

# Human Dimensions of Natural Resources



The major in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources prepares students to examine conservation issues through a multi-disciplinary lens that takes into account an issue's political, socio-economic and ecological dimensions. Students in the HDNR major gain skills to see a conservation issue through the eyes of varied stakeholders, to understand perspectives of an issue that may be different than their own, and how to work effectively with others in order to collaboratively address environmental issues. The HDNR major prepares students for a variety of jobs in conservation, with an emphasis on jobs that require strong interpersonal skills, leading others, and collaborating with people with diverse insights and opinions. These skills are transferable to a wide gamut of conservation jobs, such as an outdoor education instructor, park ranger for a protected area, or an associate with an environmental planning firm.

## First-Destination Employers

- ◆ USDA Forest Service
- ◆ Rocky Mountain National Park Service
- ◆ City & County of Denver Parks & Recreation
- ◆ City of Steamboat Springs Parks & Community Services
- ◆ Visit Fort Collins
- ◆ Educo Leadership Adventures
- ◆ Peace Corps

## First-Destination Job Titles

- ◆ Outreach Coordinator
- ◆ Environmental Educator
- ◆ Recreation Technician
- ◆ Park Ranger
- ◆ Visitor Use Assitant
- ◆ Resource Planner

## Mid Level Positions

*\*may require more experience or education*

- ◆ Advisor for Public Lands & Recreation
- ◆ City Planner
- ◆ Sustainability Manager
- ◆ Director of Natural Resources
- ◆ Project Manager
- ◆ Director of Recreation Operations



# 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

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Get An  
Internship

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Work On  
Campus

Use  
Career  
Center  
Services

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GPA

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## 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.”**

### Outreach Coordinators

Activities may include: instructing, developing and evaluating outreach education programs for school and public audiences; developing restoration and enhancement projects; identifying funding opportunities; and overseeing community outreach materials.

### Parks & Recreation Directors

Activities may include: planning and evaluating present and future recreational programs and events; managing and leading staff; developing relationships with partners and public including potentially bringing volunteers, boards, and organizations together; ensuring compliance with federal and state laws; overseeing budget and priorities and working at a city, state, or federal level.

\* 5 years out