

Wednesday, April 13

5:30 - 6:30 pm -
Steering Committee & Speaker Dinner
(*Invitation Only*)

6:30 - 8:30 pm -
Reception & Social Hour

Thursday, April 14

7:45 - 8:20 am -
• Registration & Pre-convene

8:20 - 8:40 am -
• Welcome - S. Tasset, KNRC President

8:40 - 9:00 am -
• Conference Overview - J. R. Carlson,
KNRC Executive Director

9:00 - 9:30 am - **Keynote**
• Tom Van Flein - Chief of Staff,
U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar (R - Arizona)

9:30 - 10:15 am - **Issues & Overview**
• Tom DeWeese - American Policy Center
Federal v. State & Local Prerogatives

10:15 - 10:30 am - **BREAK**

10:30 - 11:15 am - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- Jonathan Wood - Pacific Legal Fdn.
*Lessons from the Supreme Court ESA
Prairie Dog decision, & implications for
State & local governments.*
- Dr. Angus McIntosh - NRPR
*WOTUS, BLM & Property Rights
Issues: a History & Forecast*

11:15 - 12:00 - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- Harriet Hageman - Hageman Law
*Testing the Water - Clean Water Act Case
examples: a litigators perspective on
property takes & WOTUS Rule Issues.*
- Mark Herr - Center for Self Governance
*The Constitutional Roles of State &
Local governments: a primer and Vision.*

12:00 - 1:00 pm - **LUNCH**

1:00 - 2:30 pm - **PANEL DISCUSSION, TBA**

2:30 - 3:15 pm - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

- Kimmi Lewis - *A rancher's perspective on
Conservation Easement source funding.*
- Tracy Hunt - *Sustainability, Banking &
international consolidation in the
agricultural production supply chain.*

Many federal agencies have lost sight of the statutory mandates foundational to their existence, and most do not understand minimum, historical responsibilities to state and local government. Having gone off mission, administrative agencies now direct their own regulatory agendas through Federal rulemaking processes, economic arm-twisting of the states, coercion of industry through permitting processes, and by non-accountability of senior administrators - who make decisions outside of public.

Using EPA's WOTUS Rule, Department of Interior's aggression toward agriculture, and high-profile, endangered-species litigation as examples, this conference will demonstrate how Federal agencies distort congressional mandates and ignore state and local voice by bypassing federal procedural requirements. Having gained a historical perspective and being equipped with real-world case studies, county commissioners, policy makers, agricultural interests, and industry will receive on-the-ground tools, methods and approaches to effect *bottom-up* change in the federal administrative planning, rulemaking and decision processes.

The format for this Conference includes presentations from nationally-recognized litigators, a Washington DC based policy analyst, a session by a national constitutional training expert, and a keynote address by Tom Van Flein - the chief of staff for U. S. Representative (R, Arizona) Paul Gosar.

Rounding out the Conference will be a WOTUS question/answer panel discussion with senior attorneys, staff from Kansas Health and Environment, representatives from environmental group(s), and the US Army Corps of Engineers (invited).

THE KANSAS NATURAL RESOURCE COALITION



Land, Water & Local Government Conference - and - Panel Discussion

When:
April 13 and 14, 2016

Where:
*United Wireless Arena &
Conference Center:
4000 Comanche Street,
Dodge City, Kansas*

Purpose:
*This Conference will explore
the history, impact and
resolution of Federal
encroachment into State &
Local natural resource decision
making.*

Who Should Attend?
*The substantive issues
discussed at this Conference
will be of interest to County
Commissioners, State
Legislators & Policy makers,
Industry Professionals,
Agricultural Interests,
Landholders and Citizens.*

<http://knrc.org/>

Registration

Fees

- KNRC (2016) Members - \$110/person;
- Non-Member Early-Bird - \$120/person; (Registration before March 30);
- Non-Members - \$135/person; (Registration after March 30);
- At-the-Door Registration - \$140/person;
- Legislators - No charge; (Before March 23; after \$110/person);
- Fees include evening reception, Conference & Thursday lunch;
- Vendors and Sponsors receive two (2) admissions.

Reservations

- Attendance is capped at 160 participants; prompt reservation and payment is highly recommended.
- 7 slots will be held for Legislators until March 24.
- Please call **(620) 214-9913** for reservations; reservations for which payment has not been received by March 30 will be cancelled.
- Make payments to KNRC:
C/O Logan County Kansas Clerk
710 west 2nd Street
Oakley, KS 67748-1233
- No Refunds after March 30.

Accommodations

- KNRC has reserved a block of 50 Rooms at the *Hampton Inn & Suites*, located in the United Wireless Arena Complex. The first come, first served KNRC Rate is:
2 Queen Beds - **\$99**
King Suite - **\$109**
- The cut-off date for the Room Block is April 5, 2016.
- Hampton Inn Reservations:
(620) 225-0000



Harriet M. Hageman - Hageman Law, PC

Harriet Hageman is a trial attorney who has litigated multiple natural-resource, water, and administrative law matters, including *Nebraska v. Wyoming*, Federal "Roadless" Rules, T&E species issues, challenges to state "open range" laws, problems with Clean Water Act overreach, and administrative grazing decisions against BLM.

Mark Herr, Sr. - Center for Self Governance

Mark Herr Sr. is president and co-founder of the nonprofit educational institution the Center for Self Governance (CSG), a think tank that instructs civic leaders and citizens in constitutional principals, delegated authority, and control instituted government.



Angus McIntosh - Natural Resource Law & Policy Research Center

Dr. McIntosh, a Range-management conservationist and economist, specializes in in property, water and split-estate economic valuations. He conducts seminars and has provided expert testimony in Federal Courts on Water Rights, Range Management and the impact of Federal natural resource decisions.

Tracy Hunt - Weston Co Commissioner

Commissioner Hunt is a rancher, attorney and County Commissioner in Weston County, Wyoming. He has served as Weston County Prosecuting Attorney, and for the Wyoming Game & Fish Commission. Commissioner Hunt's research will focus on the international sustainability movement as a consolidation platform for banking, government, and an increasingly vertical integrated corporate beef supply and distribution chains.



Jonathan Wood - Pacific Legal Foundation

Jonathan Wood is a Staff Attorney at Pacific Legal Foundation. Mr. Wood was the lead attorney responsible for the favorable, landmark, commerce-clause decision by Federal District Court in the Utah Prairie Dog/USFWS case. Mr. Wood also litigated the Andy Johnson case, a high-profile, Clean Water Act jurisdictional case against EPA.

Tom Van Flein - Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar

Tom VanFlein is can-do litigator who came to Capital Hill in 2011. Having been adviser and personal attorney to Sarah Palin, Mr. Van Flein is a fixer, advocate and a team-oriented political strategist who believes in "*hard work, loyalty, discretion, good judgment and honest advice.*"



Tom DeWeese - American Policy Center

Tom DeWeese is the Founder and President of the American Policy Center and editor of The DeWeese Report. He is an advocate of individual liberties, free enterprise, private property rights, personal privacy and American sovereignty and independence.



Kimmi Clark Lewis - SCPPRC

Kimmi Lewis is a cattle rancher from Southeast Colorado. Kimmi has held various leadership roles in Cattle policy organizations and successfully organized opposition to a national heritage designation and the US Army Pinion-Canyon expansion in Southeast Colorado.

See full Biographies at:

<https://knrc.org/events/2016-land-and-environment-conference/>