

SEE-U Colorado: Land Use in the Rocky Mountains

Week 1

Monday: History of the West

9 AM—12 PM: Welcome and Lecture

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Guest Lecture – Patty Limerick, the history of the American West

2 PM—4 PM: Film – The Greatest Good (U.S. Forest Service)

Tuesday: Trip to Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest

9 AM—12 PM: Emergence and history of public lands

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Guest Speaker – Greg Aplet, Senior Ecologist with The Wilderness Society

2 PM—4 PM: Visit Wilderness area

Wednesday: Preservation vs. Conservation

9 AM—12 PM: Land Management Agencies and Governance

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Guest Speaker – Jeff Kitchens, BLM Supervisor – Challenges facing the BLM

Thursday: Trip to Rocky Mountain National Park

9 AM—12 PM: Visitor's Center and interpretive tour

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Guest Speaker – NPS Leader

Friday: Conflicts on Public Lands

9 AM—12 PM: Quiz 1, Capstone project discussions

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Enduring conflicts on Public Lands: energy development, timber extraction, recreation conflict, habitat protection, wildfire management, grazing

Saturday: Land ownership

9 AM—12 PM: Checkerboard land ownership, state trust lands

Sunday: Rest day and office hours

Week 2

Monday: Role of the state in land use across the American West

9 AM—12 PM: Quiz 1, Capstone project discussions

12 PM—1 PM: Lunch break

1 PM—2 PM: Attend State Land Board meeting

Tuesday: Energy Development

- 9 AM—12 PM**: Energy development on public, private, and state lands
- 12 PM—1 PM**: Lunch break
- 1 PM—2 PM**: Field trip to land with energy development in process
- 2 PM—4 PM**: Guest speaker from oil and gas company representative

Wednesday: Private land and working landscapes

- 9 AM—12 PM**: Payments for ecosystem services, conservation easements, and water law and management
- 12 PM—1 PM**: Lunch break
- 1 PM—2 PM**: Collaborative processes
- 2 PM—4 PM**: Guest speaker – Carol Ekarius, representative from Coalition for the Upper South Platte, local collaborative group

Thursday: Trip to private land with a Conservation Easement

- 9 AM—12 PM**: Tour land, learn about how management plan structures conservation of property
- 12 PM—1 PM**: Lunch break
- 1 PM—4 PM**: Guest speakers: land owner, land trust representative

Friday: Wildfire

- 9 AM—12 PM**: Quiz 2, Planning to reduce risk of wildfires, challenges across boundaries, suppressing fire, recovering after a fire
- 12 PM—1 PM**: Lunch break
- 1 PM—2 PM**: Field tour: Hayman wildfire site
- 2 PM—4 PM**: Guest speaker – environmental and political lessons learned from notorious Hayman fire

Saturday: Water in the American West

- 9 AM—12 PM**: Guest speaker – Mike King, Director of Planning, Denver Water

Sunday: Rest day and office hours

Week 3

Monday: Capstone

- 9 AM—4 PM**: Student Presentations

Tuesday: Capstone

- 9 AM—4 PM**: Student Presentations

Wednesday: Last day of class

- 9 AM—4 PM**: Final exam, Submit final paper