

**Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems  
September 23, 2008 Preconference Session  
Cody, Wyoming**

**Water Rights or Water Wrongs – Taking Care of our Water Resources**

**Video Summaries**

**Thirst - 62 minutes** – Is water part of a shared “commons”, a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold and traded in a global marketplace? Thirst tells the stories of communities in Japan, Bolivia, India and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions, as water becomes the most valuable commodity of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Book and video can be ordered through [www.thirstthemovie.org](http://www.thirstthemovie.org)

**Wind River – 34 minutes** – A modern day story of cowboys and Indians set in Wyoming. Tells a compelling story that extends beyond questions of water rights. The Shoshone and Arapaho tribes tell a familiar story as they fight to save the dewatered Wind River. Many familiar faces and places.

Video can be ordered through <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/wind.html>

**Cadillac Desert – Part 2 – An American Nile – 55 minutes** – The story of the 100-year transformation of the Colorado River. Great historic footage of dam building and politicians eating their own words.

Four volume set can be ordered through Amazon.com:

<http://www.amazon.com/Cadillac-Desert-Transformation-Chinatown-Feature/dp/0780019261>

**Liquid Assets – 90 minutes** – A sneak preview of the PBS documentary on the story of our water infrastructure. The planned broadcast release date is October 1, 2008. This film was developed to start the local discussions about the urgent challenges facing our water infrastructure.

Visit [liquidassets.psu.edu](http://liquidassets.psu.edu) for ordering video and outreach education materials.

**Speaker**

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