"HEALTHY FORESTS" INITIATIVE: SOUND WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT OR LICENSE TO LOG?  A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

The White House has embarked on a new initiative that it contends will reduce catastrophic wildfires in deteriorating forests and unhealthy rangelands by removing accumulated fuels and streamlining management decisionmaking processes. Environmentalists counter that the initiative will harm national forest ecosystems by promoting increased logging on public lands under the guise of fire prevention, and by dismantling processes designed to ensure that management decisions are based on sound science and consideration of public values.

This roundtable discussion will explore the role of science and values in shaping public policy by illuminating what appears to be a fundamental disagreement over what “forest health” means and the proper way to achieve it. Please join a panel of accomplished scientists, policymakers, advocates, and legal experts for a spirited discussion about the scientific knowledge and normative judgments that underpin this debate, as well as the role of land management planning processes in promoting sound stewardship of our public lands.

SPEAKERS

Welcome
Dean Jonathan D. Varat, UCLA School of Law

Moderators
Philip W. Rundel, Ph.D., Professor of Organismic Biology, Ecology and Evolution, UCLA
Sean B. Hecht, Executive Director, UCLA Environmental Law Center

Panelists
David A. Bischel, President, California Forestry Association
Susan Britting, Ph.D., Science and Policy Consultant, Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign
Joseph M. Feller, Professor of Law, Arizona State University School of Law
Jon E. Keeley, Ph.D., Research Ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey
Nathaniel S. Lawrence, Senior Attorney, Natural Resources Defense Council
Douglas D. Piirto, Ph.D., Professor of Forestry & Natural Resources Management, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Mark E. Rev, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Department of Agriculture

PLACE

UCLA School of Law    •  Wednesday, May 14, 2003    •  1:30 P.M. - 4:50 P.M.
Reception to follow

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