



Oregon Conservation Law Forum

Wednesday August 14th, 2019, 10am-2:30pm

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PacWest Center 1211 SW 5th Ave, Suite 1900

Metolius Conference Room

[Registration information can be found here](#)

Agenda

10:00am

Welcome and Introductions

10:15am

Revitalizing Your Easement Template – Konrad J. Liegel, Attorney-at-Law, PLLC

How long has it been since your land trust took a good look at the terms of your conservation easement template? Does your template reflect the lessons that the land trust community has learned the hard way over the years? Hear from a seasoned conservation lawyer about common issues he sees in easement language, how legal challenges and real world experience have led to changes in easement terms, and why certain terms deserve closer scrutiny. Learn how incorporating required terms can help.

11:45am – 12:15pm: Lunch (*provided*)

12:15pm

Legislative Session Recap – Gordon Levitt, COLT Legislative Coordinator

Gordon was COLT's Legislative Coordinator during the 2019 legislative session, and he will provide a recap of how COLT's priority legislation fared and insight into evolving political dynamics. Topics include funding for the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program, the cap and invest climate change program, immunity from recreational liability, the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, and wetlands regulation.

1:00pm

Dealing with Severed Mineral Rights – Michelle Smith, COLT Volunteer Pro-bono Attorney and Eden Taylor, COLT Legal Intern

The BLM manages 58 million acres of subsurface land nationwide where the surface is privately owned. In many cases, the surface rights and mineral rights were severed under the terms of the Nation's homesteading laws. Michelle Smith will discuss how the BLM manages these mineral rights and present a land trust case study in weighing options for conserving property where the BLM holds the subsurface mineral rights. COLT's Legal Intern, Eden Taylor, will then discuss her research into severed mineral rights in Oregon and Washington and options for extinguishment.

2:00pm

Round Robin Discussion

The group will discuss current issues and questions about private land conservation in a free-flowing discussion.

2:30pm: Adjourn

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