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## Introduction

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

When the *Natural Resources Journal* was created 60 years ago, students at the University of New Mexico School of Law were guided by the principle of creating a forum for interdisciplinary collaboration in solving resource-related problems. Today, the Journal is still guided by this principle and has assembled a compendium of articles from scholars and practitioners of various disciplines, from various countries, who all provide unique and stimulating approaches to natural resources and environmental law.

The first article of this edition, “Collaborative Governance and Stakeholder Participation in the Colorado River Basin: An Examination of Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion,” details the long-standing history of water users in the Colorado River Basin. Authors Surabhi Karambelkar and Andrea K. Gerlak, focus on the creation of a collaborative governance system that aids in addressing the water issues of the Colorado River Basin.

The second article, “Can Adaptive Management Help Alaska’s Natural Resource Managers Respond to Climate Change?” by author E. Barrett Ristroph, assesses a unique approach to natural resource management laws and the changing climate through adaptive management. Dr. Ristroph examines the extent by which adaptive management can be utilized by resource managers to respond to Alaska’s climate change.

The third article, “The Reform of the Compensation System for Ecological and Environmental Damage in China: Natural Resources, Environmental Enforcement, and Legislation” by Weiyu Wu provides an overview of China’s new compensation system for EED and makes suggestions for systemic legislation that can improve the efficacy of the system’s implementation.

The fourth article is authored by our own 3L student, Amanda Carmody. In, “Platooning Semi-Trucks in New Mexico: Liability Issues and Regulatory Solutions,” Carmody considers new and traditional liability issues that will arise from crashes involving non-platooning motorists and semi-truck platoons. Given the trend toward platooning semi-trucks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector, she recommends that New Mexico anticipate this development with legislation to improve data collection and retrieval.

The final article of the edition, “Energy decentralization and decarbonization: The case of Romania and Malta,” provides an international look at the electricity sectors of Romania and Malta, and the scope of the European Union’s smart grid objectives in the electricity sector.

The *Natural Resources Journal* could not have made it to 60 years of outstanding natural resources and environmental law scholarship without the incredible work of previous boards and staff members. We are exceedingly grateful for the students who have made the NRJ what it is today through long days and late nights of editing, collaborating, and researching. Additionally, we would like to extend a warm thanks to Professors Clifford Villa and Dan Akenhead for their support, patience, and wisdom in guiding the development of the Journal.

To those who have supported the Journal over these 60 years, we thank you for your continued readership. It is our honor to introduce the first issue of volume 60 of the *Natural Resources Journal*, and we hope you enjoy.

Thank you,  
Melanie McNett & Julia Shaver  
Co-Editors-In-Chief

