

Land Use and Project Development

We constructively engage the relevant authorities of the countries in which we operate on the entire range of their land use responsibilities. We help with the planning and permitting of projects on public lands, including evaluation and navigation of requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), National Forest Management Act, Mineral Leasing Act, and Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA), among others.

Projects include the development of renewable energy and transmission projects, transmission lines, large-scale recreation activities, and oil and gas infrastructure on public lands. In the U.S. we regularly guide compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

Representative experience

Represented international mining company in its partnership with electric utility and Native Americans in licensing of a mine and coal-fired generating station in Four Corners region.

Advised a solar energy developer on public lands regarding protection of Native American artifacts and compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Represented a sponsor of “adaptive use” project in downtown Denver in its successful negotiation with National Park Service for historic preservation tax credit.

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Practices

Environment and Natural
Resources

Advised several solar and wind energy developers on public lands with evaluation of ESA and NEPA impacts.

Latest thinking and events

News

EPA announces updated vehicle and engine tampering policy

Analysis

CARB announces changes to aftermarket part exemption procedures

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Environmental Law outlook under a Biden Administration

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The future of public lands under the Biden Administration

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Former interior official outlines energy consensus path

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Buy American EO applies domestic preferences for "essential medicines" and "medical countermeasures"