

## Natural Resource Management

We work on a range of natural resource issues: incentive-based strategies for compliance with listing and habitat provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA); wetlands and water (CWA) permitting (section 404) and mitigation; and trading in pollution and carbon credits. We have a solid track record with tax-leveraged real estate transactions with historic preservation and conservation components. This includes conservation easements, bargain sales of conservation parcels, and rehab tax credits.

We have close working relationships with the U.S. Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. We assist with permitting of projects on National Forest lands, and applications for funding from programs that promote sustainable forestry (Forest Legacy) and agriculture.

### Representative experience

Represent largest U.S. wetland mitigation banks developer in all aspects of its pioneering business: real estate transactions, regulatory compliance, policy development, and identification of mitigation opportunities.

Represented association of oil and gas producers in successful challenge to listing of an endangered species.

Prepared comments for trade association on U.S. Forest Service's guidance that would have significantly impacted users of groundwater on or near National Forest System lands.

Represented numerous entities in comments on critical habitat designations to limit impacts on development of

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### Practices

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needed infrastructure.

## Latest thinking and events

### Hogan Lovells Publications

Implications of COVID-19 on the Western Australian Mining Industry

### Blog Post

COVID-19: African unity and the opportunity for a paradigm shift

### Hogan Lovells Publications

Supreme Court grants a shy frog the chance to shape critical habitat designations

*Endangered Species Alert*

### Publications

The legal designation of ecologically important areas

*Engineering News*

### Published Works

How Much is Enough? Consideration of the PECE Criteria and Voluntary Efforts in Listing Decisions

*Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation*

### Publications

Gray and Green: Planning for Advanced Mitigation