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The Wildfire Menace: Will the West Learn or Burn? How to Learn From History Instead of Repeating it

Thursday, May 7–Friday, May 8, 2015

8:50 a.m.–4:35 p.m. (closing mixer at 4:45 p.m.) / 8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Salt River Project PERA Club, 1 E. Continental Drive, Tempe, AZ

Protecting Arizona's forests is a critical issue for the state as well as for communities that are adjacent to or even within forested areas. A number of legal issues arise from wildfires and will be dealt with in this two day conference on wildfires and the legal and regulatory issues that they raise.

ENVIRONMENTAL, REAL PROPERTY, LAND USE & ZONING, REGULATORY, MUNICIPAL
Intermediate Level

This seminar may qualify for up to 12 hours MCLE*

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- 8:50 a.m.** **Welcome and Introduction by Program Co-Chairs**
Kenneth A. Hodson, Esq. – Former Chairperson of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, Dickinson Wright, PLLC
James G. Derouin, Esq. – Former Chairperson of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Section, Derouin Environmental Law, LLC
- Changing Policies for Changing Times**
- 9 a.m.** **Fire, Forests and Water: Historical and Anticipated Changes in Forests of the West**
Dr. Wally Covington – Executive Director, Ecological Restoration Institute, Regents' Professor of Forest Ecology, Northern Arizona University
- 9:35 a.m.** **How Forest Treatment Saved the Bray Creek Ranch**
Michael Johns, Esq. – Assistant United States Attorney
- 10:10 a.m.** **Resistance, Restoration, Resilience: A Century of American Fire Policy**
Dr. Stephen Pyne – School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University
- 10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 11 a.m.** **Contracting for Control of Wildfire Landscapes**
Karen Bradshaw Schulz, J.D., M.B.A. – Associate Professor, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University
- 11:35 a.m.** **The Cost of Inaction**
Wayne Fox – Director, Arizona Rural Policy Institute, W.A. Franke College, Northern Arizona University
- 12:10 p.m.** **Lunch (boxed lunch provided)**
- Managing Wildland Fire Expectations Between Residents, Fire Chiefs, Public Officials and the Media**
Bob Roper – Nevada State Forester, Former Chief, Ventura County (CA) Fire Department
- A Ray of Hope: Federal and Private Initiatives**
- 1:25 p.m.** **Federal Forest Management: Barriers and Bridges to Restoring Forests**
Diane Vosick – Director of Policy and Partnerships, Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University
- 2:00 p.m.** **National Cohesive Strategy**
Mary Jacobs – Assistant City Manager, Sierra Vista
- 2:35 p.m.** **The Northern Arizona Forest Fund: Linking Healthy Forests to a Healthy Water Supply**
Rebecca Davidson – Senior Water Rights Analyst, Salt River Project
- 3:10 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:25 p.m.** **Technology and Trees: Increasing Trust and Reducing Costs**
Sue Sitko – Northern Arizona Conservation Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- 4 p.m.** **Expert Panel – National Forest Policies**
Panel Chair and Moderator, Stephen Pyne, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University
Diane Vosick – Director of Policy and Partnerships, Ecological Restoration Institute, Northern Arizona University
Mary Jacobs – Assistant City Manager, Sierra Vista
Rebecca Davidson – Senior Water Rights Analyst, Salt River Project
Sue Sitko – Northern Arizona Conservation Manager, The Nature Conservancy
- 4:35 p.m.** **Adjourn and Complete Evaluations**
- 4:45 p.m.** **Closing Mixer for Attendees and Presenters**

Additional Initiatives – By the West, For the West

- 9 a.m.** **The 4FRI Effort and NEPA Process Hurdles**
Annette Fredette – Team Leader, Four Forest Restoration Initiative, United States Forest Service
- 9:35 a.m.** **The FireScope Project: What it is and Why it is Important**
Donald Falk – Associate Professor, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona
- 10:10 a.m.** **Living in the Forest: The Flagstaff Experience**
Jerry Nabours, Esq. – Mayor, City of Flagstaff
Paul Summerfelt - Fire Management Officer, City of Flagstaff
- 10:55 a.m.** **Break**
- 11:10 a.m.** **Impact of Local Land Use Regulations and Property Rights on Wildfire Policy**
Cliff Mattice – Partner, Dickinson Wright, PLLC
- 11:45 a.m.** **Lunch (boxed lunch provided)**
- Federal Wildfire Issues**
Hon. Jon Kyl, Former United States Senator (1995 – 2013), Former Member of Congress (1987 – 1995), Senior of Counsel, Covington & Burling, Washington, DC
- Zoning Codes, Building Codes and Laws – What Role Do They Play?**
- 1 p.m.** **Firewise Voluntary Community Action Program**
Michele Steinberg— Division Manager, Wildland Fire Operations, National Fire Protection Association
Lucian Deaton - Firewise Program Manager, National Fire Protection Association
- 1:35 p.m.** **Liability Issues Associated With Wildfire Policies**
Chuck Oldham, Esq. – Partner, Dickinson Wright, PLLC
- 2:05 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:20 p.m.** **Wildfire Insurance Claims**
Russ Nassof, Esq. - Executive Vice-President, Founder, RiskNomics, LLC
- 2:55 p.m.** **The Responsibilities of the Arizona State Forester**
Jeff Whitney – Arizona State Forester
- 3:30 p.m.** **Adjourn and Complete Evaluations**

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