I know it seems like we haven't even had a winter yet this year, but summer will be here before you know it, and the time has come to look for a way to spend those long, hot hours. Most of us would be content with camping, hiking, and swimming away the lazy days, but alas we must also find a way to fund the coming school year. Here, in the College of Natural Resources, we have the opportunity to do both; we can be paid to have fun as we gain valuable experience in various natural resource fields.

You could work in a national park, be a wildland firefighter, be an intern in Washington DC, work on a research project, work at a nature center, and much more. You could go to Alaska, Southern Utah, the East Coast, the Southwest, or anywhere else you are willing to search out. The key to finding the summer job of your dreams is to act now. Remember that some of the best jobs go fast and many application deadlines are coming up in the next month.

The first step in finding a good summer job is using the CNR advising office (NR 120). Maureen Wagner, Stephanie Hamblin, and the peer advisors love helping students. They are continually posting job announcements and can give you tips on filling out applications, interviews, and anything else you might need help with in your summer job search.

Another great way to progress in your summer job search, is to attend the Summer Forum that the Peer Advisors are putting on Wed, Jan 29 at 5:15pm in NR217.

There, you can hear about job and internship opportunities, look at current job postings, and pick up applications and good advice.

Another good way to get more information about natural resource jobs, is to get on the Internet. I know you all spend an unreasonable amount of time in the Quinney Lab already, but next time you're up there, take just a minute to type in a few of these websites, and see what's out there. You can also get flyers with additional websites from the advising office (NR120, in case you forgot).

- Natural resource positions: www.thejobseeker.net
- Utah Conservation Corps/Americorps: www.usu.edu/ucc and americorps.org
- Tehabi Internship Program: www.tehabi.org
- Washington DC Internships: www.usu.edu/ipe
- Student Conservation Association: www.sca-inc.org

So now you don't have any excuses to spend your summer flipping burgers or selling something at the mall. All my friends who are not in the CNR say that we have the coolest summer jobs. They are right, so go out and find the one that is right for you!
The Forestry Club

By Margaret Gray

The forestry club this year has been highly involved with traditions. We had a great time with the Logger's Breakfast during Natural Resources week last semester. Other than having too many gallons of eggs, the breakfast was a success. We also had great success with the Christmas Tree Cut. As some people know, we were not able to get into our desired cutting grounds, but we were able to find another place where we cut down some beautiful trees. I would like to say thanks to Rob Lillieholm for the use of his trailer on such a short notice. We also had a great time selling the trees. We ended up doing really well with the activities last semester.

This semester we have some great activities that we are planning. We are hoping to put together a forum where we will have a professional forester and a conservationist talk about the future relationship of forestry and conservation.

The club is looking forward to the Logger's Ball and Game dinner on February 21. This is a great time to come and relax with the professors and other students. We have some great prizes for the raffle that is held that night. We are also planning on having a talent showcase during the dinner and dance. I hope that some of you will not be shy with your talents. I'm trying to get up the nerve to get on stage with my talent as well.

We are also going to help the forest service with some regeneration projects this semester and next semester. We believe in the regeneration of the national forests.

Another big event that we are hoping to participate in this year, is the Logger's Conclave. This is held every year at a different university in the western region. This year, it is at Oregon State University. Students will get together to talk and also to compete in different logging sports. Some of the sports are the cross cut competition, the barrel roll, the chocker pull, etc. We are working on putting together a strong team for the competition. Anybody who wants to join is certainly welcome.

I hope that many of you have been able to get involved with the clubs in the CNR. The clubs are designed for you and your interests. I have been able to meet so many people through my activity with the forestry club and the CNR council.

If you are interested in participating with the forestry club, we have meetings on Thursday nights at 6pm in the atrium.

LOGGER'S BALL

Date: February 21, 2003
Place: Bullen Center
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: 6$

TALENTS NEEDED!!!

If you or anyone you know has a special talent that you or they could perform at the Logger's Ball, contact a student council member.
Confessions of a CNR Environmental Activist

By Jim Steitz

International trade is determined by a fraternity of trade negotiators, not by the Forest Service. Most people making this argument couldn’t care less about our environment, and work actively to repeal environmental protections globally to promote “free trade.” Bush Administration officials are pushing a hemispheric trade agreement that will ensure liquidation of Latin America’s tropical rainforests. Counterparts in Canada are mowing down British Columbia’s coastal rainforests, and pushing to open U.S. markets to their lumber. The FS logging program cannot affect these international dynamics, lumber prices are now in the gutter, and these “races to the bottom” in environmental, fiscal, and labor policy by competing governments inevitably create mutual ruin - when servile Cache County officials justify approval of Powder Mountain (to prevent it from hopping to Weber County), or servile politicians justify logging. Ending the FS logging program would get subsidized lumber off the market, a positive step for small landowners trying to earn a living instead of selling to developers, for reducing waste of wood and paper, for U.S. credibility when begging other countries to conserve their forests, and for the National Forests themselves. At present, the logging program enforces a bizarre anti-market logic, turning a high-value asset (forest) into a low-value asset (lumber), for an already-glutted market, at major taxpayer expense, to meet narrow political imperatives of rewarding Big Timber’s campaign contributions.

Q: What is happening to environmental activism at USU if you’re leaving?

Here I leave my advice for fellow students - if you care about your world, you will organize to protect it. Those who claim to care, but expend no time or effort to resist the forces of greed, ignorance, and corruption, are part of the problem. Of the colleges I have worked with through the Sierra Student Coalition (www.ssc.org), USU is easily the most apathetic, least organize-able, most politically irrelevant campus I have found, which is particularly shameful when considering our large enrollment. I have long hoped a new group of students who care will change this. As one of my bumper stickers reads, “Indifference = Consent.” But another way, in a more twisted context by our President, “You’re either with us or against us.”

Q: What do you think of the possibility of war with Iraq?

It’s a big piece of the geo-political puzzle that would unleash the Bush Administration’s vision for the world. This vision is in polar opposition to any notion of peace, justice, and sustainability. Anybody who believes that Bush is pursuing this war to make the world safer or for the sake of oppressed Iraqi populations is living under a rock. The refusal of mainstream media outlets to question the Administration’s refusal to consider peace has firmly established their servility toward establishment powers. I wish I had time to help organize against it. If you will help stop this war, this world will thank you. I recommend www.moveon.org as a good starting point.

Q: Why haven’t you sought compromise with the Powder Mountain developer, instead of just fighting?

Compromise is sought when there is something left to split or divide in some way. In contrast, the Wasatch Front has been butchered by developers like Brent Ferrin (the Powder Mountain culprit). Environmental wins are temporary, and losses are permanent. Therefore, a series of “balanced” development projects or other “compromises” can destroy everything, piece by piece. This dynamic is destroying the entire American landscape. If we were discussing compromise in, say 1940, there might be negotiation room. Likewise, if we were creating affordable housing or otherwise meeting basic human needs. But we’re not. We’re building second-home castles and golf courses on a Wasatch Front landscape already pushing major breaking points. At this point, “balance” would be to rent some wrecking balls and head for over-built Park City. Mercifully, the developer has withdrawn.

Q: If you end logging on National Forests, won’t that just increase imports and shift the destruction to countries with fewer environmental rules?
The Up and Coming SNR Club
By Meghan Wereley

Coming to the College of Natural Resources (CNR), I was excited by all the possibilities provided, from outdoor labs and classes, to the various clubs. However, as an ENVS student, I found that there was not a club to participate in that was environment and society based. With the help and encouragement of Terry Sharik, the opportunity was given to the students of the CNR to start a new club. After a few meetings, the students, as well as staff, arrived at the idea of a Society and Natural Resource (SNR) club. This club would bring students from all colleges on campus together to exchange information and ideas about environmental issues affecting the community, as well as the world. Terry also gave us the opportunity to join The International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) as the first student chapter. Currently, the SNR is working with Richard Krannich in the Sociology department and Terry Sharik in the ENVS department to draft a proposal for the first student chapter. We, as the Temporary Leadership Committee (TLC), would like to invite all students to our meetings held in the atrium every Friday at 2:30.

DRAFT vision statement:
We are a club committed to the open discussion of the local and global environmental and natural resource issues, bringing people and solutions together for healthy communities and enduring ecosystems.

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Officer Applications:
Attention Undergraduates of the College of Natural Resources! Over the next month and a half, the CNR Student Council and clubs will be looking for people to fill their positions for next year. This is an excellent opportunity to serve your college and community, as well as gain leadership and organizational skills. It is also a great resume builder. Any of you who are interested please feel free to stop by the new club office (Maureen Wagners old office) and leave your email or talk to a club or council officer.

Summer Job Extravaganza
Come and learn great tips on how to get a cool summer job! (Oh yeah, and food will be provided!)

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 29
Time: 5:15–7:00 pm
Place: NR 217

The CNR Student Council would just like to thank all those that participated in the November Thanksgiving Food Drive. The College was able to donate over $350.00 to the red cross, as well as several boxes of non-perishable food. The local director of the Cache Valley Red Cross has sent the college a thank you note, expressing appreciation for our donation. I would just like to extend that thank you out to all of you who participated in this event and helped make it a success.

Sincerely, CNR Student Council President--Kyle Peterson