Resource and Land Management
Readings and Assignments

READINGS

Required Readings:

Additional Reference Materials:
Books (Life & Health Sciences Library call numbers at end of citation):

Journal articles (articles marked with * are available through UNR’s on-line journals):

Some useful journals that are available on-line through UNR’s library web site include:
American Forests          Land Use Policy
Conservation Biology      Natural Resources Forum
Ecological Applications   Natural Resources Research
Ecological Economics       New Forests
Environmental Science and Policy Restoration Ecology
Fisheries Management and Ecology Trends in Ecology and Evolution
Forest Ecology and Management Weeds Research
Journal of Environmental Planning and Management

Web sites for U.S. land management agencies:
US Department of Interior: http://www.doi.gov/
Bureau of Land Management: http://www.blm.gov/nhp/index.htm
Note: Nevada BLM is http://www.nv.blm.gov
Fish & Wildlife Service: http://www.fws.gov/
Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/
National Park Service: http://www.nps.gov/
Assignment BN #1 – Position Paper
Due Thursday, February 3, 2005 (25 points)

The focus of this assignment is issues concerning resource and land management. Potential issues include (but are not restricted to): biodiversity; fisheries management; hunting and game management; livestock grazing; forest management; mining; non-indigenous or invasive species; off-road vehicle use (motorized or non-motorized); range management; recreation; rehabilitation and restoration; threatened and endangered species; tourism and aesthetics; wilderness; wildland fire; and wildlife and non-game habitat.

Each student will prepare a position paper that answers the 3 questions below:
1. In your opinion, what is the most critical forest or rangeland management issue that needs to be addressed? Provide evidence to support why it is a critical issue.
2. What goals would you like to accomplish in order to solve problems related to this issue? You do not need to be exhaustive; in most cases, 2-3 goals should be sufficient. Prioritize your list of goals, and provide justification why you list the goals in the order that you do. NOTE: If you list only 1 goal, then explain why that 1 goal is sufficient.
3. For your highest priority goal, what policies and management actions would you need to change or implement?

Be sure that you clearly state:
- what the issue is
- what the current policies and management actions are (if none, then state that)
- what changes or new policies and management strategies are needed
- both the benefits and detriments of the current policies/actions (or non-action) as well as potential benefits/detriments of what you like to see done
- how these polices and actions will help accomplish your goal

You should also include a frank assessment of what hurdles would need to be overcome in order to accomplish your goal.

Undergraduates should have a total of 8 different citations in their position paper, and graduate students should have at least 12 different citations. For all students, at least 4 of those citations should be from journals or books.