

REGISTRATION

Environmental Issues in the West

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

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a brown bag CLE program

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Please join us at this CLE
program to learn about such
topics as grazing and mining
issues, wolves and the
Endangered Species Act,
and the role of the
U.S. Courts



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DEBORAH A. FERGUSON

Deborah Ferguson has been an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of Idaho since 1995. She works in the civil law division, specializing in environmental litigation and has represented various federal agencies, including the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Energy and the United States Federal Highway Administration in over 300 federal cases in Idaho and before the Ninth Circuit. These cases often arise from the National Environmental Policy Act, and concern challenges over the use of federal lands, and disputes over major federal projects.



Deborah is a 1986 graduate of Loyola University of Chicago where she was a member of the law review. She worked several years in Chicago in private practice with Katten, Muchin and Zavis as a trial attorney. She left private practice in 1991 to join the United States Attorneys Office in Chicago before her move to the United States Attorneys Office in the District of Idaho in 1995.

As an active member of the Idaho State Bar, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Environmental and Natural Resource Section, and is a member of the Public Law Section. She has been selected as the representative of the Idaho State Bar to serve on Board of Directors of Idaho Legal Aid Services, and has served on the Public Information Committee of the Idaho Law Foundation. She is also on the Board of Directors of Idaho Women Lawyers, and participates as a member of the Idaho chapter of the Federal Bar Association, and as a Benchler in the local chapter of the American Inn of Court.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE WEST

Environmental regulation became a force in the decade and a half that began in 1964. During that time, Congress and state legislatures passed a torrent of new laws protecting wilderness and endangered species, requiring the study of environmental impacts, setting tough standards for clean water and air, and applying limits to grazing, mining, logging and driving on public lands.

These regulations ultimately hindered some peoples' livelihoods, particularly in the West, the region with the most public land. On the other side, environmentalists have brought these issues into the Court and in the middle are the federal land management agencies who are entrusted to manage these vast federal lands.

This CLE program presented by experts on both sides, highlights the on-going debates surrounding controversial environmental issues in the West.



LAIRD J. LUCAS

Laird Lucas is Executive Director of *Advocates for the West*, a public interest environmental law firm based in Boise, Idaho, that provides free legal services to conservation groups in Idaho as well as other western states on environmental and natural resource issues.



Over the last decade and a half, Laird has won dozens of cutting-edge cases in Idaho and around the West to protect public lands, clean water, fish and wildlife, and other environmental values. Laird is widely recognized as one of the leading environmental attorneys in the West, and was named one of just six "Mountain States Super Lawyers" for environmental litigation in 2007.

Laird is a 1986 graduate of Yale Law School, and earned an M.A. in international relations from Yale Graduate School in 1981. He received his undergraduate degree from Lewis & Clark College in 1978. Laird served as law clerk to U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of the Eastern District of Texas during 1987-88. He worked in private practice with a leading litigation firm in San Francisco (Keker & Van Nest) for several years, before moving to Boise in 1993 to become a public interest environmental lawyer.