

PSC 403A
Natural Resource Policy
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Syllabus

The following books/publications are required for purchase for this course:

- Davis, Charles, Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics, Second edition
- Reisner, Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water
- UNLV Academic Printing Service, "Natural Resource Policy, Study Guide"
- Water Education Foundation, Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River

Your grade for this course will be based on the following, with each counting for one-quarter:

- Mid-Term Exam
 - Final Exam
 - Weekly Class participation
 - Field-Trip - participation and write-ups
- Or** Term Paper

POLICY REGARDING MAKE-UP EXAMS: Ordinarily no makeups will be given. However, if extraordinary circumstances seem to require one, then students must do the following in order to qualify: (1) inform the instructor of the problem at some time **prior** to the exam itself and (2) provide documentation afterwards. All make-up exams will be given on the afternoon of December 2, 2009.

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Reading Assignments (POS 403A)

<u>Class Meeting Date</u>	<u>Reading to be Completed by that Date, etc.</u>
August 25	- Buy the Books
September 1	- Reisner, <u>Cadillac Desert</u> , p 37 - top of p 45 - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , Chapters 2 & 4 - Forest Policy Transformed Again: USFS Under Bush - The U.S. Forest Service (Bliese, <u>Greening of Cons. America</u>)
September 8	- Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , chapter 5 - Politics and Public Rangeland Policy - Bureau of Land Management (BLM) , Bliese, <u>Greening of Cons America</u> - Wild, Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act (WFRHBA), Donahue - Kleppe v. New Mexico, Donahue
September 15	- Under Fire - The Big Blowup - The Anatomy of Fire - As Costs of Wildfire Grow, So Does A Question: Who Should Pay? - Fire Wars - Just print this piece and bring it to class.
September 22	- Paper due - Atomic Testing Museum - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , pp: 231-237 - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , pp: 197-201 and 208-211 - Getting the Lead Out - Lessons From The Wolf - Home On The Range: A Corridor for Wildlife
September 29	- Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , Chapter 1 - Fourth Sagebrush Rebellion (Donahue) - Rebels With A Lost Cause - Look for information about the main political organizations and in this field, not the policies or names of court cases
October 6	- Payment due for two field trips: Zion National Park and Hoover Dam - Davis, <u>Western Public Lands and Environmental Politics</u> , chapter 8, National Parks Policy - Wilderness Preservation Policy: The Cases of Yosemite Park and Jackson Hole, Gonzalez, <u>Corporate Power and the Environment</u>
October 13	- Zion National Park, <u>General Management Plan</u> , pp. 1- 49. This is three days before the field trip to Zion National Park

- October 20
- **Other: Paper due on Zion National Park**
 - Mining, (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
 - General Mining Law of 1872, Donahue
 - Can Congress Drag the 1872 Mining Law into the 21st Century?
 - Gas Industry Gets Cracking
- October 27
- **Mid-Term Exam** (All materials through and including October 20)
- November 3
- Reisner, Cadillac Desert, pp. 24 - 51 (several pages of this were read in wk #2)
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, Chapter 3
- November 10
- **Other: Paper due on Red Rock National Conservation Area**
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, chapter 4
 - Layperson's Guide to the Colorado River
 - Federal Water Projects in the West (Bliese, Greening of Cons America)
- November 17
- Reisner, Cadillac Desert, chapter 8
 - Arizona Returns To The Desert, Jenkins, High Country News
 - Cold War Toxin Seeps Into Western Water
 - What's Awash in the Wash?
 - "Hoover Dam" Print from ERes and bring to class (not necessary to read it first)
- **This is 3 days before our Water Resources field trip**
- November 24
- **Other: Paper due on Water Resources Field Trip**
 - Reisner, Cadillac Desert, Chapter 2
- December 1
- From Growing Crops to Growing Cities
 - Layperson's Guide to Water Marketing, pp. 2 - 11
 - Water Policy in a Time of Drought
- December 8
- Final Exam - Water Resource Policy

