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PUBLIC LAND LAW CONFERENCE AT UM SEPT. 30-OCT. 2

MISSOULA —

The 33rd Annual Public Land Law Conference titled “Redefining Wilderness: Landscape, Law & Policy” will take place at The University of Montana from Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Sponsored by the Public Land & Resources Law Review, the conference will explore legal issues surrounding land use and wilderness protection in Montana and the American West.

Montana conservationist and author Rick Bass will give the conference keynote address at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

The conference will bring together leaders from government, industry, academia, legal and conservation communities and more to explore challenges facing public lands and to discuss key elements for a federal lands agenda for the 21st century.

Topics of discussion will include landscape protection, recent wilderness litigation, wilderness in Indian Country and the potential effects of climate change on wilderness law and policy.

More information about the conference and a registration form are online at <http://www.umt.edu/publicland/conference.htm>.

The Environmental Law Group will hold the fifth annual Bulls, Blues and Brews silent auction and fundraiser beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Missoula Children’s Theatre. The event costs \$10 at the door and will feature live music, beverages and hors d’oeuvres. The public is welcome to attend. All proceeds will benefit the Montana Wilderness Association.

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