

**Ben Binder**  
Biographical Sketch

After graduating from Tufts University College of Engineering, Ben joined the Peace Corps and spent two years constructing bridges and rural schools in Ecuador and on the Galapagos Islands. He later received a Masters degree in Business Administration from Cornell.

Ben is a Colorado Registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor. His firm developed the Colorado Department of Natural Resource's first automated system to track all oil and gas wells in the state and four million acres of state owned surface and mineral rights. The State Auditor credited that system with finding over \$20 million of unpaid oil and gas royalties due the state.

In 2001, Ben was granted an award by the US Department of Energy for his role in the design of a Risk Based Data Management System now being used by over 25 states. The DOE declared that system one of its top 100 scientific and technical projects.

Ben testified before a United States Senate Special Investigations Committee chaired by Dennis DeConcini and John McCain investigating the Department of Interior's management of Indian oil and gas leases. He was an expert witness for Boulder's Native American Rights Fund in a landmark class action suit in the Federal courts in Oklahoma, and he also assisted the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in their multi-million dollar coalbed methane lawsuit against Amoco.

For over 20 years, Ben has represented Colorado on the Energy Resources, Research and Technology Committee of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission. He has lived in Boulder since 1973.