

CSS 287

Research Paper Assignment -- Fall 2013

Learning Outcome: In this assignment you will learn how to bring together salient information from both the popular literature (mass media) and research literature (scientific journals) to intelligently discuss a controversy or issue in natural resource-based public land use. You will focus on one specific outdoor activity involving peoples' use of public lands and describe what has been documented (supporting your writing with substantive evidence and fact) gathered from the professional scientific research literature.

This will provide you the opportunity for in-depth study of a specific public access or outdoor recreation issue focusing on research published in refereed journal articles (or equivalent sources in the UI Library); and

It will provide you an opportunity to examine and apply the basic elements of the APA scientific writing style (or other equivalent professional journal style).

Due Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2012

Product: A 7-10 page paper in a research paper format that addresses the following:

First, select a contemporary natural resource-based outdoor recreation pursuit and briefly describe what some of the controversies or issues* are involved with this activity on public lands. You must use citations from at least three (3) sources of popular printed literature (e.g. magazines & newspapers). (No more than 2 written pages.) Then, discuss what researchers have written about this activity or problem in at least five (5) professional **research journal articles**. (4 to 6 written pages plus your bibliography.)

*For example, magazine articles report that jet skiing has been ruled illegal in many state waterways because it is alleged to be associated with the following: it's dangerous, noisy, pollutes air and water, harasses wildlife, causes shoreline erosion, and is often involved in fatal accidents. You can easily find citations in popular literature (magazines & newspapers) about these allegations, but in this assignment you must focus on reporting on what researchers report in research articles that address or quantify or support or refute these allegations.

Notes:

1. Give your paper a title that reflects its content. Please insert page numbers and use Times Roman or Arial font.
2. Organize its content using appropriate headings and sub-headings. The paper must have a line spacing of 1.5--2.0 lines and follow the APA style manual: pay close attention to Expressing Ideas (Chapter 2), Editorial style (Chapter 3)—particularly spelling (p. 89), headings (p. 111), tables (p. 147), and references (p. 207 & chapter 4). Submit your paper stapled in the upper left corner (no report covers or binders, please!) *If you choose to use some other style of literature citation, it must be from a professional scientific journal, and you must append a sample Xeroxed from that journal so that I can use it in grading your paper.*
3. You must cite at least **three** magazine or newspaper articles AND at least **five** research **articles** (not Internet web pages, please!) to support your arguments. The five research articles MUST be from **professional scientific journals** (You may find and read the articles on the web, but they must be actual journal articles with complete citations, not just data reported on a web page. For examples of journals, see the list on the next page.)
4. The hallmark of an educated person is to be able to communicate clearly. Therefore, SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, and GRAMMAR will be graded in this assignment! Proof read your paper several times before submitting it. If you need help, consult the UI Writing Center

<http://www.class.uidaho.edu/english/WritingCenter/> and the Writing Center's "Links"
http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c09_s2.html

Additional Assistance is available at our wonderful UI Library. Do not hesitate to talk to:

Jeremy Kenyon, Assistant Professor 208-885-7955 jkenyon@uidaho.edu
Reference Librarian (Natural Resources)
 University of Idaho Library

** To make sure your topic is appropriate and relevant, please **email me your topic** by Thursday, **October 17th** and I will tell you if you are on the right track and/or offer suggestions for scientific sources*

The paper is worth 20% of the course grade. There will be no exceptions to the due date, **Tuesday, November 12, 2013**, even if you are absent from class. **Please submit a printed copy AND send a proper email to me with a copy as an attached document in MS WORD format (AND remember to include your name in the file name of your document!).**

SOME OF THE MAJOR PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL JOURNALS WITH RESEARCH ABOUT HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN NATURAL RESOURCE SETTINGS

(**NOTE:** Not all these are in the UI library. Be sure to also look at the WSU Library System and make use of the UI inter-library loan service.)

American Demographics	Leisure Sciences
Annals of Tourism Research	Society & Natural Resources
Canadian Geographer	Journal of Sustainable Tourism
Developmental Psychology	Journal of Travel and Tourism Marketing
Environmental Management	Journal of Travel Research
Human Dimensions of Wildlife	Journal Therapeutic Recreation
International Journal of Hospitality Management	North American Journal of Fisheries Management
International Journal of Wilderness	Park Science
Journal of Applied Behavior	Public Opinion Quarterly
Journal of Environmental Education	Rural Sociology
Journal of Forestry	Journal of Soil and Water Conservation
Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	Tourism Management
Journal of Interpretation	Tourism Recreation Research
Journal of Leisure Research	Transactions of the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
Journal of Marketing Research	Wildlife Society Bulletin
Journal of Park and Recreation Administration	