The Environmental Dispute Resolution (EDR) Program promotes collaborative problem-solving and other alternative dispute resolution processes as a means of addressing environmental and public policy conflicts in Utah and the Mountain West. We do so through providing process design, facilitation, mediation, stakeholder engagement, and capacity building services, as well as through academic instruction, public education, research, and analysis.

The EDR Blog is one way we reach those interested in learning more about collaboration. Every two weeks, we post a blog (usually guest-authored) on EDR best practices and lessons learned, case studies of EDR, opportunities for EDR, and the unique human ability for collaboration and dialogue. For notifications of new postings, please join our email list. We are always looking for new topics and bloggers; please share your ideas!

Blog Guidelines

1. Write about 500—800 words.
2. Use informal, simple language.
   - Though we are tied to an academic institution, the blog format allows for more creativity and a relaxed voice. However, if you include substantiated claims, facts, or information from another source, please include hyperlinks to add credibility and a place for readers to go for more information.
3. Be provocative.
   - We hope our readers will be encouraged to think in new ways, and if they disagree with a blog post, they’ll have the opportunity to write one of their own expressing their perspective.
4. Include a catchy title.
   - We can make one up for you, if necessary.
5. Provide photos.
   - Please submit a related photo to be posted with your blog. This could include pictures of meetings, natural areas over which you are trying to collaborate, or anything else related to your work.
   - We must have permission to use the image. If the image is from the Internet, please secure permission to use it or find an image from a royalty free website. Include any copyright information and/or the photographer’s name so we can properly attribute credit.
6. Include a bio and a headshot.
   - Please submit a 2-3 sentence biography with links to your work and a headshot.
7. Email your blog to angela.turnbow@law.utah.edu.
8. Sign up for email notifications.
   - Sign up for the blog email list. This way, you’ll know when your article has been published.
9. Share your work!
   - Share your published blog with your contacts and cross post it to other relevant blogs, forums, and/or social media.
Examples of EDR Blog Posts

Assessing the Field of EDR
Facilitation…or Something More?
Patrick Field, Consensus Building Institute

Ingenious EDR Designs are Human Centered
Josh King, The Langdon Group

The Power of Collaborative Tinkering & Creative Problem Solving
Danya Rumore, EDR Program

Unique Human Ability for Collaboration and Dialogue
Are We Wired to Cooperate?
Michele Straube, EDR Program

Making Nice Isn’t For Everyone
Lucy Moore, Lucy Moore Associates

So Little Time, So Many Expectations. Are they Manageable??

EDR Best Practices and Lessons Learned
A River Between Us: Lessons in Conflict Resolution
Jen Reynolds, University of Oregon Appropriate Dispute Resolution Center

Keeping Sandpoint’s Quality of Life Strong through Collaboration
Susan Drumheller, Idaho Conservation League

Let’s Be Honest: Doing Group Processes Right
Renette Anderson, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

EDR Opportunities for Current Controversial Issues
Whiskey is for Drinking, Water is for… Mediation?
Nathan Bracken, Smith Hartvigsen, PLLC

Through Bears Ears, Tribes Lead the Way for True Collaboration over Utah’s Public Lands
Anna Brady, University of Oregon, School of Law

Responding to Climate-Related Risks: Why Collaboration is Key
Hannah Payne, Master of City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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