

CSS/FOR 235 Final Examination Essay Question

Please choose either topic 1 or topic 2. Feel free to prepare beforehand but don't bring any notes to the final. Please be prepared to write 1 to 2 complete pages which address all the points for the topic you have chosen:

- 1) What did you find to be the most useful/important lesson of CSS/FOR 235? That is to say, what is the big-picture, take home message that you will remember regarding society and natural resources?
 - a. Please explain by clearly identifying what this lesson is and support your claim by **using at least three examples** from the readings/lectures (in specific detail)
 - b. Explain how these examples relate to the topic you have chosen **and** each other. (Identify sources by title and author name.)
 - c. You **must** interpret or state your opinion but you **also must** clearly identify the author's claims as opposed to your own.
 - d. Your examples and topics **should come together** in a conclusion, which supports your claim.

This question doesn't have a clear "correct" answer but your answer must be clear in order to be considered "correct."

- 2) Recently, Idaho Legislature sent a resolution to the U.S. Congress advocating for the U.S. federal government to turn over ownership of the national forests in Idaho to the state of Idaho to "more productively manage" (which they believe would increase outputs of goods/services).
 - a. Please comment on how this decision, if approved, would have consequences for any **three** of these topics/perspectives. Please clearly identify each of the three topics you chose in your answer:
 - i. Local versus National public opinions and values
 - ii. Environmental justice considerations
 - iii. Organizational philosophies regarding preservation versus conservation
 - iv. Implications for definitions of sustainability, restoration, and reclamation
 - i. Ecosystem services and environmental economics
 - ii. Working with the public and incorporating scientific expertise
 - b. Please identify **at least three examples** from the readings/lectures (in specific detail) that relate to your claims and explain how they relate to each other. Identify sources by title and author name and you **must** clearly identify the author's claims as opposed to your own.

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