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Summer Greetings from the Co-Directors

Summer is winding down (although maybe not the temperatures yet!) and preparations for a new academic year are underway both at the University of Arizona and the NRULPC. As you will see below, the Mining Law Center is offering a number of online courses as part of its exemplary degree and certificate programs. At the same time, the Natural Resource and Management Clinic is preparing for a new contingent of students who will be learning about and assisting with matters involving important and challenging natural resource issues. To that end, the NRULPC leadership, staff, and students have spent a busy summer continuing their work with the Altar Valley Conservation Alliance and others on prescribed fire liability concerns including possible legislative recommendations, as well as on revisions to the NEPA Handbook related to federal grazing permits. Work also continues with the Yuma Island land matters. In addition, a new NRULPC brochure has been prepared and the NRULPC website updated. Please visit the site at <https://extension.arizona.edu/nrulpc> and always feel free to drop us a note with ideas and suggestions.

We are looking forward to a productive year ahead and hope to have the opportunity to meet with many of you in the coming months. As ever, it is the support of all of you in the natural resource community that makes the work of the NRULPC possible.

Best wishes,
George Ruyle and John Lacy

co-directors

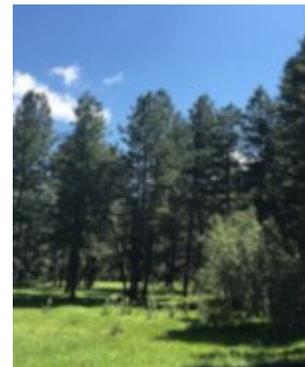
Spotlight on Task Force Members

Ashley Ellixson was born and raised on a dairy in Gilbert, Arizona. After completing a B.S. in Business Finance at Arizona State University, Ellixson attended Texas Tech University School of Law where she received a J.D. with a certificate of Science, Engineering, and Technology Law before moving on to receive an LL.M. in Agricultural and Food Law from University of Arkansas School of Law. Before her current role as Vice President of Legal and Environmental affairs at United Dairymen of Arizona, a dairy cooperative, she worked with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland as a Legal Extension Specialist where her research mainly looked into the Clean Water Act and the systems required by states for agricultural operations as well as farm data ownership, the Food Safety Modernization Act and privacy right issues among many other hot topics in ag law. Ellixson is licensed to practice law in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey, serves on several committees for the American Agriculture Law Association, and lives in Chandler, Arizona with her husband Tom and two year old son Duke.



Natural Resource Use & Management Clinic Update

The Natural Resource Use & Management Clinic is gearing up for a robust fall semester. Seven students are currently enrolled, with a wealth of personal and professional experiences in the fields of agriculture, public policy, environmental studies, and more. The Clinic will handle an array of subject matters ranging from water rights to grazing permits to forestry management. The Clinic will continue working on several projects from the spring and summer, including the creation and updating of



regulatory handbooks for ranchers, guidance to rural communities on the general stream adjudication, and assistance with tribal land management initiatives. Additionally, the Clinic will be taking on new projects involving watershed restoration projects on ranchlands, national forestry policy, and the historical development of water and land rights in southern Arizona. As the students learn more about the relevant law, policy, and regulations through their project work, they will also build a greater understanding of western landscapes by going out into the field and quite literally having boots on the ground.

Bethany C. Sullivan, Director

News from the Mining Law Center

The Mining Law Center's program offers a variety of degree and non-degree training opportunities, including:

- Master's degrees with a Mining Law and Policy focus for both lawyers (an LLM) and non-lawyers (an MLS);
- Online and in-residence options:
 - A concentration and certificate in Mining Law and Policy as part of the JD degree
 - Certificate courses, including online programs, for those involved in mining-related work
 - Executive education and annual conferences for those involved in mining developments

New Online Courses

The Mining Law Center has completed the production of online courses on "Developing Public Lands Under the National Environmental Policy Act" (two units) and "Public Land Use" (one unit) to supplement an existing course on Public Land and Mining Law. Both courses are designed as stand-alone courses to be made available



to students in the Public Lands Users Clinic as well as undergraduate CALS students and non-students as “executive training.” Another course is under development to address the International Law of Mine Health.

Mining Law Summits

These summits are one day in-person seminars offered annually. Past seminars covered such topics as “Exploring Collaborative Solutions to Mined Land Remediation” and “Building Capacity for Mineral Development with Native Americans and Indigenous Communities. Planned for this coming November is a seminar titled: “Mine Safety, Sharing Solutions”.

