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INTRODUCTION

This issue of the *Natural Resources Journal* is instructive in how much there is yet to learn in the field of natural resources. *The Evolution of Water Rights in the Nineteenth Century: The Role of Climate and Asset Type* challenges the traditional view of the progression of water rights that scholars have ascribed to for years. *Creating New Spaces for Sustainable Water Management in the Senegal River Basin* explains the misunderstood complexities of managing water resources across borders, and *International Trade and Investment Law and Carbon Management Technologies* sheds light on the little known impact of market forces on the implementation carbon management systems.

The two student notes published in this issue further highlight the ever-evolving field of natural resource law. *Federal Regulation of Noncommercial, Intrastate Species Under the ESA After Alabama-Tombigbee Rivers Coalition v. Kempthorne and Stewart & Jasper Orchards et al. v. Salazar* explains established American constitutional history that is taking a new form in its impact on the Endangered Species Act. *What the Frack Can We Do? Suggestions for Local Regulation of Hydraulic Fracturing in New Mexico* delves into the new challenges in writing effective local law to safeguard natural resources from the possible dangers of fracking. We are excited to re-establish the tradition of publishing student scholarship in the *Natural Resources Journal* and are reminded that in this ever-evolving field of natural resources we are always, in a sense, students. We hope this issue can re-ignite a lost passion for the field of natural resources or ignite an interest not yet present.

This forward would be incomplete without acknowledging the editorial board and staff. They have accomplished great things this past year and all the credit goes to their hard work, persistence in the pursuit of excellence, and self-sacrifice. We hope you enjoy the fruits of their labor.

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