

Robert W. Randall

Bob Randall has more than 20 years of experience representing and counseling citizens, communities, and advocacy groups on land management and energy development issues in state and federal court litigation, before administrative agencies, and with elected officials.

Bob's career has been at the intersection of public policy and conservation, first as a public interest advocate for resource protection and then as a public servant working towards resource stewardship. He has negotiated interagency agreements with federal agencies; prosecuted federal and state court litigation on behalf of conservation organizations; managed drafting, implementation, and legislative approval of state energy regulations; secured \$36 million to implement Colorado's first-ever Water Plan; managed communications and policy responses to crisis situations; and helped achieve protection of iconic landscapes like the Thompson Divide and the Roan Plateau.

Bob previously served as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from 2016 to 2019, overseeing a \$400 million budget, 2,500 full- and part-time employees, and a portfolio that included all of Colorado's oil and gas, water, wildlife, state trust lands, and state parks. Before that, Bob served as DNR's Deputy Director from 2010 to 2016, as Assistant Director for Energy and Minerals from 2009 to 2010 and, prior to that, as Federal Lands Coordinator.

Prior to joining the Department of Natural Resources, Bob was a staff attorney for Western Resource Advocates, a Colorado-based law and policy organization. Before moving to Colorado, Bob spent seven years as a staff attorney for Trustees for Alaska, a public interest environmental law firm in Anchorage, Alaska.

Bob's work in all these posts has focused on natural resources, particularly regarding energy and mineral development, public lands management, water, wildlife, and outdoor recreation.

Representative Experience

Colorado Roadless Rule

Shepherded U.S. Department of Agriculture's adoption of final federal rule protecting 4.2 million acres of roadless National Forest lands in Colorado, including 1.2 million acres of Upper Tier that enjoy a higher level of conservation of roadless area characteristics. See 36 C.F.R. Part 294 Subpart D "Colorado Roadless Area Management"

Denali National Park and Preserve



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Areas of Practice

Airports
Brownfields
Climate Policy & Litigation
Conservation Easements
Energy Litigation and Regulated Proceedings
Environment, Public Lands, and Conservation Litigation
Environmental Impact Reviews
Intergovernmental Agreements
Legislative Drafting and Lobbying
Mining and Reclamation
Public Lands
Public Meetings, Open Records, and Participation in the Public Process

Education

J.D., Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College, 1996
B.J., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1992
B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia, 1992

Bar and Court Admissions

Colorado
United States District Court for the District of Alaska
United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit



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Represented conservation organizations in challenge to National Park Service decision to allow snowmobile use in Wilderness Areas of Denali National Park & Preserve for activities not occurring when Wilderness Areas were designated; work included drafting comments on proposed rule, testifying at public hearings, meeting with Park Service personnel at Denali and NPS Alaska Regional Office, and prosecuting litigation challenging the final rule

Colorado the Beautiful Initiative

Oversaw implementation of Governor Hickenlooper's Colorado the Beautiful Initiative, with a goal that within one generation, every Coloradan lives within 10 minutes of a park, trail, or vibrant open space; worked to secure \$2.5 million annually for construction of nonmotorized trails in Colorado and \$6 million for a new Colorado the Beautiful Trails Grant Program

Gold King Mine Release, La Plata and San Juan Counties, Colorado

Managed state policy and communications response to EPA release of mine waste water from the Gold King Mine—an abandoned mine near Silverton, Colorado

Oversight of Oil and Gas Operations

Drafted new and amended rules of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's (COGCC) 2008 overhaul of state regulations for oil and gas development (rule changes introduced public comment to the permitting process, addressed potential impacts to wildlife resources and human health, and updated requirements related to waste management, hydraulic fracturing, and reclamation); oversaw adoption of new Colorado rules related to heightened penalties for violations of COGCC's rules, oversight of flowlines, and expanded setbacks around school properties

Interagency Cooperation on Outdoor Recreation

Convened and chaired cabinet-level working group on outdoor recreation issues in Colorado, including trail planning and construction, transportation planning, and health equity, culminating in Colorado Executive Order B 2018-010, creating Interagency Trails Council, and promoting conservation and outdoor recreation

Legislative Testimony

Myriad appearances before committees of the Colorado General Assembly, including testimony at oversight hearings, testimony on legislation, and testimony at budget hearings

Professional and Civic Activities / Awards

- Environmental Representative, National Parks Overflights Advisory Group (2019–2022)
- Distinguished Natural Resources Practitioner in Residence, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (2018)



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- *Denver Business Journal*, "Who's Who in Energy – Government" (2017–2018)
- Member of numerous public boards and commissions, including:
 - Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO), Board of Trustees (2016–2018)
 - Colorado Water Conservation Board, Board of Directors (2016–2018)
 - Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission (2016–2018)
 - Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (2016–2018)
 - Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (2010–2018)
 - Natural Resource Damages Trustees Council (2016–2018)
 - Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (2016–2018)
- Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, Northwestern School of Law, Lewis & Clark College (1996)

Publications

Driving It Home: Choosing the Right Path for Fueling North America's Transportation Future
June 2007

Alaska National Interests Land Conservation Act: Citizens Guide
2001

Under the Influence: Oil and the Industrialization of America's Arctic
1998

News

Courts Reject Challenges to Colorado Rules to Reduce Oil and Gas Ozone and Climate Pollution
08.19.20

Firm Represents Environmental & Local Officials in Reducing Oil and Gas Ozone and Climate Pollution in Colorado
12.19.19

Bob Randall Appointed to National Parks Overflights Advisory Group
09.19.19

Presentations

Ethics: Maintaining Confidentiality in a Highly Public Environment
10.15.19

A Recipe for Successful Recreation Planning on Federal Public Lands with Wildlife Concerns



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04.26.19

Relationship Between People and the Outdoors
10.26.18

Climate Change and Colorado's Water Plan: How is the State
planning for anticipated Climate Change?
09.13.18

Hunting in the Context of Outdoor Recreation Economy
August 2018

Interstate Interests in Reauthorization of Conservation Reserve
Enhancement Program
August 2018

Importance of Reauthorization of Land and Water Conservation
Fund
07.23.18

Oil and Gas: Regulatory and Funding Update
04.19.18

Priorities of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources
February 2018

Regulatory Update on the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation
Commission
November 2017

Opening Remarks
September 2017

The 'Colorado Way' of Meeting Political and Social Challenges
on Water
August 2017

Colorado's New Way of Doing Business on Water
July 2017

Background on Oil and Gas Oversight in Colorado
June 2017

Ensuring Sufficient Funding for Departmental Priorities
04.20.17

Fostering Progress and Change in Colorado Water Policy
April 2017

Regulatory Issues: Current v. Legacy Mining in Colorado
February 2017

Colorado Roadless Rule: A Lesson in Cooperative Federalism



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February 2017

Water Projects, Water Policy, and Implementation of Colorado's
Water Plan
11.29.16

Leading on Water Keynote Speaker
10.26.16

Water, Growth, and Challenges in Colorado
09.29.16

The Relationship Between People and the Outdoors
09.09.16

Opening Remarks
09.01.16

Greater Sage Grouse Conservation in Colorado
September 2016

Opening Remarks
September 2016

Awards Presentation
08.25.16

Connecting People to the Outdoors
08.18.16

Update on Oil and Gas Regulatory Issues
July 2016

Evolving Energy Policy in Colorado
July 2016

Colorado the Beautiful and Outdoor Recreation in Colorado
April 2016

Private Land Programs of the Colorado Department of Natural
Resources
10.17.15

Update on Gold King Mine Release in San Juan County,
Colorado
August 2015

Welcoming Remarks
December 2014

Emerging Issues in Oil and Gas Development
October 2014

Oil and Gas Development and Ballot Initiatives



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09.26.14

Colorado's Severance Tax: Sources, Spending, and Challenges
September 2014

Colorado's Regulation of Oil and Gas Development
07.10.14

Unconventional Gas Regulations and the Environment: Pursuing
a Working Regulatory Model for Shale Gas
05.12.14

Oil & Gas, Wildlife, and Hydraulic Fracturing
03.12.14

Addressing Oil and Gas Impacts on Wildlife: Statutory Review,
2008-2013
10.15.13

Emerging Issues in Oil and Gas Development
October 2013

State Oversight of Hydraulic Fracturing
04.20.13

Colorado's New National Forest Roadless Rule
03.08.13

Land Use for a Lifetime: Changing Demographics and Shifting
Priorities
03.08.13

State Oversight of Hydraulic Fracturing
February 2013

Innovation, Sustainability in Energy Policy
November 2012

Colorado's Carbon Capture and Sequestration Task Force
October 2012

Appropriate Role of Regulation: Perspectives from State
Government
October 2012

Merging Science, Policy, and Economics for Practical Solutions
on Drought
September 2012

Colorado's Roadless Rule: Water Rights, Water Supply
Infrastructure, and Forest Health
July 2012

Oil and Gas Activity and Oversight in Colorado



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April 2012

Oil and Gas Oversight in Colorado

April 2012

Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations

March 2012

Merging Colorado's Parks and Wildlife Agencies

February 2012

Colorado and BLM: Cooperative Federalism in Action

May 2011

Transition Planning at Colorado Parks and Wildlife

May 2011

Water and Gravel Mining: Exposed Groundwater, Augmentation, and Floodplain Rules

February 2011

Protecting Wildlife through Landscape-Scale Planning of Oil and Gas Development

November 2010

NEPA Lessons Learned

October 2010

DNR Budget and River Access Task Force

July 2010

Overview of COGCC Rulemaking, 2007-2009

June 2010

Rulemaking on Oil and Gas, Uranium Mining, and Geothermal Leasing

February 2010

Colorado's Strategy for Development of Oil Shale

10.19.09

Administrative & Legislative Update: The Shifting Requirements for Disposition of Federal Oil Shale Resources

10.16.07

The Changing Legal Landscape for Leasing of Federal Oil Shale Reserves

10.18.06