Lots of folks in legal academia are familiar with Foundation Press' popular *Law Stories* series; around here on Legal Planet, we are particularly familiar with *Environmental Law Stories* (pictured right), edited by Richard Lazarus and Oliver Houck, to which Dan and Holly contributed a chapter.

It's a very useful book, and I'm a fan. But I couldn't help thinking that we could also use a volume focusing on Natural Resources. Standard environmental law classes focus on pollution control and management, whereas natural resources classes focus on public lands and the resources in them, e.g. water rights, mining claims, forests, rangelands, etc. There are overlaps — NEPA and the Endangered Species Act come to mind — but in the curriculum, and perhaps in practice, they are distinct. Generally speaking, for example, water *rights* lawyers don't spend a lot of time figuring out how to comply with the Clean Water Act.

It seems that Foundation has, unfortunately, discontinued the series, but it would still be a useful exercise to identify what cases or statutes might be in a *Natural Resources Stories* volume. The two that immediately come to mind for me are *Arizona v. California*, which is the linchpin of the Law of the Colorado River, and *Nat'l Audubon Soc'y v. Superior Court*, which brought the public trust doctrine back into the heart of contemporary environmental issues. Sean has previously blogged here about Glamis Mining Ltd. v. California, a recent NAFTA arbitration decision that brought international law into US resources issues front and center.

So what about it? What else would be in such a volume? And would another press be interested?