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Sharon Buccino Director, Land & Wildlife program –Natural Resource Defense Council

We combine the power of more than two million members and online activists with the expertise of some 500 scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the globe to ensure the rights of all people to the air, the water, and the wild.

In her work for NRDC's Land & Wildlife program, Sharon Buccino has spearheaded litigation that challenged oil and gas drilling in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah, and led the fight to stop new coal mining outside of Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park. Her more recent work focuses on energy policy and government transparency. Prior to joining NRDC, she practiced environmental and administrative law with a private firm in Washington, D.C. and worked for the Alaska Supreme Court. She holds a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a JD from Stanford Law School. Buccino works in the Washington, D.C., office.



Jennifer Rokala, Executive Director, Center for Western Priorities

Prior to joining CWP, Jen served as the State Director for U.S. Senator Mark Udall of Colorado. Jen grew up in Colorado and is a graduate of the University of Colorado, Boulder. As a native of the West, Jen has always been passionate about protecting our public lands. Her favorite national park in Colorado is the Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve.

The Center for Western Priorities is a nonpartisan conservation and advocacy organization that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies and practices, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the American West. The Center advances responsible conservation and energy practices in the West through a network of policy experts, advocacy champions, creative thinkers, and citizens. We encourage open, public debate and work to advance those discussions online, in the media, and throughout Western communities by promoting responsible solutions and original research.



Amanda A. Reeve, Environmental and Regulatory Policy Advisor, Snell & Wilmer L.L.P. Phoenix, Arizona

Amanda Reeve’s recent experience serving in the Arizona House of Representatives ideally positions her as a key member of Snell & Wilmer's environmental and natural resources team. Amanda provides public policy services to clients through stakeholder identification and organization, the regulatory process and reform, and the legislative process. She is well known for her ability to develop public policy and craft bipartisan support to advance bills of significant importance to Arizona businesses. •Arizona Game & Fish Commission, Advocate of the Year (2012) •Arizona Capitol Times, Best House Republican (2012) •Representative, 6th District, Arizona House of Representatives (2010-2012) •“Studying The Transfer of Federal Lands: A Historical, Current and Future Perspective of the Lands in Arizona,” Presenter, Arizona Forward, Natural Resources Committee Meeting (April 2016)



Land Tawney, President/CEO of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, a national conservation group based in Montana. As President/CEO of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Tawney has expanded the organization to include 22 chapters across United States and Canada. Tawney leads rallies to keep federal lands open to the public. Tawney was raised in Montana, where he hunted and fished from an early age. He earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife biology from the University of Montana in 2000. Prior to working at Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, Tawney worked for other conservation organizations including the National Wildlife Federation and the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. He resides in Missoula, Montana. Tawney served on Democratic Senator Jon Tester's sportsmen advisory panel. Tawney is also the President of the Montana Hunters and Anglers Action political action committee.

Special Guest:

Jim Odenkirk, Assistant Attorney General, Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Steve Hattenbach, Regional Director, Wildlife, Fish, Rare Plants & Rangeland Management. – USFS Region 3