Wildland Resources
Grad Survey

Student who graduated
Summer 2005-Summer 2012

7 Questions

1) Did you publish at least one peer-reviewed paper from you graduate thesis? yes or no
2) How many total peer-reviewed papers did you publish from your thesis? #
3) Were you first author, co-author, or both on peer-reviewed paper(s) published from your thesis? first, co-author, or both
4) Outside of your thesis work, were you listed as an author on any other peer-reviewed publication(s) from work conducted at USU while you were a graduate student? yes or no
5) Outside of your thesis work, how many total peer-reviewed publications listed you as an author from work conducted at USU while you were a graduate student? #
6) When in relation to your formal graduation date did you submit the first paper from your thesis? While at USU, < 1 yr, 1-2 yr, 2 yrs, etc.
7) How long in relation to your formal graduation date until your first paper was published? While at USU, < 1 yr, 1-2 yr, 2 yrs, etc.
Response Rate

• MS:
  – 49 of 122 (40.2%) graduates provided data
• PhD:
  – 24 of 45 (53.3%) graduates provided data

Marsha says that about 90% are self-reported.

Did you publish at least one peer-reviewed paper from your graduate thesis? yes or no

• MS:
  – 32 of 49 (65%) graduates have published
• PhD:
  – 22 of 24 (92%) graduates have published
How many total peer-reviewed papers did you publish from your thesis?

- **MS:**
  - Of all 49 students who responded
    - On average, 1.0 pubs per student from thesis
  - Just those 32 who published: 1.6 pubs

- **PhD:**
  - Of all 24 students who responded
    - On average, 3.0 pubs per student from thesis
  - Just those 22 who published: 3.2 pubs

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Were you first author, a co-author, or both on peer-reviewed paper(s) published from your thesis?

![Bar chart showing the distribution of first, co-author, and both for MS and PhD students.](chart.png)
Outside of your thesis work, were you listed as an author on any other peer-reviewed publication(s) from work conducted at USU while you were a graduate student? yes or no, #

- **MS:**
  - 14 of 49 (29%) students published work outside their thesis research
  - Of these 14, they had, on average, 1.4 pubs outside their thesis research (by definition 1)

- **PhD:**
  - 16 of 24 (67%) students published work outside their thesis research
    - Of these 16, they had, on average, 2.8 pubs outside their thesis research
  - Adding outside thesis pubs to thesis pubs, all students average 4.83 pubs from USU experience

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When in relation to your formal graduation date did you submit the first paper from your thesis?

![Graph showing submission timing](image)
Future questions

- We are currently entering GRE scores and GPA data to determine relationships with graduation and publication success