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CONFERENCE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC
LAND REVENUES SLATED FOR MAY 7-8

MISSOULA--

The millions of dollars that allegedly have been lost through federal government mismanagement of federal-land oil and gas leases are the issue behind a conference on public-land natural-resource revenues at the Missoula Village Red Lion Inn May 7 and 8.

The conference, sponsored by the University of Montana School of Law and the Western Office of the Council of State Governments, will feature several prominent officials, including U.S. Sen. John Melcher, Montana Gov. Ted Schwinden, and David Getches, director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

Title of the conference is "Fiscal Federalism and the Patchwork Quilt of Natural Resource Revenues." Organizers of the conference are students on the UM Law school's Public Land Law Review publication.

Topics for the conference include an "Overview of the Patchwork Quilt of Natural Resource Revenues," "Access to the Federal Lands for Profit-Making Purposes," "Role of the BLM in Mineral Leasing on Public Lands," "Valuing the Public's Natural Resources," and "The Timing and Intensity of Natural Resource Development."

Pre-registration for the conference costs \$90 and registration at the door will be \$100. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits are available for attending lawyers.

For more information, call the Public Land Law Review office at (406) 243-6568. Hotel reservations may be made by calling 1-800-547-8010.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: All conference sessions are open to the media free of charge. Prior arrangements should be made with the Public Land Law Review office.