NRULPC Advisory Board Meeting – November 16, 2021
Zoom: https://arizona.zoom.us/j/453244816

Purpose: Updates on Center & Clinic activities including student projects; panel of speakers on wildfire mitigation and forest products; AB members meet & greet; campaign update

8:30am – 8:40am  Welcome/Check-in – Joe Willis & Andy Groseta, Advisory Board Co-chairs

8:40am – 8:45am  Review Agenda – George Ruyle & John Lacy, Co-Directors

8:45am – 9:00am  NRULPC Progress Highlights – George Ruyle & John Lacy

9:00am – 10:10am  Panel Discussion – Perspective on thinning and the use of wood products in Arizona; issues with scaling up – Anne Gondor, Research Specialist
*Each speaker will have about 12 minutes with 20 minutes of Q&A at end of presentations
*Speaker information below

- Don Falk – Forest ecology and resilience: how will our forests recover?
- Tom Shultz – Forest Health in the Intermountain West
- Doyel Shamley – Forest timber sale volumes, acres treated, increasing fuel loads and the impacts to our National Forests in AZ
- James Voyles – NEPA, Regulatory Reform, and Active Forest Management

10:10am – 10:35am  Clinic Program Review | Student Self-introductions | Student Projects Overview
– Priya Sundareshan, Director - Natural Resource Use and Management Clinic, College of Law

10:35am – 10:40am  Update on Agriculture, Environmental and Legal Issues Undergraduate Course
– Anne Gondor, Co-instructor

10:40am – 10:50am  Break

10:50am – 11:25am  Meet and Greet; Advisory Board Members – John Lacy

11:25am – 11:40am  Financial updates: Stream Adjudication Project; CARES; Campaign for Fellow position – George Ruyle, John Lacy & Priya Sundareshan

11:40am – 11:45am  Communications Update | Regulatory Roundup – Sheila Merrigan & Anne Gondor

11:45am – 12:00pm  Wrap-up, Thank You’s and Adjourn – Joe Willis & Andy Groseta
Speaker information

**Don Falk** – *Forest ecology and resilience: how will our forests recover?*

Professor, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Arizona
Professor, Dendrochronology, Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research
Professor, Global Change, Graduate Interdisciplinary Degree Program in Global Change
Affiliated Faculty, Institute of the Environment

Don Falk’s research focuses on fire history, fire ecology, and the adaptation of restoration ecology to resilience in a changing world. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), and has received a Fulbright Short-Term Scholar award, the Ecological Society of America’s Deevey Award, and the Udall Faculty Fellowship in Public Policy. He is the author of more than 150 publications, including five edited books: *Genetics and Conservation of Rare Plants*, *Foundations of Restoration Ecology* (now in Second Edition) and *The Landscape Ecology of Fire*. Don was a delegate to the 2015 UN climate summit in Paris and leads the University of Arizona’s undergraduate degree program in Global Change Ecology and Management, and a new University Minor in Climate Change and Society. Don holds degrees from Oberlin College, Tufts University, and the University of Arizona. Don was co-founder and Executive Director of the Center for Plant Conservation, originally at Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and now at San Diego Zoo Global; he then served as the first Executive Director of the Society for Ecological Restoration.

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**Tom Schultz** – *Forest Health in the Intermountain West*

Vice President of Governmental Affairs for Idaho Forest Group (IFG).

Tom assumed this position in January 2018. In this role, he manages strategic relationships and directs communications and community outreach for the company. IFG manufactures dimension lumber and studs across six sawmills in Idaho and western Montana. It also operates a finger-joint plant in northern Idaho.

Prior to working for Idaho Forest Group, he served as the director of the Idaho Department of Lands from September 2011 through January 2018. As secretary to the State Board of Land Commissioners, he oversaw the management of 2.4 million surface acres of endowment lands and 3.3 million acres of endowment minerals in the State of Idaho.
Tom had oversight responsibilities for a number of forestry assistance programs, including administering the Forest Practices Act, as well as directing the agency’s work in providing wildfire protection across 6.3 million acres of mostly state and private lands.

Tom was also a member of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which regulates the exploration, drilling and production of oil and gas resources in Idaho. He also served the chairman of the Idaho Board of Scaling Practices.

Prior to joining the Idaho Department of Lands, Tom worked for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for 14 years. He served as the administrator of the DNRC Trust Lands Division and served as the administrator for the DNRC Water Resources Division from 2009 to 2010.

Before working for the State of Montana, Tom served as an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Launch Officer in the United States Air Force.

Tom earned a bachelor’s degree in Government from the University of Virginia and holds a Master’s degree in Political Science from the University of Wyoming as well as a Master’s degree in Forestry from the University of Montana. Tom serves on advisory boards for the University of Idaho College of Natural Resources, the University of Montana School of Business, the National Forest Foundation, the Idaho Workforce Development Council, the Idaho Shared Stewardship Advisory Committee, and the Montana Forest Action Council. He’s been married for 25 years and has 2 sons and a daughter. Both of his sons are Eagle Scouts.

Doyel Shamley – Forest timber sale volumes, acres treated, increasing fuel loads and the impacts to our National Forests in AZ

Apache County Supervisor

Doyel was raised in the San Joaquin valley of California where he worked in agriculture harvesting citrus, grapes, and olives. He enlisted in the Army and is a decorated combat veteran of the Iraq War. His first elected position was for the Veteran’s Districts in the San Joaquin Valley. Doyel was the former VFW District 6 Commander for Arizona. He continues to be an advocate for veterans and is a lifetime member of the VFW. Mr. Shamley sits as a director in the Veterans Committee and the Environmental Committee for the National Association of Counties Organization.

Doyel moved to Arizona in 1997 and became involved in natural resource and public land use issues. Doyel has served as a consultant to numerous private and public agencies regarding public land use, Endangered Species Act, NEPA Processes, watershed management, and habitat restoration. He has provided expert testimony before Congress and multiple state legislatures throughout the Western Caucus. He has since worked as an advisor and special presenter to the National Border Security and
Defense Summit, with emphasis on the threat of bioweapons on our national food safety and supply chain.

Mr. Shamley is a founding member and sits on the Board of Directors, for the University of Arizona’s James E. Rogers College of Law and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Cooperative Extension System (CES) partnership for the formation of the Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center (NRULPC). The Center was the first of its kind in the nation. He is also on the board for the National Association of Counties, Chairman of the Arizona Prescribed Fire Council and currently serves as the Apache County District Three Supervisor.

Doyel resides in Eagar, Arizona where he enjoys hiking with his dogs, shooting sports, heavy metal concerts and all things outdoors!

James Voyles – NEPA, Regulatory Reform, and Active Forest Management

Of Counsel at Lewis and Roca

James Voyles is of counsel in the firm’s Regulatory and Government Practice Group. James is an experienced lawyer and policy advisor with significant regulatory, litigation, compliance, legislative, and transactional experience. He provides advice to organizations across numerous sectors that include infrastructure, energy, natural resources, utilities, sportsmen and outdoor recreation, financial institutions, conservation, and real estate.