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Letter from Editor In Chief

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Dear Reader,

The legal profession challenges us to balance advocacy and public interest. We work to discern answers to difficult questions through detailed examination and vigorous debate. The *Public Land & Resources Law Review* believes well-crafted answers must interlace practice and scholarship. Our commitment to this belief drives our efforts to offer insights into public land, natural resource, and federal Indian law through the work of both practitioners and scholars.

The articles contained in this volume further develop the scholarship available in public land, natural resource, and federal Indian law, and reveal challenges of balancing competing federal, tribal, state, and local interests. They explore and analyze the colorable claims of Sagebrush Rebels; federal-local coordinating ordinances in the American West; American Indian fishing rights and habitat restoration in Puget Sound; the public trust doctrine and public trust lands in Montana; and federal-tribal cultural resource consultation on the Rocky Mountain Front. In doing so, they seek to continue the previous volume's discussion of achieving success in cooperative management of natural resources.

This discussion will be further advanced in October 2017, with our 37th Public Land Law Conference, entitled *Bridging Divides: Energy, Environment, and Empowerment in a New Era*. We recognize that energy development, indigenous involvement, and environmental interests frequently offer competing visions for natural resource stewardship. Our upcoming conference seeks to bring together voices of local communities, federal and state actors, tribal nations, and private and nonprofit interests, to work toward a common vision of the law and policy of energy and the environment. Distinguished panelists will focus on the interactions between energy development, fish and wildlife, indigenous interests, and land use planning.

Moving forward, we wish to thank our two advisors, Professors Michelle Bryan and Monte Mills, for their guidance. Their long-ranging vision and mentorship supported and continues to motivate the development of this publication, next year's conference, and our law review. Through their direction, the *Public Land & Resources Law Review* has honed its focus

on public lands, natural resource, and federal Indian law. We also thank our staff for their outstanding work preparing this volume for publication. We look forward to continuing to work with both our advisors and staff as we leave the cocoon of law school and enter the legal profession.

We are proud to present the 38th edition of the *Public Land & Resources Law Review*. We know you will enjoy reading the collected scholarship as much as we enjoyed the selection, editing, and curating process.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Sears Ore, Editor in Chief
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