



## NRULPC Newsletter Vol. 4, No. 3 - August 26, 2021

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### Co-Directors' Message

Hello NRULPC friends,

We hope you have had a pleasant summer and had some time off for rest, relaxation and re-connection with family and friends.

Some exciting news about the statewide water adjudication process is mentioned below as well as a brief update on Clinic activities. The UA James E. Rogers College of Law is offering an online class this Fall titled *Community Engagement and Sustainable Development of Mineral Resources* (LAW 640P – 3 units). More information on this course can be found below. **Due to the increase in COVID cases and the response by the University of Arizona, we have decided to hold the Fall Advisory Board meeting online again.**

We have started a new resource we hope will be of use to you. The *Regulatory Roundup* is a quick look at current laws and policies that effect natural

resources. The first issue was released June 30<sup>th</sup> via the NRULPC listserv and is on the [NRULPC website](#). The highlights of Issue 2 are below and the full document will be shared on the listserv and website by the end of the month. We also have a few other communication items (see below) including newly created flyers that outline the work NRULPC and Clinic does with various industries such as forestry, mining, public lands grazing and water. Please feel free to print these and distribute as appropriate. We also have a new blog post and links to a few of our playlists on the Global Rangelands YouTube channel that may be of interest.

Please keep in mind that with your assistance we are targeting \$50,000 in our 2021 fund-raising campaign to fund the Law Fellow position. Funding may be through a variety of means and contacts. Please feel free to let us know if you have questions or concerns about the campaign. Also, please share your ideas and suggestions with us soon.

As the summer winds down and we face more uncertainty with world events, we wish you calm waters and good health.

Sincerely,

George and John,  
Co-Directors



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## Clinic Director's Update

*Priya Sundareshan*

Classes are now underway for the Fall 2021 semester in the Law College, so the NRUM Clinic has had our initial meeting with students.

This semester we have 7 students enrolled in the clinic; 6 of whom are JD students (a nice mix of second- and third-year students) plus 1 Master of Science student from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I'm excited about the blend of students and the different experiences they bring, which I'm confident will provide value as they tackle their clinic projects. It's too early to provide details of the projects that our students will be working on this semester,



but many will deal with water rights and stakeholder education. This is incredibly timely given the overwhelming importance of water issues to Arizona and the West, compounded by the recent shortage declaration on the Colorado River that will require us to think about how we are using water and whether there are opportunities to conserve and use water more efficiently. As always, my aim is that the clinic students are able to gain exposure to the most pressing natural resource issues in the West, and are able to help local stakeholders in the process.

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## **Statewide Water Adjudication Process**

The clinic is ramping up to take on a new project in providing pro bono assistance to unrepresented claimants of small quantities of water rights in the statewide stream adjudication process. Thanks to the Arizona legislature, funding will be available to the Center through University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. Details are still being worked out, so stay tuned for more!

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### **Save the Date**

#### **NRULPC Advisory Board Meeting**

**November 16**

As we plan the upcoming Advisory Board meeting we are carefully monitoring the COVID situation and the University of Arizona administrative response. In order to have our students and all board members participate, we believe the best option is to **hold the meeting remotely once again**. We are reviewing the April 2021 meeting evaluation responses from AB members and will do our best to be responsive to suggestions and incorporate submitted ideas into the November meeting.

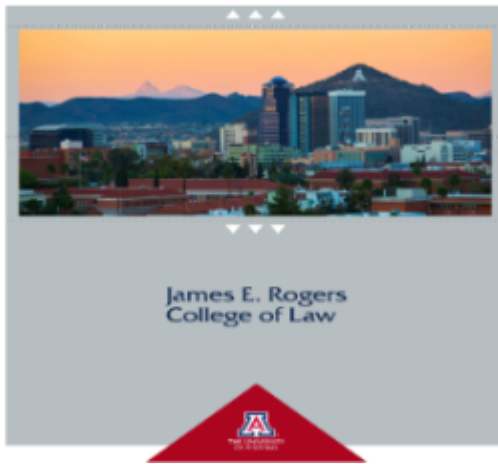
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## **Global Mining Law On-line Offerings, Fall 2021**

**James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona**

*John Lacy*

**LAW 640P (3 units): Community Engagement and Sustainable Development of Mineral Resources**, coordinated by Kristi Disney



Bruckner, Luke Danielson and Ashley Smith-Roberts Professors of Practice. Available Fall 2021. [Course Introduction Powerpoint](#)

## 2021 Mining Law Summit

The Future of Mining Law

**November 19**

The tension between the need for mineral resources and the movement to restrict their expeditious development is nowhere more obvious than in the promotion of change to or application of new or existing mining law. This year's Mining Law Summit will focus on divergent voices and discuss options whereby the mining law can provide avenues for future development of critical resources.

**Focus:** The "New" Critical Needs, Discussion of Green Commodities, where they are and how are they mined and processed into products.

**Focus:** Community Resistance. This presentation will focus on Peru as an example and look at the reasons for community resistance. The focus then turns to suggestions advanced in the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance.

**Focus:** Government Resistance. This presentation could focus on the dissatisfaction of certain governments with the initial "deal" for development and what could be done to address concerns.

**Focus:** Models for New Legal Structures. What makes a "good" mining law?

**Focus:** The Chinese Example. Is there a lesson in the Chinese approach?

**Focus:** Round-table discussion. At the conclusion of formal presentations, a number



of the committee and other participants representing diverse interests will discuss the various issues presented during the day.

*Registration coming soon.*



## REGULATORY ROUND-UP

*Issue 2 – August 30, 2021 (Will be on the NRULPC website at the end of the month)*

### **Highlights:**

- Legislation that targets funding towards wildfire mitigation efforts at the state and federal levels. Highlights of the bipartisan 2021 *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.
- EPA announced comment period on WOTUS.
- The recent declaration of a Tier 1 shortage on the Colorado River by the Secretary of the Interior.

See also

## REGULATORY ROUND-UP

*[Issue 1](#) – June 30, 2021*



The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center is excited to open [registration](#) for the 2021 Annual WRRRC Conference, *Tribal Water*

***Resilience in a Changing Environment.*** Held virtually over three days, August 30-September 1, the program will offer information, diverse perspectives, networking, and much more. The conference will kick off with an afternoon session (1-4 PM Arizona time) on Monday, August 30, followed by morning sessions (8-11 AM Arizona time) on Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1. In addition, special conference activities will be scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

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We have become aware that some people are not receiving all the information we send out on the NRULPC listserv. Please add the listserv address to your email contact list so it does not go to spam/junk mail. Thank you!

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***New Resources on the  
NRULPC Website, Blog and YouTube  
Website***

- [Industry Flyers](#)
  - [Our Work with Forestry](#)
  - [Our Work with Mining](#)
  - [Our Work with Public Lands Grazing](#)
  - [Our Work with Water](#)
- Interior Board of Land Appeals
  - [Sid Childress vs BLM](#) 197 IBLA 37 (Decided April 22, 2021) (pdf)
  - [Western Watershed Project vs BLM](#) 197 IBLA 161 (Decided May 18, 2021) (pdf)
- Regulatory Roundup
  - [Issue 1](#): June 30, 2021
  - Issue 2: August 30, 2021

***Western Lands, Western Waters Blog***

- [Prescribed Burning on Arizona Private Land: Policy Issues](#)

***Playlists of Interest on the  
Global Rangelands YouTube Channel***

- [Public Lands](#)
- [NEPA for Ranchers](#)
- [Grazing Management and Issues](#)



## Natural Resource Users Law & Policy Center (NRULPC)

The Natural Resource Users Law and Policy Center (NRULPC) is a creative partnership of the University of Arizona's James E. Rogers College of Law and Cooperative Extension that grew out of grassroots discussions. The Center's aims are to collaborate with stakeholders, mentor student clinicians and fellows, provide scholarly legal and policy analysis, and address the underrepresented law and policy needs of the natural resource community of Arizona and the West.



## [NRULPC Website](#)

The NRULPC website provides information on the about the center, student programs, leadership and staff, out publications and the Advisory Board.

## Newsletter and Other Resources

### Newsletters

- Vol. 1, Number 1 - November 2, 2017 - Welcome to the First NRULPC Newsletter!
- Vol. 1, Number 2 - December 22, 2017
- Vol. 1, Number 3 - February 9, 2018
- Vol. 1, Number 4 - March 19, 2018
- Vol. 1, Number 5 - April 30, 2018
- Vol. 1, Number 6 - May 31, 2018
- Vol. 1, Number 7 - July 24, 2018
- Vol. 2, Number 1 - October 19, 2018
- Vol. 2, Number 2 - December 20, 2018
- Vol. 2, Number 3 - February 25, 2019

## [Newsletter](#)

The first issue of the NRULPC newsletter was released November 2017. It is published at various times of the year, but generally about every two months.



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## Western Lands, Western Waters

Hot topics in natural resource law and policy affecting the American West

## [Blog](#)

The Blog is our newest resource with our first release in April 2019. All posts carefully researched and written by NRULPC Clinic students

Would you like to be on our NRULPC listserv? If so, please contact [Sheila Merrigan](#).

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