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**“2019 ENR Section Summit”**

<b>Date/Time:</b>	<b>June 13-14, 2019</b>
<b>Location: (2 Options)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hilton Garden Inn, 1150 North Poplar Street, Magnolia/Dahlia Room, Casper, WY 82601</li><li>2. From the comfort of your own home or office via live stream.</li></ol>
<b>Price:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Full Registration (Includes CLE, Dinner, Fly Fishing): \$350.00</li><li>➤ CLE &amp; Dinner: \$110.00</li><li>➤ CLE Only OR Live Streaming: \$75.00</li></ul>
<b>Credit Approval:</b>	<b>4.50 CLE Credits</b>
<b>Registration Information:</b>	Click <a href="#">Here</a> to register.

**Course Highlights**

The Energy & Natural Resources (ENR) Section is pleased to host its fourth annual ENR Section Summit in Casper, Wyoming, on June 13-14, 2019. The event will include a half day of CLE programming on Thursday afternoon with a social hour and dinner to follow. Friday will consist of a full-day guided fly fishing float trip on the North Platte River (fishing space is limited). There is also a registration option for those who only wish to attend the CLE.

CLE and dinner will be hosted at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1150 North Poplar Street, Casper, Wyoming, 82601. The CLE will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and will end at 5:15 p.m. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**Programs**

**The Wind Beneath Wyoming’s Wings? Evaluating the Benefits and Burdens of Wyoming Wind Tax Policy**

**Speaker(s):** Cale Case, Kara Choquette, Robert Godby

A three-part discussion of differing perspectives on Wyoming wind tax policy, featuring a University of Wyoming economist who recently co-authored a study assessing the impacts of wind taxation, a state legislator who favors increasing the current wind tax from \$1/MWh to

\$5/MWh, and a representative from the developer of a major Wyoming wind generation and transmission project.

### **Keeping it Local: How County Commissioners Shape Energy Development to Ensure the Social and Economic Welfare of Their Communities**

**Speaker(s): Forrest Chadwick, Mark Christensen, John Espy**

**Moderator: Temple Stoellinger**

County commissioners are on the frontlines when it comes to energy development in their jurisdictions, often finding themselves both relying on energy development for jobs, revenue and the economic well-being of their counties, while also addressing the potential impacts of this same development to county roads, infrastructure and institutions, as well as natural resources, housing stock and custom and culture.

Federal statutes, including the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and the Federal Policy and Land Management Act (FPLMA), provide opportunities for counties to play a role in planning for energy development. Under NEPA, counties serve as cooperating agencies often privy to pre-decisional documents and meetings. Under NEPA, FPLMA and the NFMA, a federal agency must stay apprised of local land use plans and explain inconsistencies between these plans and federal ones. State statutes in Wyoming also contemplate county involvement in energy development. Counties may also exercise their authority to regulate the use of wind and solar development on private lands through their zoning powers.

During this panel discussion, commissioners from Campbell, Natrona and Carbon Counties—home to extensive oil and gas development, the largest proposed wind development in the country and the world’s largest coal mine—we will discuss how, pursuant to these and other authorities, county commissioners help shape energy development.

### **The Oil and Gas Well Permitting Race and Unintended Consequences**

**Speaker(s): Pete Obermueller, Kelsey Wasylenky**

This program will feature the background of Wyoming oil and gas well permitting, how the “first to file” is somewhat unique to Wyoming as compared to other western states, and the permitting race and other issues it has created in the current horizontal well boom. The program will conclude with a discussion of possible solutions currently being discussed by the industry, the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, and the Legislature.

### **The Gordon Administration/Effects on Energy Development in Wyoming**

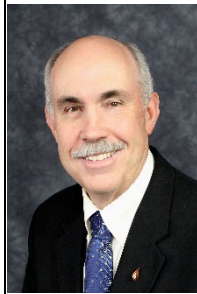
**Speaker(s): Jenifer Scoggin**

The new director of the Office of State Lands and Investments will discuss the likely direction of energy policy and development in Wyoming following the election of Governor Mark Gordon.

## Faculty



Senator Cale Case is an economist and businessman from Lander, Wyoming, who has served in the Wyoming State Senate since 1998, and who also served in the Wyoming House of Representatives from 1994 to 1998. Senator Case holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wyoming and is considered a principal advocate of individual freedom and limited government. Senator Case has been an outspoken proponent of increased taxes on wind production in Wyoming, sponsoring legislation in 2017 and 2019 to increase the existing wind tax from \$1/MWh to \$5/MWh.



Commissioner Forrest Chadwick is a Natrona and Johnson County native raised in the agricultural community. Stepping away from agriculture, he spent his 40-year career in the oil industry of the Rocky Mountains, the first 12 years with Oil Well Perforators and the last 28 managing Pesca Inc., a wireline supply company, retiring in 2010. After a brief stint with 400 head of cows, he and his wife of soon-to-be 50 years decided to take a new direction. He was elected to his first term as a County Commissioner in 2012. Now in his second term, he serves as the committee chairman for the Wyoming County Commissioners Association Agriculture, Water and Public Lands. He is also one of two WCCA Board of Directors to the Western Interstate Region of the National Association of

Counties.



Kara Choquette is the director of communications and government relations for two independent renewable energy development companies: Power Company of Wyoming LLC, which is developing the 3000 MW Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project on a cattle ranch in Carbon County, and TransWest Express LLC, which is developing the 730-mile TransWest Express Transmission Project. Both are affiliates of The Anschutz Corporation. She joined the companies in 2009, after previously leading communications programs at an engineering firm, CH2M HILL, and at high-tech firm, Xerox Corporation.



Commissioner Mark Christensen is a fourth-generation Campbell County native, businessman and father. Mr. Christensen has served on the Campbell County Board of Commissioners since 2013 with two terms as board chairman. Mr. Christensen earned an M.S. in Real Estate and Construction Management from the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver. He also has a B.S. in Finance and B.S. in Management Information Systems from the University of Wyoming. Mr. Christensen owns and manages MC Aegis, LLC, a holding company for his real estate development, construction and creative services companies. Mr. Christensen's real estate development work focuses on entitlement, subdivision and infrastructure construction, which is

complemented by his wife's residential construction business.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen jointly publish two community magazines and two community news streams. Mr. Christensen assists with his family's ranching operations, which includes eight locations in three states, helping with human resource issues and negotiating surface use agreements and other mineral related contracts. Mr. Christensen and his wife, Erika, live in Gillette with their two boys, Pierce and Parker.



Commissioner John Espy has served as a Carbon County Commissioner for the past six years, two of those as chairman. He is the current co-chair of the Wyoming County Commissioners Association Agriculture and Public Lands Committee. Prior to becoming a commissioner, he served on various state and local boards, including the Animal Management Damage Board, Sage Grouse Implementation Team and Sage Grouse Local Working Group.



Robert Godby serves as the Director of the University of Wyoming's Center for Energy Economics and Public Policy and is also a member of the Economics Department at UW. His research areas include natural resource, energy and environmental economics, industrial organization and macroeconomic policy where he has authored books and journal articles. He has also prepared studies for the Wyoming government on energy, economic development, labor market and education policy. These include the recent study *Wind Development, Tax Policy and Economic Development Tradeoffs*, on which he was a co-author.



Pete Obermueller is President of the Petroleum Association of Wyoming, a post he has held since January of 2019. As President, Pete represents Wyoming's oil and gas industry at the local, state and federal level. A graduate of Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyoming, Obermueller holds a master's degree in public policy from the University of Minnesota. Following several years of serving Wyoming in Washington D.C. as an aide to former United States Representatives Barbara Cubin and Cynthia Lummis, Pete moved back to Wyoming in 2013 to head up the Wyoming County Commissioners Association before taking the helm at the Petroleum Association. Pete enjoys a good cup of coffee, a nice bourbon, running, backpacking and spending time with his wife and two daughters.



Jenifer Scoggin was appointed as Director of the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments in 2019. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Scoggin was a partner with Holland & Hart LLP, a Rocky Mountain regionally based law firm with approximately 470 attorneys across eight states and Washington, DC. Based in the firm's Cheyenne office, Ms. Scoggin advised clients in Wyoming on energy development projects, assisted companies with the complicated process of industrial siting, water rights, environmental permitting and compliance, agriculture and real estate issues. She routinely represented mining, oil and gas, renewable energy, construction and other companies on compliance and permitting with Wyoming state agencies, including the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Wyoming State Engineer's Office, and the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments. Ms. Scoggin also counseled lenders and developers on environmental aspects of financing commercial and industrial projects and assisted in matters involving land use and construction litigation.



Temple Stoellinger is an assistant professor at the University of Wyoming and Co-Director of the Center for Law and Energy Resources in the Rockies. She has a dual appointment with the Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources and the College of Law. Professor Stoellinger is the faculty supervisor of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Law Clinic and coordinates the Haub School's JD/MA program in Environment and Natural Resources. She also teaches environmental and natural resources law and policy, wildlife law, and approaches to environmental problem solving. Before joining the University of Wyoming, Professor Stoellinger worked for the

Wyoming County Commissioners Association, Shell International B.V. and served as a natural resource advisor to Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal.



Kelsey Wasylenky is a Shareholder at Jost Energy Law, P.C. Kelsey has been representing oil and gas operators in Colorado since 2006 on all aspects of regulatory and transactional legal work involving natural resource development. Kelsey began her legal career in energy as In-House Counsel for an exploration and production company where she developed an expertise in oil and gas transactional law, including acquisition and divestiture, regulatory and environmental compliance and contract negotiation. Kelsey joined Jost Energy Law in 2016 where she continues her transactional representation of numerous clients in Colorado and Wyoming, in addition to practicing in all aspects of oil and gas regulatory work before the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, from the planning and preparation of an application to the COGCC through the hearing and approval stage. Kelsey is actively involved in both state and local government regulation of oil and gas, including drafting and presenting legal comments to proposed oil and gas local regulation and legislation, and representing operators in legislative and state rulemaking hearings. Kelsey received her M.B.A. in Environmental Policy and Management from the University of Denver Daniels College of Business in 2011, her J.D. from the University of San Diego School of Law in 2006, and her B.A. from Brown University in 2002.

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