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Executive Summary

Jeremy Nichols is the Climate and Energy Program Director for WildEarth Guardians, a nonprofit environmental advocacy organization whose missions is to protect wildlife, wild places, wild rivers, and health in the American West. Jeremy has held this position since August 2008. Prior to holding this position, Mr. Nichols founded and directed the clean air advocacy organization, Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action.

In his capacity as Climate and Energy Program Director, Jeremy develops, directs, and leads the implementation of advocacy strategies to protect the climate through the advancement of clean energy, environmental and health safeguards, and policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These efforts frequently entail engaging in air quality issues and advancing policies, actions, and accountability around clean air.

His experience with air quality regulation is extensive and diverse. For over 15 years, Mr. Nichols has been involved in the development of rules, permits, policies, and actions to address air quality concerns in the western United States, at both a federal and state level.

Experience

- 2008- Present: **WildEarth Guardians, Climate and Energy Program Director.** Developing and leading initiatives to advance action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and safeguard the climate in the western United States, including initiatives to confront air pollution, drive accountability for public health, and enforce the Clean Air Act. Working from the organization's Denver Office, have developed and managed coalitions and projects to address air quality issues affecting health, the environment, and climate in Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, and other western states. In collaboration with scientists, attorneys, policymakers, elected officials, and the general public, have helped secure greater accountability to climate and clean air in the American West.
- 2005-2008: **Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action, Executive Director.** Founded and directed the nonprofit advocacy group in its efforts to address air quality issues in the western United States and ensure compliance with state and federal clean air laws across the region. Working from Denver, Colorado, engaged with constituents across the western United States to promote

greater public involvement in air quality proceedings and used the law, science, and policy to spur the development and implementation of stronger clean air safeguards in states including Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

2000-2005: **Biodiversity Conservation Alliance, Program Director.** Developed and led conservation program for local grassroots advocacy group located in Laramie, Wyoming. Conservation advocacy work included developing science-based petitions to protect endangered species, working with scientists to develop and advance forest management policies, gathering water quality data and driving action to protect clean water, and working with local attorneys and members of the public to ensure compliance with clean air and water laws at local facilities.

Education

1998-2004: **University of Wyoming.** Completed six years toward a B.S. in Geology, a minor in Chemistry, and additional classes toward a B.A. in Women's Studies. Enrolled in Honors Program.

Examples of Relevant Professional Engagement

2006

On behalf of Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action, engaged rulemaking hearing to update regulations for oil and gas industry emissions in the Denver Metro ozone nonattainment area and statewide in Colorado. Participation included draft and submitting prehearing filings and providing technical testimony during in-person hearing in December 2006.

2007

On behalf of Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action, provided technical testimony to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board for rulemaking to adopt mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rules. Testimony specifically addressed issue of oil and gas industry reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. Provided oral testimony to the Environmental Improvement Board during October 2-3, 2007 rulemaking hearing.

2008

On behalf of Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action, drafted and filed "Petition for Objection to Issuance of Operating Permit for Anadarko Petroleum Corporation's Frederick Compressor Station," https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/anadarko_petition2008.pdf.

On behalf of WildEarth Guardians, filed petition with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen regulation of interstate transport of ozone and ozone forming emissions in western United States. Petition was filed in December 2008,
http://wg.convio.net/support_docs/petition_final-EPA-ozone-transport.pdf.

2009

Drafted and filed notice of intent to file suit over Clean Air Act violations at coal-fired power plant owned by Xcel Energy north of Denver. Ultimately worked closely with attorneys for several years to advance case, which was ultimately settled,
https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/WG_vs_XCEL_ENERGY_final_proposed_CD.pdf.

2010

On behalf of WildEarth Guardians, drafted and submitted “Petition for Objection to Issuance of Operating Permit for Public Service Company of New Mexico’s San Juan Generating Station,”
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/san_juan_petition2010.pdf

Together with partner organizations, drafted and submitted rulemaking petition to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to list coal mines as a source category for purposes of regulation under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act,
https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/climate_law_institute/global_warming_litigation/clean_air_act/pdfs/Coal_Mine_Petition-06-15-2010.pdf.

2011

Drafted and submitted comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the State of Nevada’s regional haze state implementation plan,
https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/2011-8-22_Nevada_Regional_Haze_Comments.pdf.

2012

Secured U.S. Environmental Protection Agency response to petition to object to Title V Operating permit issuance for EVRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel Mill in Pueblo, Colorado,
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/evraz_response2011.pdf.

2013

Working with attorneys, developed and drafted legal complaint over U.S. Environmental Protection Agency failure to take action on Title V Operating Permit application for Bonanza coal-fired power plant in Utah,
https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Final_Complaint_12-20-2013.pdf.

2014

Drafted and submitted petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to designate Uinta Basin of northeast Utah an ozone nonattainment area due to ongoing violations of ambient air quality standards,

<http://www.riversimulator.org/Resources/farcountry/Air/UintaBasinOzoneNonattainmentPetitionJan2014.pdf>.

2015

Drafted and filed Petition for Review with U.S. Environmental Appeals Board over U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approval of Title V Operating Permit for Bonanza power plant in Utah,

[https://yosemite.epa.gov/OA/EAB_WEB_Docket.nsf/Filings%20By%20Appeal%20Number/8E7A7CA8B99D57B085257DC700663152/\\$File/2015-1-7%20WG%20Deseret%20Petition%20for%20Review.pdf](https://yosemite.epa.gov/OA/EAB_WEB_Docket.nsf/Filings%20By%20Appeal%20Number/8E7A7CA8B99D57B085257DC700663152/$File/2015-1-7%20WG%20Deseret%20Petition%20for%20Review.pdf).

Drafted and filed notice of intent to file suit over U.S. Environmental Protection Agency failure to promulgate federal implementation plan to address regional haze in the State of Utah,

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-05/documents/weg_noi_01212015.pdf.

2016

Working with WildEarth Guardians attorneys, helped negotiate agreement around the Craig coal-fired power plant located in northwest Colorado, <https://wildearthguardians.org/press-releases/wildearth-guardians-reaches-western-colorado-clean-air-and-clean-energy-agreement/>.

2017

Working with WildEarth Guardians attorneys, drafted notice of intent to file suit over Clean Air Act violations at Colorado Springs coal-fired power plant and legal complaint against Colorado Springs Utilities over violations,

https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/site/DocServer/Complaint_Doc_1_1_.pdf.

2018

Drafted and filed petition for review to U.S. Environmental Appeals Board over Environmental Protection Agency approval of six Title V Operating Permits in the Uinta Basin of northeast Utah,

https://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/Filings%20By%20Appeal%20Number/417F3A33696C3725852582C500422870/%24File/2018-7-7%20EAB%20Appeal%20of%20Anadarko%20SMNSR%20Permits.pdf.

2019

Drafted and submitted written testimony and provided expert oral testimony to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission in December 2019 rulemaking hearing regarding revised regulations to reduce ozone forming emissions from the oil and gas sector in Colorado, <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HE6T0l8sLnkqPMZbZzneWQl90toyycus/view?usp=sharing>.

2020

Drafted and submitted written testimony and provided expert oral testimony to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission in September 2020 rulemaking hearing regarding revised regulations to further reduce ozone forming emissions from the oil and gas sector in Colorado and to enhance monitoring of pre-production operations associated with oil and gas well development, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zLeIz1DQ1UKgUk8kdKV9YiK-aJmMdF_v/view?usp=sharing.

Drafted and submitted written testimony and provided expert oral testimony to the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission in December 2020 rulemaking hearing regarding Colorado's revised state implementation plan for the Denver Metro serious ozone nonattainment area.

2021

Working closely with WildEarth Guardians' attorneys, helped draft legal complaint over the State of Colorado's failure to take action on Title V Operating Permit applications for Denver area oil refinery, https://pdf.wildearthguardians.org/support_docs/Guardians%20Suncor%20Title%20V%20Complaint%20-%20Adams%20County.pdf.

Drafted and submitted written testimony and provided expert oral testimony to the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board in June 2021 rulemaking hearing regarding the state's certification of its "good neighbor" state implementation plan for the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standards.