Rangelands cover close to 50% of the earth’s surface, including grasslands, scrublands, deserts and tundra. Rangeland ecologists manage the living organisms in these complex ecosystems. Grounded in ecology, the program prepares students to understand and manage the wildlife, water, vegetation, and recreational resources unique to rangelands. Students will also study topics such as environmental policy, restoration ecology, and grazing and livestock management.

In the process of obtaining this degree you automatically qualify for the Rangeland Management Series, 0454, developed by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management for jobs on USAJOBS.GOV (the U.S. Federal Government’s hiring system).

First-Destination Employers
- U.S. Forest Service
- Bureau of Land Management
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- USDA Agricultural Research Service
- Boulder County Parks & Open Space
- CACI International Inc
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- AECOM Design & Planning
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

First-Destination Job Titles
- Range Management Specialist
- Natural Resource Specialist
- Rangeland Technician
- Ecological Technician
- Invasive Species Specialist
- Research Technician
- Biological Science Aid

Mid Level Positions
*may require more experience or education
- Senior Restoration Ecologist
- Environmental Scientist
- Natural Resources Manager
- Range Manager
- Environmental Consultant
- District Conservationist
- Research Specialist
Warner College of Natural Resources

98% of students are employed 5 years after graduation

$50K is the avg. salary of WCNR grads*

Factors 4 Success

1. Get an Internship
2. Use Career Center Services
3. Achieve a 3.0 GPA
4. Work on Campus

Tips from Alumni

“Solid communication skills are paramount.”

“Diversify your background with weed control, restoration, wildlife management, volunteer management, etc. Most of us are required to wear many hats.”

“Find people in your network who are doing what you want to do, and get the conversation going.”

“Tailor your resume to the job description.”

Senior Restoration Ecologist
Oversees wetland delineation; bioremediation, threatened and endangered species surveys, riparian/wetland project design, and writing reports for environmental permits.

Ecological Technician
Prescribe treatments for weed management, erosion control, ecological restoration, supervise chemical and mechanical weed control, re-vegetation, erosion control, and equipment operation.

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* 5 years out