



William G. Myers, Solicitor, Department of the Interior *

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* On October 10, 2003 Myers resigned as Solicitor at the Interior Department. Myers is now employed by his former employer Holland and Hart in Boise Idaho. In May 2003 Myers was nominated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A hearing on this nomination has yet to be scheduled.

Private sector experience

Of Counsel, Holland & Hart, LLP, 1997-2001. Myers served as an attorney in Holland & Hart's Boise, Idaho office. He specialized in natural resources and public lands law, and represented an array of industry clients including: Arch Coal, Kennecott Energy, Peabody Coal and the National Mining Association for whom he lobbied on legislation to raise the acreage limitation on federal coal leases and legislation to resolve conflicts between coal bed methane federal lessees and federal coal lessees in the Powder River Basin in Wyoming. While at Holland and Hart, Myers also represented the National Cattleman's Beef Association.

Executive Director, Public Lands Council (PLC), 1993-1997. The Public Lands Council (PLC) is a nonprofit organization that represents people who hold leases and permits to graze livestock on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service. PLC works closely with the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA), sharing the same address, office suite, website, and registered in-house lobbyists as the industry trade group.

Director of Federal Lands, National Cattleman's Beef Association, 1993-1997. While at PLC, Myers concurrently served as Director of Federal Lands for NCBA. He advocated federal ranching policy before Congress and the media, and handled issues including grazing, water rights, endangered species, private property rights and environmental regulation.

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