

NATURAL RESOURCE USERS LAW AND POLICY CENTER

The NRULPC empowers natural resource users and educates future leaders to ensure sustainable, productive, and resilient natural resource management and use in Arizona and beyond

SUPPORTING ARIZONA'S WORKING LANDS

WHO WE ARE

- Established by the University of Arizona in 2015 to help address complex natural resource challenges impacting Arizona's ability to successfully and sustainably grow local food and fiber, mine critical materials, and harvest forest products.
- The nation's first university-based law and policy center dedicated to natural resource users.
- Connects science, law, policy, and Cooperative Extension expertise to solve real-world problems.
- Maintains an advisory board of leading scholars, lawyers, and natural resource stakeholders to guide NRULPC engagement on natural resource issues critical to Arizona.

The NRULPC provides services for the unmet needs of Arizona's agriculture, mining, and forestry communities and their associated partners.

Provides objective, research-based analysis on natural resource issues affecting Arizona's economy and communities.

Helps natural resource stakeholders navigate increasingly complex laws, regulations, and public policy decisions.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
Natural Resource Users Law & Policy Center

A creative partnership of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law and Cooperative Extension

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS & SERVICES

- NEPA Guidance
- Regulatory and Legal Analysis
- Facilitation of Industry/ Community Engagement
- Policy Cats Internships
- Building Guidance for Industry Best Practices
- Law Student Externships
- Policy analysis for natural resource innovations
- Natural Resource Law and Policy Classes
- Cultivating future natural resource professionals through student engagement and real-world opportunities



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT

The NRULPC delivers effective communication within the university and with partners—including natural resource users and managers, agencies, tribal governments, tribal communities, non-governmental organizations, policy makers, and attorneys—to share expertise, exchange knowledge, and strengthen collaboration.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATION

The NRULPC bridges expertise and supports collaboration between researchers, Cooperative Extension, practitioners, agencies, tribal governments, tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, and natural resource stakeholders to deliver actionable, cross-disciplinary solutions to natural resource challenges.

The NRULPC has consistently engaged with leading natural resource organizations in the state to provide research and analysis of relevant policy.

RESEARCH & EXTENSION

NRULPC's work generates and applies research, legal expertise, and policy knowledge that informs natural resource decision-making and guides public policy. The NRULPC implements existing state-of-the-art research, creates novel knowledge, and provides regulatory, legal, policy, and management analysis and application for natural resource users in Arizona and across the Southwest.

HIGH-IMPACT LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Prepares students to engage effectively with natural resource law and policy issues and pursue relevant professional careers through coursework and immersive, practice-based learning.

- Immerse undergraduate, graduate and law students in real-time legal and policy issues—working collaboratively throughout the University—where they can make meaningful contributions responding to natural resource policy challenges and stakeholder needs.
- Engage undergraduates through innovative courses that integrate real world legal and policy issues into the classroom to support and encourage students to enter United States Law Schools.

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