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## INTRODUCTION

As the introductory essay to this symposium issue shows, this issue of the *Natural Resources Journal* was conceived by a law professor and an environmental public policy professor, a perfect interdisciplinary pair. They were kind enough to let the *Journal* in from this issue's conception and it has been a wonderful collaboration. We sent a student editor to the Bloomington, Indiana symposium that started the papers appearing here on their way. We helped shepherd the papers to the publication you now read, mostly by holding the non-lawyer authors' hands while they tried to navigate the arcane world of law review citation. From the start we recognized that the relatively new 1997 statutory charter for the National Wildlife Refuge System raises important issues in the larger world of federal public land and resource management. For example, what the National Wildlife Refuge System does about its charge to maintain biological integrity and health may tell us a lot about the similar tasks of the much larger United States Forest Service.

Law professor Rob Fischman has assembled here as broad and deep a group of experts as one could imagine and they deal with a wide array of refuges across the country. That group and range does the *Journal's* fundamental commitment to national inter-disciplinary work proud. But it is especially poignant to us that the group presented here includes New Mexico's own John Taylor and his Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. The Bosque is a place beloved to us, and Taylor is one of our heroes. While producing this issue, we lost Taylor but the Bosque remains, reminding us of him and the great work that he promoted, there and here.