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**CONFERENCE TACKLES TOPICS OF WATER RIGHTS, WATER USE**

**MISSOULA –**

“Water and the Landscape of the American West” is the focus of the 29th annual Public Land Law Conference to be held at The University of Montana Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 5-7.

The conference, sponsored by the Public Land and Resources Law Review, is free and open to the public.

D. Fred Matt, chairman of the Tribal Council of Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, will give the conference keynote address at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the University Center Theater.

Each day of the conference, speakers from Montana and across the western United States will talk about water rights and the future of water use in the American West. Panel discussions also will be held. The schedule begins Thursday, Oct. 6, at 8:30 a.m. and Friday, Oct. 7, at 8 a.m. All presentations and panels will be held at the Castles Center on the lower level of the UM Law Building.

Conference speakers include Montana Lt. Gov. John Bollinger; Nigel Bankes, University of Calgary; John Ecohawk, Native American Rights Fund; Sarah Van de Wetering,

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University of Montana Public Policy Research Institute; and others from various Montana law firms and agencies.

Attorneys are eligible to receive up to 12 Continuing Legal Education credits for attending the conference.

A schedule of events and information about conference speakers is online at <http://www.umt.edu/publicland>. For more information, call (406) 243-6558 or e-mail [plrlr@umontana.edu](mailto:plrlr@umontana.edu).

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