

Mac Lacy

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Mac became ONDA's staff attorney in 2001, after serving as student law clerk starting in 1999. Mac's cases focus on wilderness, imperiled species, livestock grazing, travel planning, and energy development issues on eastern Oregon's public lands.

Mac earned his undergraduate degree in geology and anthropology from Washington and Lee University in 1996. He received his master's degree in geography in 1998 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he explored the late-Quaternary geomorphic and pedologic history of central Wisconsin's sand dunes—the same places Aldo Leopold wrote about in *A Sand County Almanac*. It was that work in the Department of Geography that really drew Mac into thinking more deeply about the relationship between people and the environment. He received his Juris Doctor at Lewis and Clark Law School in 2001, specializing in environmental and natural resources law.



Through his work for ONDA and many other public interest conservation groups, Mac has appreciated how lawyers, scientists, and activists work in concert to address an environmental problem.