

AUDREY SLAYTON BERES

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Career interests: Public lands management and planning; NEPA analysis; forest resources management.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT, December 2007

MASTER OF FORESTRY, SAF Accredited, December 2007

Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences

Duke University, Durham, NC

Master's project: Evaluation of public participation under new National Forest planning rules.

Concentration: The intersection of policy and forest resource management.

Coursework in interpreting and analyzing major environmental laws and policies, cost-benefit analysis, public participation and conflict resolution, and numerous resource management courses including silviculture, vegetation sampling, fire ecology, and soil and water quality management.

Leadership: Executive Officer, Duke chapter, Society of American Foresters, 2006.

BACHELOR OF ARTS, *graduated with honors*, May 2003

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Major: Environmental studies with public policy focus. GPA 3.6 of 4.0.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Business Plan Consultant, Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, AR

Evaluated the park's \$8M budget using business management skills, in collaboration with MBA student. Conferred with park staff to analyze current operations and identify priorities for Interpretation, Law Enforcement, Resource Management, and Park Management functions. Developed five revenue and efficiency strategies for an annual benefit of up to \$200,000. Communicated results to local community through two radio shows. Co-authored published business plan document for distribution to US Congress, NPS leadership, and local stakeholders. Summer 2007

Land Management Planning Specialist, Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition, Asheville, NC

Developed a citizen's guide to US Forest Service planning under new regulations introduced in 2005. Synthesized information from agency regulations and interviews with planners, scientists, lawyers and stakeholders. Produced 51 page guide for distribution to a coalition of 15 forest protection non-profits to facilitate participation in major plan revisions for regional national forests. Summer 2006

Wildland Urban Interface Outreach Intern, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Van Buren, MO

Educated homeowners on protecting property from wildland fire. Collaborated with rural fire departments, homeowners associations and conservation department to implement two fuels reduction demonstration projects. Evaluated hundreds of homes against FIREWISE safety criteria and mapped with GPS units. Designed and presented interpretive program on wildland fire. Summer 2002

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Prescribed Fire Crew, The Nature Conservancy, 2005-2006

Teaching Assistant: Public participation in decisionmaking; Duke Forest land management skills practicum; and forest management traveling seminar, 2006-2007

Brownfields Policy Consultant, Washington University in St. Louis

Interdisciplinary Environmental Clinic, St. Louis, MO, Spring 2003

US Environmental Protection Agency Intern, Washington, DC, Fall 2002

Youth Camp Counselor, Camp Webb, Wautoma, WI, Summers 2000 and 2001