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Dear Reader,

At their best, lawyers serve the public interest by promoting vigorous debate about the law, public policy, and how best to guide our democracy at large. As scholars, lawyers practice best where academic rigor and practical application meet. That meeting point is where the *Public Land & Resources Law Review* resides.

The *PLRLR*'s emphasis on both the practical and scholarly aspects of the legal profession gives it a unique position in the world of law. Its articles, written by leading scholars and practitioners alike, provide guidance to those working in public land, natural resource, and Federal Indian law. At the same time, the *PLRLR* provides a vibrant forum for academic exchange by bringing scholars into conversations that challenge assumptions and hone arguments.

That balance is reflected in this year's publication, which draws from the 36th Public Land Law Conference, *Transcending Boundaries: Achieving Success in Cooperative Management of Natural Resources*, held at the University of Montana in October 2015 and sponsored by the *PLRLR*. As its title indicates, the conference explored the management of natural resources across international, state, and tribal boundaries. It provided a national platform for the presentation of new scholarship and the examination of significant current events. It fostered collaboration and, we hope, informed future policy.

The articles contained in this volume reflect the focus of the conference, examining issues of tribal water and fishing rights, salmon and hydroelectricity, energy development in Indian country, and cooperative management in the Columbia River Basin. We trust they will continue the work the conference began.

While the *PLRLR* is a student-run publication, no law review could exist without the assistance and support of faculty advisers. Thus we extend our thanks to Professors Martha Williams and Michelle Bryan, whose support makes the work we do possible. We also thank our staff for all their excellent work in preparing these articles for publication. We look forward to watching where they take this law review next year.

Welcome to the 37th edition of the *Public Land & Resources Law Review*. We are proud to present this year's collection of scholarship.

Sincerely,

Nick VandenBos, Editor in Chief
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