

Jan. 8 EQC panel on federal land management

Tom France, Missoula - An attorney with the National Wildlife Federation since 1981, France has worked to restore wolves and grizzlies in the northern Rockies, reform hard rock mining in the West, and promote effective private lands conservation. France, a former public member of the EQC, also works with the timber industry to solve timber supply issues and secure better management of public lands.

Ken Ivory, West Jordan, Utah - A state representative since 2011, Ivory is an attorney who practices in the areas of mediation, general business, commercial litigation, and estate planning. In 2012, he sponsored House Bill No. 148, which requires the United States to extinguish title to public lands and transfer title to those public lands to the state before 2015. He is president of the American Lands Council.

Dr. Peter Kolb, Missoula - Kolb is the Montana State University Extension Forestry Specialist and an adjunct associate professor at the University of Montana. His research focuses on forest ecosystem function and dynamics with emphasis on the role of different forest management practices and landowner objectives. Past research includes the effects of heat, water stress and competition on conifer seedling establishment and the impacts of forest management on root diseases and wildfire behavior.

Doyel Shamley, Stateline, Nevada - Shamley is the CEO of Veritas Research Consulting, specializing in natural resources and the lines of jurisdiction of varying levels of government involved in natural resource management. He is a decorated combat veteran and sees this field as a natural extension of continuing service to his country. His firm consults with counties, state, and federal representatives on projects varying from site specific to interstate issues.

John Tubbs, Helena - Before becoming director of the Montana DNRC in 2013, Tubbs was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Previously, he worked for the DNRC for 23 years as an economist, bureau chief, and water resources division administrator. The DNRC oversees programs for fire and forestry management, state trust lands, oil and gas leasing, and water rights.

Martha Williams, Missoula - Martha Williams teaches environmental and wildlife law at the University of Montana School of Law, supervises the Public Land and Resources Law Review, and is co-director of the Land Use & Natural Resource Clinic. Williams previously was a Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife at the Department of the Interior, a staff attorney for the state Department of Fish Wildlife, and Parks, and a policy analyst for the EQC.