

February 12, 2026, 2026 | 2:30 PM - 4 PM
Afternoon Coffee

2:30—3:00: Networking and Coffee
3:00—4:00 Panel Discussion

Panel Discussion: Navigating Surface Use in the DJ Basin

As oil and gas operations in Colorado become increasingly complex, so do the demands on surface landmen. The DAPL is pleased to host a panel of subject matter experts to discuss the unique challenges presented by our local landscape, landowners, and evolving regulations. Join us for a discussion of complicated relationships, exhaustive negotiations, and collaborative land use. We will touch on surface use agreements, rights-of-way, location assessments, and more.



Bob Bresnahan, Surface Landman Advisor, Civitas Resources

Bob Bresnahan has more than fifteen years of experience working with landowners in the DJ Basin. As Surface Landman Advisor at Civitas Resources, he plays a critical role in securing locations, permits, and rights-of-way. Prior to joining Civitas, Bob worked in surface land for Crestone Peak Resources and Encana.



Don Jobe, Surface Land Manager, Occidental Petroleum

Don Jobe brings 15+ years of experience in operational planning and landowner management to our panel discussion. As Surface Land Manager for Occidental Petroleum, he is responsible for a team of landmen delivering surface locations, rights-of-way, continuous landowner engagement, and regulatory compliance. Don has a BS in Business Management.

Surface Land Manager, Rockies Region (Aug 2019-now)



Shea Kauffman, SVP of Regulatory and Government Affairs, Prairie Operating Co

Shea Kauffman has worked the Rockies for more than 20 years. At Prairie Operating Co, she oversees stakeholder engagement, regulatory matters, and EHS. Prior to joining Prairie, Shea served as Deputy General Counsel for Civitas Resources and Vice President of Land and M&A for Crestone Peak Resources.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Livingstone - Stone Poker Classic
Thursday, February 12th

Spring Land Seminar
Thursday, March 5th

Ski Day
Friday, March 6th



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SAVE THE DATES!



Livingstone - The Stone Poker Classic - Thursday, February 12th



Spring Land Seminar - Thursday, March 5th



Ski Day - Friday, March 6th



Afternoon Education & Happy Hour - Thursday, April 9th



2026 Colfax Marathon - Saturday, May 16th & Sunday May 17th

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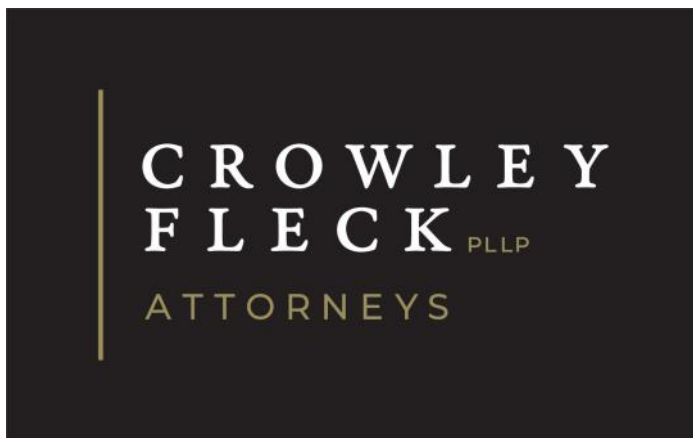
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MARCH, 5 2026

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7:30 am – 12 pm

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- After event recognition in the DAPL Newsletter, The Rocky Mountain Landman

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2026 DAPL Calendar of Events

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Education Committee Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12 Afternoon Coffee Talk Livingstone Poker Night	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

February 2026

3rd - Education Committee Meeting
 11th - Board Meeting
 12th - Afternoon Coffee Talk - see page 1 for more information
 12th - Livingstone Poker Night - see page 13 for more information

March 2026

5th - Spring Land Seminar - see page s 6+7 for more information
 6th - Ski Day - see page 9 for more information
 10th - Education Committee Meeting
 11th - Board Meeting

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Spring Land Seminar	6 Ski Day	7
8	9	10 Education Committee Meeting	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



SKI DAY 2026

FRIDAY, MARCH 6th

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From a Legal Perspective

The Scope of NEPA: A Review of the United States Supreme Court's Decision in *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County, Colorado*

On January 1, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) into law, requiring federal agencies to consider the environmental consequences of proposed infrastructure projects they build, fund, or approve. NEPA further required federal agencies to compile robust Environmental Impact Statements (“EIS”) and Environmental Assessments (“EA”) to address significant environmental effects of proposed projects and identify feasible alternatives to mitigate those effects. But since its enactment, NEPA has been largely used by environmental groups as a litigious sword to preclude the construction of certain projects, triggering significant environmental concerns, such as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, Keystone XL Pipeline, temporary hinderance of the Dakota Access Pipeline, and several others.

For the first time in nearly twenty years, on May 29, 2025, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in the landmark case, *Seven County Infrastructure Coalition v. Eagle County, Colorado*, clarifying the degree of judicial deference that is owed to federal agencies in NEPA cases and providing further clarity regarding NEPA’s scope.

The case arose from an application to the U.S. Surface Transportation Board (the “Board”) submitted by a group of seven Utah counties, the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (“Seven County”), seeking approval to construct and operate an approximately 88-mile railroad line known as the Uinta Basin Railway. The proposed line would connect the Uinta Basin to the national rail network and facilitate transportation of crude oil to markets in other regions of the United States, such as Louisiana and Texas.

As part of its review, the Board heard more than 1,900 public comments and published an EIS spanning more than 3,600 pages. The EIS identified and analyzed numerous impacts associated with the construction and operation of the rail line, including minor impacts such as air pollution and changes in big game movement around construction sites. Additionally, the Board recognized that crude oil could be transported to markets in other regions but explained that the identity of specific destinations would depend on the willingness and ability of certain refineries to receive and process the crude. The Board also stated that it would have no role in approving or regulating the production, refining, or use of crude oil and, therefore, it did not evaluate the effects of such refining efforts.

In December 2021, the Board approved construction and operation of the rail line, concluding that the project would have substantial transportation and economic benefits that outweighed any environmental impacts addressed in the Board’s EIS.

After the Board’s approval, Eagle County, Colorado, and several environmental organizations sought review of the Board’s decision in the D.C. Circuit Court. The D.C. Circuit vacated the Board’s EIS and final approval based on the Board’s failure to consider the environmental effects of the upstream oil drilling and downstream oil refining, which the court considered to be “foreseeable impacts” that the Board’s EIS should have analyzed more extensively. Seven County and the Uinta Basin Railway then sought certiorari review from the Supreme Court.

Justice Kavanaugh delivered the Supreme Court’s majority opinion reversing the D.C. Circuit Court’s decision for two reasons: (1) the D.C. Circuit Court did not afford the Board the substantial judicial deference required in NEPA cases; and (2) the D.C. Circuit Court incorrectly interpreted NEPA to require the Board to consider the environmental effects of upstream and downstream projects, which were both elements separate in time or place from the application submitted to the Board.

The Supreme Court concluded that when determining whether an agency’s EIS complied with NEPA, a court or other reviewing body should afford substantial deference to the agency. This is largely because an agency will make fact-dependent, context-specific, and policy-laden choices about the depth and breadth of its inquiry, which are then memorialized in the agency’s EIS. As a result, a court should afford “substantial deference” and not “micromanage” agency choices so long as they fall within a broad zone of “reasonableness.”

Additionally, the Supreme Court recognized that NEPA had transformed from a procedural requirement into a “blunt and haphazard tool” used by project opponents to hinder new infrastructure and construction projects. The Supreme Court condemned such practices and stressed that NEPA is a purely procedural statute and does not authorize a court to interject itself to assess the veracity of an agency’s assessment. As Justice Kavanaugh succinctly concluded:

From a Legal Perspective cont'd.

“The bedrock principle of judicial review in NEPA cases can be stated in a word: Deference.”

In relation to the upstream drilling and downstream refining considerations, the Supreme Court emphasized that NEPA’s focus is the proposed action itself, *not* other future or geographically separate projects. As a result, federal agencies are not required to evaluate effects on separate projects simply because those projects may be foreseeable or would materialize as a result of the project at issue. Accordingly, the Board was not required to assess the impacts of upstream drilling and downstream refining because those impacts were separate in time and location from the substance of the application.

The Supreme Court further framed the issue in terms of causation. The Board was not required to consider the environmental effects of drilling or refining the crude oil transported on the future rail line because the environmental effects from those separate projects break the chain of proximate causation from the federal action. An agency’s NEPA analysis is limited to the effects arising from the project in the application. Factual foreseeability alone does not make the separate environmental effects legally relevant to the analysis.

Finally, the Supreme Court stressed the practical common sense of an agency’s authority. In this case, the Board’s authority was limited to approving railroad lines, *not* to regulating crude oil drilling and refining. The Board lacked regulatory or statutory authority to weigh in on the regulation of drilling and refining efforts, and such considerations went beyond what was required of it in assessing and drafting the EIS.

The Supreme Court confirmed that NEPA is merely a procedural statute that should not be used as a weapon by project opponents to undermine an agency’s factual findings and approvals of new infrastructure and construction projects. Courts must afford an agency substantial deference in its factual findings and resolutions in approving or denying projects.

The *Seven County* decision will have positive impacts on future oil and gas operations. For example, delays during the NEPA review process should decrease substantially because agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs will have substantial deference in their NEPA assessments. This should, in turn, speed up oil and gas leasing, right-of-way proposals, and drilling permits on federal lands. Costs associated with the NEPA review process, including permitting, review, and litigation, may also decrease.

While projects must still comply with the federal agency’s management plans, regulations, EISs, and EAs, generally, projects should be approved more quickly and efficiently because challenges under NEPA will be substantially limited based on the Supreme Court’s holding.

Devon D.A. Bell
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Livingstone

The Stone Poker Classic

You're Invited to the Stone Classic Networking Poker Night

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

Join us for an exclusive, invite-only evening bringing together energy industry professionals for a night of Texas Hold 'em, high-level networking, and great food —all in a premium venue with a full casino-style poker setup.

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM |
Happy Hour with Food & Drinks
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM |
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December 10, 2025 DAPL Board of Director's Meeting

Call meeting to order at 1205:

Attendance

In person: Tammy Zamarripa, James Culbertson, Tabatha Reed, Thomas Porter, Jacob Cook

Online: Jason Rayburn, Zoe Pangallo, Simon Tolbert, Tyler Aylor, Matt Lackey, James Hubert, Estee Sanchez, Teale Stone

Minutes: Jason moves to approve the minutes, Thomas second.

Membership

- 2 active members. Jason moves to approve. Thomas second.

December 2025 Board Meeting								
MEMBER NAME	COMPANY	ACTIVE	ASSOCIATE	STUDENT	AAPL	SPONSOR	OFFICE PHONE	E-MAIL
Jeremiah Hall	Marauder Land Resources	X			Yes	Janet Rost	719-800-4333	jeremiah@marauderland.com
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President's Report

- Insurance renewals \$1,322 for D+O Policy (\$50 increase) from last year. Workers compensation cost \$404. James moves to approve, Thomas seconds.

Education

- P&L From DLI: Net \$5,706. We will split with the AAPL based on sponsorship raise by each group.
- Scheduled out through January. Need speakers and topics for February through May.
- Spring Land Institute: working on securing speakers and topics

Ski Day

- Contract has been returned by Pizza on the run. Sponsorships are coming in.

Community Service

Working to get Bettering Human Lives to join the Colfax marathon event with DAPL.

Corporate Sponsorship

- Will begin in January
- We get feedback regularly throughout the year to make sure sponsors are getting value from their commitment.

Meeting adjourned at 1224.



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