AGENDA*
Friday, March 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.   The Role of Litigation in Shaping Stream Access – Jim Goetz, Goetz, Baldwin & Geddes P.C.
This opening talk captures the story of the events leading up to the landmark stream access decisions of Curran and Hildreth, the contours of those decisions, and the role of the 1972 Montana Constitution in public trust law.

9:30 a.m.   Opening Remarks – Governor Steve Bullock

10:00 a.m. The Story of Stream Access Legislation, Part I – Roundtable of Key Participants
This guided discussion picks up after the Curran and Hildreth decisions, as various water stakeholders collaborated and negotiated over the landmark Stream Access Bill. Participants will share key moments and memories, including what ingredients catalyzed their decision to work together.

Moderator: Ron Waterman, Attorney for Montana Stock Growers Association (during stream access)
Stan Bradshaw, Montana Staff Counsel, Montana Trout Unlimited
Tom Bugni, founding member, Montana Coalition for Stream Access
Bruce Crippen, former Montana State Senator
Stuart Doggett, Executive Director, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
Ron Marcoux, retired Deputy Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Tony Schoonen Sr., former President, Montana Wildlife Federation
Tony Schoonen Jr., Chief of Staff, Boone & Crockett Club
Tom Towe, Attorney, Towe, Ball, Mackey, Sommerfeld & Turner, PLLP
Mary Wright, Attorney for Montana Council of Trout Unlimited (during stream access)
Other invited guests

10:45 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m. The Story of Stream Access Legislation, Part II – Roundtable continued
The guided discussion continues, with a focus on key lessons and how we can apply those lessons to the difficult natural resources issues of today.

11:45 a.m. Networking Break

12:00 p.m. Ethics of Advising Landowners and Recreation Clients
Abigail Brown, Attorney, Farve & Brown Law, PLLC
Dana Elias Pepper, Attorney, River & Range Law

1:00 p.m. Subsequent Developments in Stream Access Law
This panel examines important developments in both stream access case law and legislation, including the activities that constitute recreational use, fencing for livestock, bridge access, and the definition of a water course.

Moderator: Professor Michelle Bryan, Blewett School of Law
Mark Aagenes, Director of External Affairs, The Nature Conservancy, formerly Montana Trout Unlimited

Bob Lane, former Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Chief Water Judge Russ McElyea

2:30 p.m. Networking Break

2:45 p.m. What the Future May Hold for Stream Access
This final panel highlights unresolved issues in stream access, and important issues on the horizon, including climate implications, the role of tribal water governance, applying the doctrine to lakes, and connecting public trust to instream flow water rights.

Professor Michelle Bryan, Blewett School of Law
Professor Monte Mills, Blewett School of Law

3:30 p.m. Reception

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