation should be held each time new members are brought into *NRJ*.

The Special Issue published during this year, Volume 39, #1, Winter, 1999, was dedicated to the memory of Professor Albert E. Utton, who served as the editor-in-chief for the Journal and mentor to the students involved with *NRJ* for many years.

Working with Marsha Baum, Director of the Law Library, the Journal instituted two new programs. First, the library is now conducting a "library check" on newly accepted articles to ascertain if the materials cited in the footnoting are available on campus or locally. This early check allows the Journal additional time to solicit needed materials from our authors or outside sources, therefore speeding up the cite checking process. Second, we are now placing many of the unpublished manuscripts cited by our authors with the Law School Library, making it easier for our readers to obtain copies of or information from these referenced materials.

During the spring semester, *NRJ* invited Professor Rick Johnson-Sheehan, from UNM's English Department, to speak to the incoming editorial board. Professor Johnson-Sheehan shared hints on editing manuscripts and dealing with authors. The Journal has instituted several of his suggestions to help make our editing comments clearer to our authors and to make the editing process move more smoothly.

This year *NRJ* joined the Social Science Research Network in their Partners in Publishing Program. Beginning with the Spring 1999 issue of the Journal, abstracts and author information from each issue are forwarded to SSRN and are then placed in their database, which is available

on-line at www.SSRN.com. Having our abstracts on-line provides a greater audience for the Journal as well as its authors.

In June of 1999, NRJ co-sponsored the Federal Circuit Bar Association meeting, held in conjunction with a visit to Albuquerque by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. *NRJ* board members attended oral arguments held by the court and had the opportunity to visit with Chief Judge Haldane Robert Mayer. Staff members Barbara Jacques and Susan Tackman spent the day assisting with the conference; NRJ board members attended workshops and presentations.

Looking to the New Year

The *Natural Resources Journal* celebrates its 40th anniversary in the year 2000. The current board and staff of *NRJ* are working diligently to publish topical and timely articles and to maintain the required publication schedule. They are also planning several recruitment drives to bring additional students interested in natural resources and writing to the *Natural Resources Journal*. The Spring issue of this 40th anniversary year will be a special issue based on the papers presented at a binational conference on transboundary groundwater management. We are also currently working with a professor of geography from the University of Nevada on developing an issue of the Journal dealing with water conflict and water conflict resolution in the U.S.–Mexico borderlands, both currently and historically. With the assistance of CaTS, *NRJ*, *New Mexico Law Review*, and the *U.S.–Mexico Law Journal* are in the process of developing a data base that will streamline the subscription and billing process for each journal. It is expected that the data base will be up and running during this next year.