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On the verge of celebrating 60 years in publication, we would be remiss if we began this edition with anything other than a statement of our great appreciation to all of our readers. Beginning in 1961, when the subscription price of this journal was $5.00, the University of New Mexico School of Law took a stand, finding that it was of vital importance to our legal community, and beyond, to have a journal which would offer its readers interdisciplinary scholarship exploring a broad range of issues in natural resources and environmental law. As a result, the *Natural Resources Journal* became the first legal journal in the State of New Mexico and was publishing articles in the areas of natural resources and environmental law long before the oldest of environmental law reviews in the United States even began publishing. The University of New Mexico School of Law’s inspired belief to create this journal has only proven more valuable every year since then. The impact of this journal does not stop at the New Mexico state line. With contributors and readers all over the world, this journal’s devotion to the development of policy in the areas of natural resources and environmental law has allowed the *Natural Resources Journal* to reach every part of the academic world. Some of the greatest legal minds in our state, country, and the world have served as staff members and/or editors of this journal. Following this, many went on to serve at every level of our local, federal, and international system as lawyers, judges, legal, and policy makers and beyond. Reading the names of those who came before us as editors is truly inspiring. Carrying on the torch then, we are still here, still publishing, and still intending to publish this journal for decades to come because of all of you who have continued to find that what this journal has to publish is meritorious and critical and only becoming more so with each passing year. As administrations, policies, and precedent come and go, we will work diligently to remain true to our heritage—publishing the best scholarship in natural resources and environmental law in the *Natural Resources Journal*.

To all of our readers, thank you,

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