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**SALT LAKE ATTORNEY CO-CHAIRS CONFERENCE IN DENVER ON  
ENERGY NEEDS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

**Salt Lake City, UT (September 1, 2009)** — Energy development on public lands is the topic of a two day conference in Denver co-chaired by Salt Lake City attorney Denise Dragoo, a partner in Snell & Wilmer’s Salt Lake City office, and Robert D. Comer, Counselor to the Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior. According to Dragoo, the special institute on September 10 and 11 will focus on access, siting, transmission and permitting of conventional and renewable energy development on public lands and is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation and the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

“Deputy Secretary of the Interior Ned Farquhar will discuss the Administration’s new energy policies on public lands,” said Dragoo, whose practice focuses on natural resources and public land law. Suedeen Kelly, Commissioner with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, will also address the conference. Paul Smyth, Associate Solicitor, Division of Mineral Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior will be giving opening remarks on behalf of Solicitor Hilary C. Tompkins. Experts from federal and tribal government, industry and others will address topics like NEPA analysis, protection of endangered and threatened species and cultural resources.

Current topics including climate change impacts, renewable power on federal lands and the reality of clean coal technology will be presented by national experts.

“In addition, there will be discussion and presentations on several energy and transmission projects, including the new Alaska Natural Gas Project, the Rockies Express Pipeline, development of the Jonah Field in Wyoming and a new West-Wide Energy Corridor,” Dragoo added.

More information and online registration is available from the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation at [www.rmmlf.org](http://www.rmmlf.org).

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