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Course Goals

Upon completion of this class, in addition to having a better understanding of NEPA, the CEQ regulations, and the basics of the BLM NEPA process, the students will be able to:

- prepare legally defensible environmental assessments in accordance with BLM guidance
- review environmental documents for compliance laws and BLM requirements
- apply a variety of streamlining techniques when preparing EAs

Course Outline and Agenda

Day 1

Introduction and Background

- What is NEPA?
- CEQ and BLM regulations and guidance
- Key concepts
- Level of documentation

Day 2

What is an EA?

- Characteristics of successful EAs
- Case law and legal defensibility
- Best practices in environmental impact assessment

Designing for Compliance

- Introduction to streamlining tools: the FOCUS™ concept
 - Creating a *flow* of information
 - Establishing *objectives* and *outcomes*
 - Reaching *compliance*, using *collaborative* and *customer-friendly* tools
 - Eliminating *unnecessary*, *unimportant*, and *useless* material
 - Emphasizing *significant* material within the *scope* of analysis
- Process Tools
- Product Tools

Day 3

NEPA Process Components

- Steps in the NEPA Process
- Vital Topics
 - Cumulative Effects
 - Public Involvement
 - Archaeology and History
 - Environmental Justice

Case Study Workshop

- Storyboarding a defensible EA based on BLM case study
- Reviewing EAs for completeness and legal compliance
- Developing job aids for future use

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Your supervisor may get an email with a link to a survey in a couple months, so be sure to talk with him/her about this class!

For now, we'd like your immediate impressions, so please jot down your thoughts and turn it in. Thanks for your time!!!

Overall Rating of the Class:

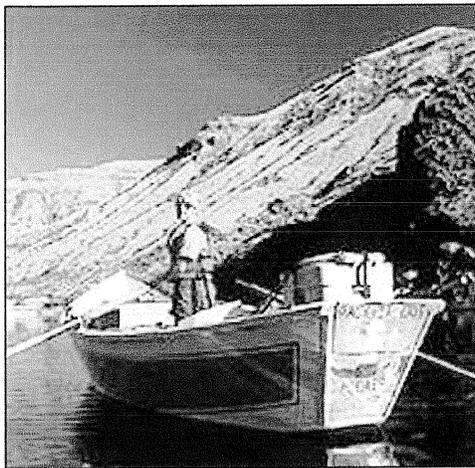
Before this class began, I thought NEPA was:

Now, I think NEPA is:

Anything else you'd like us to know?



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