



Welcome to the

# **Alaska Water Rights Course**

*Presented by the*

National Training Center – Bureau of Land Management

In collaboration with the

US Forest Service

Nation Parks Service

and the US Fish & Wildlife



# *Overall Course Goal:*

The overall course goal is to provide participants with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to protect, manage, and obtain water rights associated with water resources on federal public lands in Alaska, in accordance with agency policies.





# *Course Description:*

This course is based on a review of case studies relevant to the agencies, as well as instruction in Alaska State and Federal water law and policies. Participants will discuss and apply water rights policies, processes, methods, forms, and tools to protect a diversity of water-dependent values and a diversity of water uses.





# *Course Objectives:*

1. Participants will understand how federal responsibilities can be implemented by working through the state water rights system.
2. Participants will understand how the Alaska water rights system works and be able to identify water rights procedures to meet specific land management objectives.
3. Students will be able to formulate water right applications and understand how to manage water rights as part of federal land management functions in Alaska.
4. Participants will be able to understand how to obtain and manage state reservations of water as part of federal land management functions in Alaska..
5. Participants will be able to apply new water rights process knowledge to on-the-ground situations.



# *Classroom Etiquette:*

## **Students should participate in learning opportunities.**

- Be an active participant in the classroom, don't be a passive learner.
- Volunteer a response rather than waiting to be called upon – don't be a reluctant participant.

## **Students should not limit the learning of others.**

- Be respectful of classmates and faculty
- Give others a chance – don't try to dominate the class discussion.
- Be attentive when others are talking.
- Actively listen by paying attention and listening to what others are saying.
- Critique the idea but not the person presenting the idea.
- In group activities, be an active contributor – prepare for and attend meetings. Do your fair share of the work.

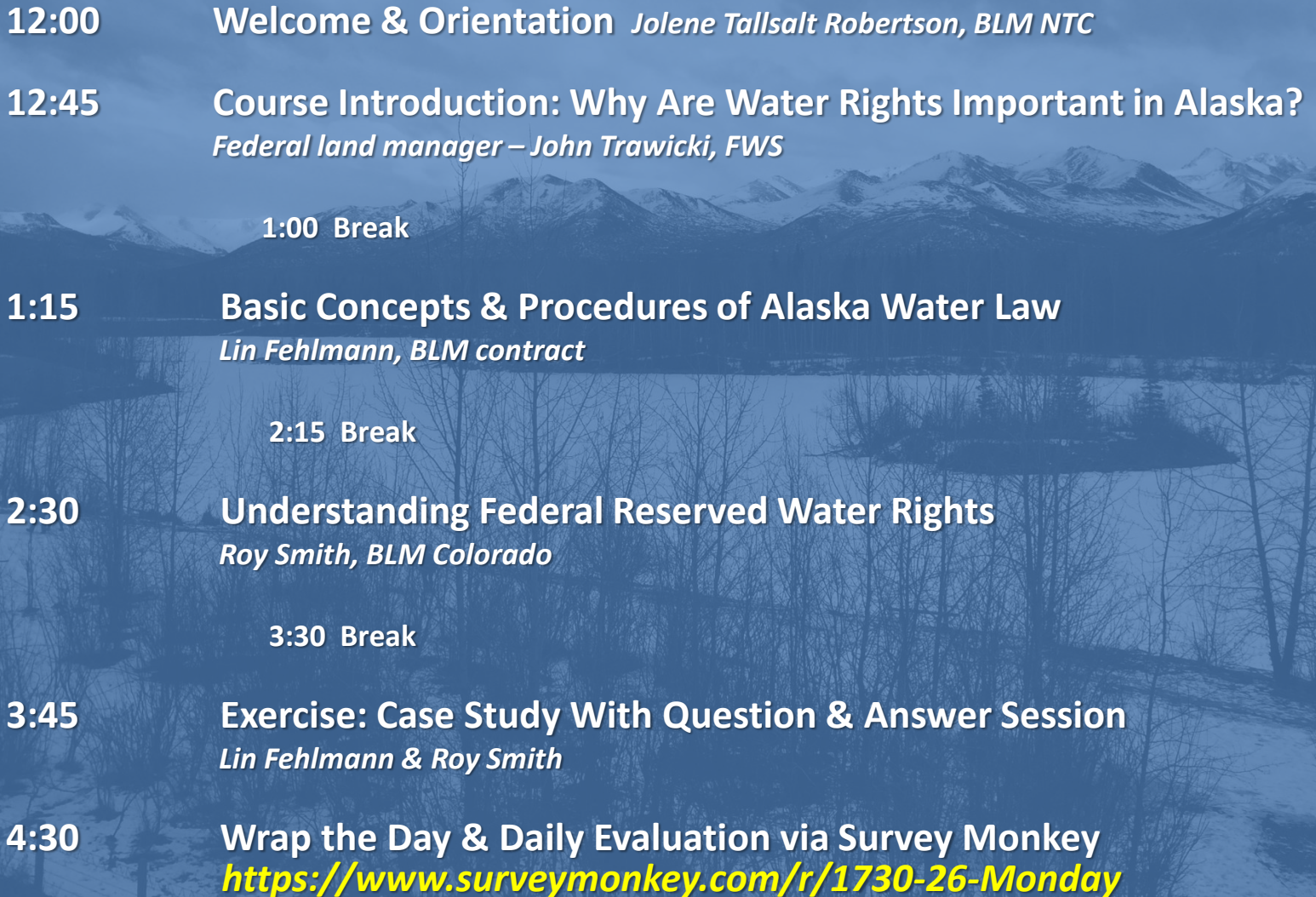
## **Don't disrupt the class.**

- Turn off or silence your cell phone(s).
- Only use your laptop for course-related activities – checking emails/surfing the internet can be done during breaks, before/after class.



# Today's Agenda

*Day's Objective:* Participants will understand how federal responsibilities fit into state water rights systems.

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- 12:00**      **Welcome & Orientation** *Jolene Tallsalt Robertson, BLM NTC*
- 12:45**      **Course Introduction: Why Are Water Rights Important in Alaska?**  
*Federal land manager – John Trawicki, FWS*
- 1:00 Break
- 1:15**      **Basic Concepts & Procedures of Alaska Water Law**  
*Lin Fehlmann, BLM contract*
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30**      **Understanding Federal Reserved Water Rights**  
*Roy Smith, BLM Colorado*
- 3:30 Break
- 3:45**      **Exercise: Case Study With Question & Answer Session**  
*Lin Fehlmann & Roy Smith*
- 4:30**      **Wrap the Day & Daily Evaluation via Survey Monkey**  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1730-26-Monday>



# Today's Tasks

On a 3" x 5" card, please write down any questions that you may have for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources regarding the water right concepts and procedures discussed during their presentation. These questions will be considered during a facilitated question and answer session on Tuesday. (The cards are located in your folder)

Jolene/Marlo is collecting donations for the 'Coffee Fund' \$5 and payments for this week's lunches, each \$11. CASH ONLY.

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*Have a great and safe evening everyone!  
We begin at 8am tomorrow!*



# Today's Agenda

*Day's Objective: Participants will understand how Alaska water rights system works and be able to identify water rights procedures to meet specific land management objectives.*

**8:00 Intro to Day** *Agency representative*

**2:00 Break**

**8:15 Alaska's State Appropriative System:  
Obtaining Consumptive & Non-Consumptive  
Water Rights**

*Dave Schade, Alaska DNR*

**2:15 Perspective from Alaska DNR: Federal  
agencies working within the Alaska water  
rights system**

*Dave Schade, Alaska DNR*

**10:00 Break**

**2:45 Break**

**10:15 Alaska's State Appropriative System:  
Obtaining Reservations of Water**

*Kim Sager & Dave Schade, Alaska DNR*

**3:00 Exercise: Using a case study, identify  
water rights tools available to a federal land  
management unit in Alaska**

*Lin Fehlmann & Roy Smith*

**11:30 Working Lunch (\$11/person buffet):  
Accessing Water Rights Information on Alaska  
DNR Internet site**

*Mike Walton, Alaska DNR*

**4:00 Wrap The Day & Daily Evaluation via  
Survey Monkey**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1730-26-Tuesday>**

**12:45 Moderated Question & Answer Session  
with Alaska DNR**

*Moderators Lin Fehlmann, Roy Smith & Jolene Robertson*



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# Today's Agenda

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**8:00 Intro to Day**

Federal agency representative

**8:15 Panel: Developing an Agency-wide Water Rights Strategy**

Roy Smith, Facilitator & Agency Leads

**8:45 Federal Agency Break-Out Sessions.**  
BLM, USFS, FWS, and NPS meet in separate groups to discuss strategy, policy, and workload.

Agency Leads & Agency Personnel

**Workshop #1: Obtaining & Managing State Appropriative Water Rights**

**11:00 Field Data for Water Rights Applications**  
Lin Fehlmann

**11:30 Lunch (\$11/person buffet)**

**12:45 Exercise: Generating a Water Right Application for a Federal Facility in Alaska**  
Lin Fehlmann

**1:15 Break**

**1:30 Land Use Authorizations on Federal Lands for Third Party Water Users**  
Roy Smith

**2:15 Break**

**2:30 Water Rights in Land Tenure Adjustments**  
Lin Fehlmann

**3:15 Break**

**3:30 Exercise: Water Rights in Lands Actions, using a case study**  
Lin Fehlmann & Roy Smith

**4:30 Wrap The Day & Daily Evaluation via Survey Monkey**

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# Today's Agenda

*Day's Objective: Participants will be able to understand how to obtain and manage state reservations of water as part of federal land management functions in Alaska.*

## 8:30 Intro to Day

*Federal agency representative*

## Workshop #2: Instream Flow & Lake Protection

## 8:45 Obtaining Instream Reservations: a FWS Case Study of the Uganik River

*Cathleen Flannagan, FWS, & Kim Sager, Alaska DNR*

## 10:00 Break

## 10:15 Alaska DF&G Perspective on Reservations of Water

*Joe Klein, DF&G*

## 11:45 Working Lunch (\$11/person box lunch) & Field Discussion of Instream Flow Reservations on Campbell Creek

## 1:00 DNR Technical Review Process for Reservation Applications

*Kim Sager, DNR*

## 1:30 Break

## 1:45 Evolution of Alaska's Water Reservation Program & Future Challenges/Opportunities

*Christopher Estes,  
retired Alaska Dept of Fish & Game (DFG)*

## 3:15 Break

## 3:30 Panel: State & Feds Working Together on Instream Flow Reservations

*Roy Smith, Facilitator, with Dave Schade, Kim Sager,  
Joe Klein, Cathy Flannagan, Alan Peck*

## 4:30 Wrap the Day & Daily Evaluation via Survey Monkey

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# Today's Agenda

*Day's Objective: Participants will be able to apply new water rights process knowledge to on-the ground situations.*

## 8:00 Intro to Day

Agency representative

## 8:15 Facilitated Discussion of Participant Topics/Issues

Discussion schedule and topics will be determined by participants. This session is focused on addressing specific needs with experts through group or one-on-one discussions. Participants should bring materials related to their issue(s) to class.

*Roy Smith, Facilitator*

## 11:15 Daily Evaluation via Survey Monkey

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## 11:30 Course Adjourns

*Thank you for Participating!!*

*Safe Travels and Have a wonderful weekend*