

## CSS 287 Research Paper Assignment -- Fall 2008

**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 controversies or issues in natural resource-based outdoor recreation. You will focus on one specific outdoor activity 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 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 writing style (or other equivalent professional journal style).

**Due Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2008

**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 may 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 journals** (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](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c09_s2.html)

*\* If you are not sure about your topic, email it to me by October 17<sup>th</sup> and I will tell you if you are on the right track.*

The paper is worth 20% of the course grade. There will be no exceptions to the due date, Tuesday, November 11, 2008, even if you are absent from class.

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