

Agenda

Development of Water Laws: Quantity, Quality and Usage Development of the common law of water rights Statutory and regulatory limits on the exercise of water rights Federal, state and local regulators Development of the law on water quality preservation Comprehensive water planning	B. Sudduth
Understanding Montana Surface Water Rights Ownership of surface water Regulation of surface water rights Obtaining surface water rights Application and permitting process Amending surface water rights Current issues in surface water rights	C. Scoones
Understanding Montana Groundwater Rights Ownership of groundwater Regulation of groundwater rights Obtaining groundwater rights Application and permitting process Current issues in groundwater rights	B. Sudduth
Agricultural Water Use Wells for agricultural use Irrigation Water quality and agricultural runoff Groundwater impacts	B. Sudduth
State and Regional Water Management and Planning Surface water resources Groundwater resources Regional water planning <i>Montana v. Wyoming</i> and other disputes Tribal water rights Future projections and challenges	B. Sudduth
Current Issues with the Clean Water Act Status of “waters of the US” rule Implications for future use of water Changes in rules Political influence on CWA	B. Sudduth

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Learning Objectives

You'll be able to:

Explore the common law of groundwater and surface water rights in Montana.

Discuss regulations that impact irrigation, and identify the impact of agricultural runoff on water resources.

Get an overview of state and regional water management issues.

Explore tribal water rights.

Discuss Montana v. Wyoming, and other water disputes.

Review current issues around the Clean Water Act.



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Understand the development of water laws

Learn about ownership and regulation of surface water rights in Montana

Examine current issues in groundwater rights in Montana

Explore the impacts to water from agricultural water use

Review state and regional water management and planning

Discuss current issues with the Clean Water Act

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Benjamin Sudduth *Attorney at Sudduth Law, PLLC in Bozeman*

Mr. Sudduth entered private practice after working at the Montana Water Court as a Water Master for six years. At the Court, he attained an intricate knowledge of water law and the issues within it, as well as the ability to address those issues efficiently and effectively. During law school, Mr. Sudduth worked for the University of Montana’s Land Use Clinic, interned at a personal injury firm, and was an editor of the *Public Lands & Resources Law Review*. At the Land Use Clinic, he had the opportunity to argue the constitutionality of a county land use statute before the Montana Supreme Court. Prior to law school, Mr. Sudduth worked for a Livingston, MT, water resources engineering firm where he conducted topographical surveys, environmental assessments, and environmental monitoring for large resource companies. In addition to his legal and consulting experience, he also interned for a land trust and worked construction as a timber framer. Combined, these legal and work experiences provide a diverse array of experience that Mr. Sudduth draws upon in his representation of his clients.

Christopher T. Scoones *Associate Attorney at Lund Law PLLC in Bozeman*

Mr. Scoones holds a major in Economics and a minor in French Studies from the University of Florida. He graduated from Vermont Law School with a J.D. degree and Master’s of Environmental Law and Policy. In law school, he was a member of the *Vermont Law Review*. His article analyzing water rights and Fifth Amendment taking claims was published in the *Seattle Journal of Environmental Law*. After law school, Mr. Scoones clerked for the Honorable Daniel A. Boucher of Montana’s 12th Judicial District Court in Havre. He then served as a Water Master with the Montana Water Court before joining Lund Law PLLC in Bozeman. His practice emphasizes water and property rights. He is admitted to the State Bars of Montana and Vermont. Most recently Mr. Scoones and Hertha Lund co-authored an article on property interests in water rights that was published in the *Public Land & Resources Law Review* at the University of Montana.

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