NRM 101 Syllabus 2
Course Description
The course examines the history of conservation and its ecological, economic and social foundations. First we
discuss the basic principles of resource management including sustained yield, ecology, and the effects of world
population growth. With this foundation, we take a more detailed look at the management of specific
resources, including soils, agriculture, rangeland, forestry, wildlife, and fisheries, then fossil fuels and renewable
energy.
The course takes the long view. Most of our resource problems have been caused because people put short-term interests over their own best interests over the long run. In addition to that, the history of natural
resource management is a key part of the last 10,000 years of human history. As poet Gary Snyder put it,

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 Recognize the importance of our philosophy in determining both the types of environmental
problems we are likely to confront and the types of solutions we are willing to consider.

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service.
Student Protections and Services:
Every qualified student is welcome in my classroom. As needed, I am happy to work with you, disability services,
veterans' services, rural student services, etc to find reasonable accommodations. Students at this university
are protected against sexual harassment and discrimination (Title IX), and minors have additional protections.