

# CASE STUDY HISTORY

2000-2023

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## 2000-2001 Case Studies

Fall: *Irrigation Districts within the Methow Valley*; Winthrop and Walla Walla, Washington  
Winter: *Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Reviews Re-Licensing*; Hood River, Oregon  
Spring: *Hanford Reach National Monument*; Richland, Washington

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## 2001-2002 Case Studies

Fall: *Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan*; Forest Grove, Oregon  
Winter: *Re-introduction of Wolves at Yellowstone National Park*; Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming  
Spring: *Steens Mountain Special Protection Legislation*; Frenchglen, Oregon

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## 2002-2003 Case Studies

Fall: *Dam Removal on Fish-Bearing Streams in the Pacific Northwest*; Elk Creek Dam Medford, Oregon  
Spring: *Energy Production and the Preservation of Natural Resources*; Hood River, Oregon  
Winter: *Search for Tribal Economic Independence: The Makah Tribe Whale Hunt*; Neah Bay, WA

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## 2003-2004 Case Studies

Fall: *The Salton Sea*; Palm Desert, California  
Winter: *Off-Shore Ground Fish Issue*; Newport, Oregon  
Spring: *Forest Wildfires, Summer 2002*; Medford, Oregon

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## 2004-2005 Case Studies

Fall: *The Klamath Basin Water Conflict*; Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Winter: *Kangley-Echo Lake 500 Kilovolt Transmission Line*; North Bend, Washington  
Spring: *Natural Resource Policies of the Nez Perce Tribe*; Lapwai, Idaho

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## 2005-2006 Case Studies

Fall: *Forest Ecosystem Management: The Northwest Forest Plan*; Corvallis, Oregon  
Winter: *Columbia River Channel Improvement Project*; Longview, Washington  
Spring: *Conserving the Greater Sage Grouse*; Reno, Nevada

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## 2006-2007 Case Studies

Fall: *Managing Water Flows on The Missouri River*; Bismarck, ND & Kansas City, MO  
Winter: *Mount Hood National Forest Recreation Plan*; Welches, Oregon  
Spring: *Grizzly Bear Management Plan*; Bozeman, Montana

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## 2007-2008 Case Studies

Fall: *Managing Complexity: Superfund Asbestos-Contaminated Vermiculite Clean-up*; Libby, Montana  
Winter: *Conflicting Priorities: ESA and the Marine Mammal Protection Act*; Astoria, Oregon  
Spring: *Deep Connections: Groundwater Mitigation Rule for the Deschutes River Basin*; Bend, Oregon

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## 2008-2009 Case Studies

Fall: *Healthy Forest Restoration*; Klamath Falls and Lakeview, Oregon  
Winter: *The Rush to Renewables: Wind Energy Development*; The Dalles, Oregon  
Spring: *Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill: Twenty Years Later*; Anchorage and Valdez, Alaska

## 2009-2010 Case Studies

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Fall: *Salmon Hatchery Reform in the Columbia River Basin*; The Dalles and Pendleton, Oregon  
Winter: *Tillamook Estuary Flood Control and Restoration*; Tillamook, Oregon  
Spring: *Wild Horse Management on Public Lands*; Burns and Frenchglen, Oregon

## 2010-2011 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Implementing Landscape Level Policies and Plans

Fall: *Klamath Basin Restoration Agreements*; Klamath Falls, Oregon  
Winter: *Bison Management in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem*; Yellowstone National Park  
Spring: *Killer Whale Recovery in Puget Sound*; Friday Harbor, Washington

## 2011-2012 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Getting Ahead of the Curve

Fall: *Wolf Recovery Management In Oregon*; Enterprise Oregon  
Winter: *Beneath the Surface: Allocating Oregon's Territorial Sea*; Newport Oregon  
Spring: *Controlling Aquatic Invasive Species: Mission Impossible?*; Lake Mead Nevada

## 2012-2013 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Restoring the Land, Sustaining Communities

Fall: *Elwha River Dam Removal and Restoration*; Olympic National Park, WA  
Winter: *The Changing Landscape of Forest Management in SW Oregon*; Coos Bay, OR  
Spring: *Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration and Management*; Burns and Frenchglen OR

## 2013-2014 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Repurposing the Organic Machine

Winter: *Phasing Out Gill Netting in the Lower Columbia River*; Astoria Oregon  
Spring: *US/Canada Columbia River Treaty Negotiation*; Bonners Ferry ID, Libby MT  
Summer: *Restoring Watershed and Community Health in the John Day Basin*; John Day OR

## 2014-2015 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Fire and Water: Complex Interdependencies in Natural Resource Management and Restoration

Fall: *A River Restored? The Yakima Basin Integrated Water Management Plan*; Yakima WA  
Winter: *Vital Recovery: The Douglas Complex Fires*; Canyonville OR  
Spring: *Deep Connections: Re-Balancing Flows in the Deschutes River Basin*; Bend OR

## 2015-2016 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Legacies- Adapting Management to Implement Treaties and Laws from Past Eras

Fall: *Treaty Rights at Risk in Western Washington*; Anacortes, Washington  
Winter: *Adaptive Management of Malheur and Shelton-Hart National Wildlife Refuges*; Burns, Oregon  
Spring: *Implementing the Sealaska Lands Bill in SE Alaska*; Juneau and Ketchikan, Alaska

## 2016-2017 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Exploring resilient systems, both natural and organizational

Fall: *Port of Portland: Managing Growth and Change at the Intersection of Industry and Environment*  
Winter: *Conservation and Renewable Energy in the California Desert, Sacramento & Ridgecrest, California*  
Spring: *Creating Fire Resilient Communities, Baker City*

### 2017-2018 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Connections between landscape and communities

Fall: *The Paradox of Public Use: Managing and protecting natural resource lands in a time of changing demographics and increasing public use, Bend, Oregon*

Winter: *Preparing for the Big One: Tsunami Preparation and Community Resiliency, Astoria, Oregon*

Spring: *Wildfire, Floods, and Public Support for Managing Risk: Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project*

### 2018-2019 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Making life work: Natural Resource Economies in the Rural West

Fall: *Subsistence lifestyles in rural Alaska (Anchorage)*

Winter: *Aquaculture in Puget Sound (Port Townsend)*

Spring: *Agriculture and ranching in Wallowa County (Enterprise)*

### 2019-2020 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Exploring new ways to organize, think about and address natural resource challenges

Fall: *Watershed Restoration: Innovation in Practice and Risk Reduction, Ashland, Oregon*

Winter: *Innovation in Organization: Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, Issaquah, Washington*

Spring: *Innovation in Governance and Planning: The Mountain Accord & Central Wasatch Commission, Salt Lake City*  
*Spring 2020 case was postponed due to pandemic*

### 2020-2021 Case Studies | Pandemic year

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Program Year Theme: Leading in uncertainty: the twin challenge of leading through day-to-day chaotic times while also leading toward long-term policy and organizational goals. *Cases were modified due to pandemic. Significant use of virtual platforms, though field visits were included in fall and spring.*

Fall: *Nexus of Change: The Columbia River Gorge (Gorge Field Tour)*

Winter: *Disruption: The Duty and Opportunity of Leadership in Uncertainty*

Spring: *Coping with Fire Today | Preparing for Fire Tomorrow (Santiam Canyon Field Tour)*

### 2021-2022 Case Studies | Pandemic year

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Program Year Theme: Leadership on the line: managing conflict, unaligned expectations, addressing painful historic injustices and decision making in a context of unknown risk

Fall: *Forest Park: Seeking Balance in Portland's Urban Forest*

Winter: *Disruption: Environmental Justice: Theory and Practice in Northeast Portland*

Spring: *Spirit Lake Tunnel: Infrastructure, Ecology and Catastrophic Risk*

### 2022-2023 Case Studies

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Program Year Theme: Building Back Resilience – Transitioning to new ways of operating in an uncertain world.

Fall: *Teanaway Community Forest: Community Engagement & Decision Making (Cle Elum, WA)*

Winter: *West Coast Groundfish Recovery: Partnering Back from the Brink (Newport, OR)*

Spring: *Restoring the Willamette River: From Mitigation to Stewardship (Corvallis, OR)*