

The influence of land ethics on forest policy

Data from a nationwide survey of USDA Forest Service employees were used to compare the land ethics between foresters and other natural resource professionals and to examine the relation between one's land ethic and preferred forest policy options (Brown, G., and C. Harris. 1998. *Journal of Forestry* 96(1):4-12). The comparison revealed that foresters embrace a more utilitarian land ethic than biologists and other natural resource scientists in that service. Because the number of foresters, engineers, and range managers in the agency is declining while the number of natural resource scientists is growing, future management of national forests may be changing.