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### **MARK SCHAEFER, LEADING SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT, TO BECOME DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE UDALL FOUNDATION**

Mark Schaefer, who has held high-level science and environmental policy positions in the federal and nonprofit sectors, has been named to head the Tucson-based U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute). Schaefer's title will be deputy executive director for environmental conflict resolution of the Morris K. Udall Foundation, which is the parent agency for the U.S. Institute.

"Mark has more than 20 years experience dealing with environmental problems in a variety of positions, including as a scientist, manager and policymaker. He brings to the U.S. Institute a commitment to conflict resolution processes and collaborative decision making, along with his deep substantive knowledge about environmental and natural resource issues," said Ellen Wheeler, executive director of the Morris K. Udall Foundation. "We are excited to have Mark join us."

Terry Bracy, chair of the Foundation's board of trustees, said, "Mark is a world-class talent. He was a sub-Cabinet official, the Interior Department's top scientist, and also demonstrated entrepreneurial skills in helping to build a leading nonprofit organization in the conservation community. An additional benefit is that he once worked under Mo Udall and served as a member of our Board. I am tremendously pleased to have someone of Mark's stature join our team in Tucson."

From 2000 to 2006, Schaefer was president and CEO of NatureServe, an international nonprofit scientific organization providing information and analytical tools to inform conservation decision making. Before that, he served as deputy assistant secretary, and later acting assistant secretary, for water and science of the U.S. Department of the Interior, as well as acting director of the U.S. Geological Survey for part of that time.

Schaefer was the chair of the National Science and Technology Council's Ecological Systems Subcommittee, responsible for coordinating ecosystem science activities across federal agencies. From 1993 to 1996, Schaefer was assistant director for environment in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he was responsible for a variety of energy and environmental science, technology, and education issues.

Schaefer recently has been a senior advisor to several organizations on environmental science and technology policy, including the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Schaefer was CEO of the Global Environment and Technology Foundation, an organization dedicated to the advancement of sustainable development and environmental technologies worldwide. From 1989 to 1993, he served as senior staff associate and director of the Washington office of the Carnegie Commission on Science, Technology, and Government.

He was a congressional science fellow and staff member at the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress from 1987 to 1989, and was with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development early in his career.

While at Interior, Schaefer served as a member of the board of trustees of the Udall Foundation. He later was a member of a federal advisory committee for the Foundation that was focused on environmental conflict resolution.

“After serving as a trustee of the Foundation and as a member of the National Environmental Conflict Resolution Advisory Committee for the U.S. Institute, I am pleased to return to the Foundation in this position and look forward to working with the broader conflict resolution community to help find practical solutions to the environmental challenges facing the nation,” stated Schaefer.

The U.S. Institute is a federal program established in 1998 by the U.S. Congress to assist parties in resolving environmental, natural resource and public lands conflicts. The U.S. Institute serves as an impartial, nonpartisan institution providing professional expertise, services and resources to all parties involved in environmental disputes. Since its creation, the U.S. Institute has been involved in hundreds of environmental disputes around the country.

The Morris K. Udall Foundation is an independent federal agency based in Tucson, Arizona. It has a staff of 30 and an annual budget of \$7.5 million. It operates scholarship, fellowship and internship programs for studies related to the environment and Native American issues, as well as the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution. The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. It was established by Congress in 1992 to honor Morris K. Udall's 30 years of distinguished service in the U.S. House of Representatives (1961 to 1991).

More information on the U.S. Institute and the Foundation can be found at [www.ecr.gov](http://www.ecr.gov) and [www.udall.gov](http://www.udall.gov).

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