

That's right liberal colleges are ruining this country. Teaching these our impressionable youth to be environmentalists instead of conservationists. They get degrees and then cushy government jobs with USFS, BLM, DEQ, EPA, and every other governmental initials you can imagine, and then decide the best way to manage the public's land is to just keep everyone out. The miners, The ranchers, The loggers, The off roaders, next will be anyone trying to use the public's land for any purpose.

They break every law in the book to do it to. Such as ADA laws and others. They put up gates and build berms and dig ditches, they use boulders, then let the roads over grow with brush.

A natural forest has 80-100 large trees per acre and little underbrush, Now through their mis-management there is 500-600 small trees per acre and full of brush, with no fire breaks. So when a fire starts it quickly grows to 50 thousand acres and it's so hot it kills everything sterilizing the earth. A natural forest would burn 3-5 thousand acres and only the brush underneath and the lower branches and the bark of the large trees would protect and keep the larger trees alive. 500-600 small trees per acre with lots of underbrush drinks up a lot more rainfall and snowpack than 80-100 large trees per acre with little underbrush.

The cooperative managed forest, The loggers forest would be cut in checkerboard patterns or selective cut. The miners and the loggers would keep the roads maintained. The ranchers would let their cattle graze the under growth with the deer and the elk. The miners would dredge the rivers breaking up hard packed gravels and making deeper holes and channels improving fish habitat and allowing refuse and cooler waters for spawning and the beavers would build natural dams for flood control and drought resistance. These industries were true conservationists and shared the forest and it was managed through cooperative efforts so it would be there for future Generations to use and earn from and to enjoy.

Environmentalists, the college graduate managed forest, the government managed public's land. These lands are being destroyed by these well funded groups and the college professors who have taught the graduates who get government jobs and enact very poor policies.

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