

**Whitman College Semester in the West
Stewardship, Restoration, and Sustainability
Wallowa County, Oregon
September 1-4**

Monday, September 1

Morning: Finish Alpine ecology segment with Mary O'Brien on Mount Howard
Return around 1pm.

Lunch at foot of Wallowa Lake, swimming, etc.

3pm Meet Rick Christian, Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries, to discuss efforts to restore salmon to local rivers and tributaries. Meet at foot of Wallowa Lake.

5pm Quick Drive to camp at Don Harker and Nancy Knoble's ranch, just outside Joseph

Dinner (Rick, Don, and Nancy will join us)

Evening Free

Tuesday, September 2

9am Meet Nils Christoffersen and Doug McDaniel at Doug's meander restoration site on Wade Gulch Lane. Discuss goals and process of the project, and tour the site.

11am Move discussion to challenges of forest stewardship in Wallowa County. Depart to tour various treatment sites and discussion. Lunch in the field.

5pm (approximately) Return to camp at Harker Ranch

6:30pm Dinner. Nils, Doug, and families are invited to join us.

Evening Discussion with Joe McCormack, Nez Perce Tribal Fisheries

Wednesday, September 3

9am Meet Tree Farmer Bob Jackson at the Goebel-Jackson Tree Farm outside Enterprise

11:30 Lunch at Tree Farm with Bob Jackson

12:30 Return to Camp

1:00pm Meet Janie Tippett, local rancher and writer, to discuss beaver restoration on the Zumwalt Prairie. (Janie will come to our camp) Tour possible restoration sites.

4:00pm Meet Kevin Melville, farmer, who is receiving carbon credits for his farming operation. Discuss the role of agriculture can play in addressing climate change.

6:30 Return to Camp, Dinner

Evening Discussion with either Don Harker: “Stewarding Working Landscapes”

Readings for Wallowa County: (*Unless otherwise indicated, all readings are on the server*)

Nancy Langston, “Introduction” and “Place and Ecology”, from *Forest Dreams, Forest Nightmares: The Paradox of Old Growth in the Inland West*. Those especially interested in forests will also find a later chapter, “Making Sense of Strangeness: Silvics in the Blues,” useful and available on the featured books shelf.

Wendell Berry, “Think Little” from *The Art of the Commonplace*, and “Conservation and the Local Economy” and “Conservation is Good Work”, from *Sex, Economy, Freedom, and Community*.

Gary Snyder, “The Place, the Region, and the Commons,” from *The Practice of the Wild*

Quite dated, but still a pretty good background essay on Wallowa County, is Tim Egan’s “Homecoming,” from *Lasso the Wind*. We have two copies on our featured books shelf.

Our discussions with Suzanne, Angela, and Mary have been a great way to start our semester-long conversation about restoration. Here’s a couple of brief essays about restoration and environmentalism to keep this conversation going:

William Jordan, G. Stanley Kane, “Restoration or Preservation? Reflections on a Clash of Environmental Philosophies,” both in Baldwin, deLuce, and Pletsch, *Beyond Preservation: Restoring and Inventing Landscapes*.

Thursday September 4

6am Cook Crew

7am Breakfast. **Come to breakfast with your bags packed.**

8am Depart for Pyramid Lake Area, NV (Travel Day)