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KEEPING SCIENCE FREE OF POLICY ADVOCACY: A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR SCIENTISTS

Effectively resolving a typical natural resource or environmental policy issue requires an array of scientific information. The ability of scientists to enlighten policy deliberations and debates is diminished when what is offered as "science" is inculcated with policy preferences. The scientific enterprise is not free of values, but values that reflect forms of policy advocacy should not be permitted to prejudice scientific information. Scientific information becomes "normative" when it contains implicit policy preferences and thus, by extension, advocates particular policy options. Scientists should play their important role of informing policy discussions by providing unbiased, understandable scientific information, assessments, and forecasts. Science is important in public policy, but scientists also need to understand when it should not have a role.

Meet the speaker 4:30 - 5:30 Refreshments served