

## Matthew McKinney



### Education

Ph.D. School of Natural Resources & Environment  
The University of Michigan, 1989.

M.P.P. Gerald Ford School of Public Policy  
The University of Michigan, 1986.

M.A. Department of Philosophy  
Colorado State University, 1984.

B.A. Department of Journalism & Humanities  
Colorado State University, 1982.

### Affiliations

- Board of Advisors, Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute
- Founding member of the University Consortium on the Columbia River Work
- Senior Facilitator, 5th World Water Forum
- Senior Facilitator, White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation
- Fellow, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
- Senior Partner, Consensus Building Institute

### Positions

- Director, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, The University of Montana, 2003 to present
- Director, Montana Consensus Council, Office of the Governor, 1993 to 2003
- Policy Analyst, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, 1988 to 1993

Matthew McKinney was appointed Director of the Public Policy Research Institute, now called the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, in 2003. Prior to this current position, Matthew served as the founding director of the Montana Consensus Council for 10 years. During the past 18 years, he has designed, facilitated, mediated, directed, and evaluated nearly 50 multi-party public processes addressing issues related to federal land management, water policy, fish and wildlife, land use planning, and growth management. Mr. McKinney received a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Policy and Conflict Resolution from The University of Michigan. He has published numerous articles in journals and books, and teaches workshops, seminars, and courses on natural resource policy and public dispute resolution. He is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Montana's School of Law; a faculty associate at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and a partner with the Consensus Building Institute. Matthew was a research fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2000 and 2002.

**Potential Renegotiation of the Columbia River Treaty, 2008-2009.** This ongoing project requires interviewing and consulting with key decisionmakers at the federal, provincial, tribal, and state levels; writing reports to synthesize findings and prescribe options for a multiparty negotiation process. To date our work has been very favorably received.

**Delaware River Basin Commission, 2002-2003.** Dr. McKinney led a team of facilitators that helped a diverse group of stakeholders (including federal, state, and local officials) develop strategies to address the impacts of unprecedented population growth in the Upper Delaware River basin following the 9/11 terrorist attack in New York City.

**Clark Fork River Watershed Management Task Force, 2001-2002.** At the request of the Montana legislature, Dr. McKinney led a team of facilitators in conducting a situation assessment, designing a multi-party negotiation process, and co-facilitating an 18-month process to seek agreement on water allocation in the Clark Fork River basin in western Montana.

**Big Hole River Watershed Council, 1995-1996.** Dr. McKinney served as the lead facilitator to create and manage a multi-stakeholder council to address a wide-range of water and other natural resource issues in the Big Hole River. After jointly designing the process, the participants engaged in a collaborative learning process to better understand the hydrology (surface and ground water), existing water uses, future water demand, and economic issues. They eventually agreed on a drought management plan that became a model for other watersheds in the West.

**Instream Flow Negotiation, 1994-1995.** Dr. McKinney mediated a successful multiparty negotiation among the agriculture, conservation, and recreation communities to resolve this long-standing dispute. The outcome, which was ratified on a 149-1 vote by the Montana legislature, was an innovative approach to leasing water for instream flows. This legislation has since become a model for other western states.

**Interstate Management of the Missouri River, 1990 to 1997.** Dr. McKinney served as an impartial policy analyst and then facilitator/mediator to resolve disputes over the interstate management of the Missouri River. In this capacity, he worked closely with the Missouri River Basin Association (MRBA), including all eight states, 28 Indian Nations, and countless federal agencies.