

**Public Lands Law and Policy
NRM 204, 3 Credits
Spring Semester 2013
Arctic Health, Room 183
Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00-3:30**

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If you have a physical or learning disability, please advise me in writing of any special consideration necessary by the beginning of the second class. I will do everything possible to accommodate you in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This class covers the major laws and policies governing the management of federal public lands and resources. The goals of the course are to gain an understanding of the agencies that manage the different land units and resources and the laws which animate their management strategies. Additionally, we will cover important issues that affect public lands in the Western United States and Alaska.

Class Schedule

Thursday January 17

1. Course Introduction

Tuesday January 22

2. The Philosophy of Public Land
 - Thinking about natural resources [Wilkinson preface and 1-27]
 - Wise Use v. Preservation (Pinchot v. Muir) [Reading packet 1-15]

Thursday January 24- Tuesday January 29

2. The National Forests
 - Organic Act and Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act (MUSY) [Reading packet 19-27; Wilkinson 120-142]
 - National Forest Management Act and Forest Management Planning [Wilkinson 142-174]

Thursday January 31- Tuesday February 5

3. The Bureau of Land Management
 - Taylor Grazing Act and Mining Law of 1872 [Wilkinson 29-50, 75-98]
 - Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) [Wilkinson 50-74, 98-113]

Thursday February 7

4. Wild and Scenic Rivers
 - Wild and Scenic Rivers A-725(j)

Tuesday March 19

8. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [Reading packet 171-192]
- About NEPA
 - When must an EIS be prepared?
 - How to tell if the EIS is adequate?
 - Does NEPA work?

Thursday March 21

no class

Tuesday March 26

NEPA continued

Thursday March 28- Tuesday April 2

9. Public Lands and Land Law in Alaska
- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) [Reading packet 193-208]
 - Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) [Reading packet 209-223]

Thursday April 4

10. Migratory Birds
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act [Reading packet 224-232]
 - Constitutional Treaty Power [Reading packet 233-238]

Tuesday April 9

11. Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) [Reading packet 244-257]
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Course Requirements and Grading:

Textbooks:

There is a required reading packet which I will hand out in class, and a text book that you must purchase entitled *Crossing the Next Meridian: Land, Water, and the Future of the West*, by Charles F. Wilkinson (Island Press, Washington DC, 1992). In the syllabus, readings in the text will be denoted as “Wilkinson” and those in the reading packet as “Reading packet.”

Exams:

There will be one midterm exam and one final exam, the final exam is not cumulative. Each exam will account for 30% of your total final grade. Exams will take place in class and will be **closed book**. Exam questions will be drawn from the required readings, lectures, and the classroom discussions. A close understanding of the course material is important as exam questions may require you to apply information you learned in class to new situations, rote memorization will often not be enough to get an A. Exams will include essay and short answer questions. Please make sure that you write legibly as illegible answers may not be graded. There will be no makeup exams, if you are unable to take the exam on the date scheduled and

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Assignments and Quizzes:

There will be 2-4 take home assignments and 2-4 quizzes