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Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails
The charm of fishing is that it is the pursuit of what is elusive but attainable, a perpetual series of occasions for hope.
Current Trends in Natural Resources

- Economy
- Politics
- Youth and Nature
- Technology
- Energy, Global Climate, Water, Land, Invasive Species
State Parks

- Similar issues on the local scale
- Current staffing trends and gaps
- What students need(education) to be prepared to handle the dynamic of today’s Natural Resource issues—Problem Solving
Problem Solving

• Political Filters
• Science vs Fact or is it Fiction?
• Path of least resistance is not a straight line
• Jack of all trades master of none
• Apply theories in dynamic ways
• Efficient Government
Examples—My background

• B.S. Natural Resource Management—Minor in Spatial Information
• Pingree Park
• M.S. Park and Resource Management
• Application to my career—The Gaps
• Seasonal—GPS/GIS Map Lory State Park
• Charcoal Ovens—Soil Science?
• Wyoming State Parks—Pine Bark Beetle
• Wyoming Kids Xtreme
• Interpretation
Current Programs
Prescription to the issue

• Conservation Leadership Through Learning-CSU
• The Natural Resources Leadership Institute-NC State
• Wyoming Conservation Corp-UW
• Filling the gaps-(Certified Public Managers)
In conclusion

- Lack of alignment in our industry
- Universities in Natural Resources are core
- Industry at the precipice
- We must honor our heritage but look to the future
Thank you

Around here, we don't look backwards for very long...
We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths

Walt Disney