

Celebrate the UP! 2019 - Panelists

PANEL DISCUSSION

10:15 a.m. - Women's Federated Clubhouse

ACTIVATE THE U.P.: An Industrial Wind Power Plant in L'Anse Township?

Join this panel discussion about a controversial industrial-scale wind power plant proposed for L'Anse Township and the Michigamme Highlands. Followed by Q & A session. Panelists:

- **Wayne Abba** is a spokesman for Friends of the Huron Mountains. A retired Dept of Defense program analyst, he is an expert volunteer adviser to the Government Accountability Office and peer reviewer for National Science Foundation projects. He provides management consulting for US and international government and industry clients. Wayne is Immediate Past President of the College of Performance Management and a board member of the Graduate School Japan.
- As a resident of the highlands of L'Anse Township, **Catherine Andrews** has experienced the rugged beauty of the U.P. for over 40 years. Taking nothing for granted, she joined UPEC in the early 80's to help protect this place she calls home. In 1988, Andrews joined local friends and residents to co-found FOLK. Her current activism is focused on the L'Anse Warden incinerator and the Industrial Wind project proposed for L'Anse Township.
- **Jeffery Loman** is a former US Navy Aquanaut and EOD Mobile Unit Diver, and former Chief, Natural Resources Bureau of Indian Affairs. He is a graduate of University of California San Diego and a Senior Fellow with the Harvard JFK School of Government. Loman is currently Vice President of Business Operations at Annikoosing Inc.
- **Burt Mason** is the President of the Friends of the Huron Mountains and Chairperson of the Baraga County Republican Committee. Previous professional experience includes: Autocon - International Business Development Manager; Sony Magnescale Division - National Sales Manager; Hexagon - Product Manager/Business Development Manager. He is retired and consulting for Hexagon.
- **Jeff Towner** has 15 years advising on the wildlife impacts of wind power plants as a field supervisor with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in West Virginia and North Dakota, and two years as an environmental consultant. He had a long career working on international and domestic wildlife and other environmental issues.

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ACTIVATE THE U.P.: State-owned Mineral Leasing - What's Going On Down Below?

Who owns the minerals underneath your camp? UPX Minerals has requested to lease thousands of acres of State-owned "severed" minerals – under private property, homes, camps, rivers and streams, lakes, wetlands, nature preserves, even the Rocking Chair Lakes State Natural Area! Followed by Q & A session. Panelists:

- A perennial outdoor adventurer, **Andrea Denham** joined the Upper Peninsula Land Conservancy as Assistant Director in 2015 after years of traveling, environmental education, and guiding others in outdoor recreation across the country. Now Executive Director, Andrea has a degree in Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management from Northern Michigan University, and focuses on outreach and education as we protect the land we all love for generations to come.
- **Dennis Ferraro** is a retired trial attorney.
- **Steve Garske** is a botanist, critter-watcher, and UMD graduate. His masters thesis looked at an invasive plant overtaking an entire Boundary Waters hillside. At work he is responsible for invasive species surveys and non-native phragmites control. A Gogebic County resident, Steve enjoys snowshoeing, gardening, and being in the woods. He currently serves on the UPEC board and Mining Action Group, where he 'enjoys' reviewing mining permit applications.
- **Kathleen M. Heideman** is a writer-artist-environmentalist, and the author of Psalms of the Early Anthropocene (Winter Cabin Books, 2017). Heideman has completed artist residencies with the National Park Service, and the National Science Foundation's Antarctic Artists & Writers Program. She is drawn to wild and threatened places, and works to defend them.
- **Chauncey J. Moran** is the Yellow Dog Riverkeeper and Board Chair for Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve. He has worked as a pilot, engineer, gunsmith, and bargehand. Chauncey remembers sitting along the banks of a river with his daughter. She saw a tire floating in the river and asked him to retrieve it. He did not remove the trash. He remembers going home realizing that he should have done something. Since that day, he's been deeply involved with helping water stay clean.

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PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION

3:30 p.m. - Peter White Public Library, Community Room

CATCH A MOMENT IN TIME: ICONIC IMAGES OF THE U.P.

Join well-known local celebrities and champions of the Yooper life for this unique panel discussion, as each shares a single iconic image that, for them, captures what is so enchanting about the U.P.! Followed by Q & A session. Panelists:

- **Karen Bacula** is a retired middle and high school teacher as well as an outdoor enthusiast. Many years ago she developed a deep connection to Isle Royale. In recent years she has been able to combine her love of the island to her teaching. She has lead over 60 of her students on backpacking trips to the island and continues to lead teachers and others who are looking to learn more.
- Weather has been **Karl Bohnak's** passion since his youth. To this day he is captivated by interesting, extreme weather. His love of history led him to write the award-winning book "So Cold a Sky." Since then, he has collaborated on "Michigan's Upper Peninsula Almanac" with Ron Jolly and "Sunburns to Snowstorms, Upper Michigan Weather in Pictures and Stories" with photo historian Jack Deo.
- **Dave Dempsey** is Senior Advisor for FLOW, a Traverse City-based center dedicated to protecting the Great Lakes through the public trust doctrine. He has been active in environmental policy since the 1980s and is the author of ten books.
- **Kaye Hiebel** worked for 40 years in the field of state and local history. As Executive Director of the Marquette Regional History Center, she had the incredible once in a lifetime opportunity to lead the organization into a new state of the art facility and an expanded role in the region. Educational background: BS University of Wisconsin, Madison, MFA University of Washington, Seattle.
- **Nheena Weyer Ittner** is the founder and director of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum located in downtown Marquette. She sits on numerous boards including the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, is a founding member of the Friends of Marquette Public Art Commission, and the recipient of several awards and accolades which include the Exemplary Citizen Award for the City of Marquette and the Evergreen Award.
- **April Lindala** (Six Nations) is director of the NMU Center for Native American Studies. Lindala was the driving force behind the first and only baccalaureate degree in Native American Studies in Michigan. She led the NSF INCLUDES pilot project, Indigenous Women Working within the Sciences. She is the co-PI of an OVC pilot project, Serving Native Survivors Circle. Lindala is also the host and writer of the Anishinaabe Radio News on WNMU-FM.
- **Russell Magnaghi** was born in San Francisco, California but has lived most of his life in the Upper Peninsula. Magnaghi taught at Northern Michigan University for 45 years retiring in 2014 and has written a number of books on the U.P. especially, "Upper Peninsula of Michigan, A History."
- **Jon Magnuson** is Director of the Cedar Tree Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides services and initiates projects in the areas of mental health, religion, and the environment. He is also currently coordinates the Interfaith Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards, a faith-based community effort to protect and preserve the streams and lakes of the Northern Great Lakes Basin.
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- **Mark Troutd:** "I am a lifelong resident of Wisconsin who fell in love with the UP on the first visit in 1996. My wife and I are looking forward to spending our retirement (hopefully soon) in Marquette and our camps in the surrounding area. We feel blessed to be able to enjoy the beauty of the UP and look forward to meeting more incredible people in the area who share our passion."