FOR 285 SUSTAINABLE FOREST CERTIFICATION
Project Assignment

Purpose: This course provides exposure to diverse elements, actors, and issues in certification as a way to promote the social & ecological goals of sustainable forest management. The purpose of the project it to provide you will in depth understanding of some aspect of forest certification which is most relevant to your interests and educational objectives. An added plus (though not required) would be to provide a product useful to others.

Project Attributes:
1. The project may be **research-based** and/or **activity-oriented**. Either way, the student is required to complete **a written summary** which demonstrates in depth knowledge in some aspect of sustainable forest certification.
2. You may work in groups of any size or by yourself.
3. Your project may be directly applicable to other academic projects (e.g. thesis). However, it should still satisfy attribute #1 and you should let other professors know if there is considerable overlap with products for another class.
4. Length of the written summary can vary based on the nature of your project. About 15-30 pp. could be an appropriate range depending on your project. The length of your proposed written summary, in addition to any other products, should be specified in your proposal and is open for negotiation.
5. Your final product can be composed of other elements in addition to your written summary. Websites, brochures, sets of files, events, etc. can all be products.
6. You will give an informal presentation of your work to the class on Dec. 8.

Potential Topics:
1. Preparing Jericho Research Forest for assessment. This could involve identifying an beginning to undertake some task(s) needed to be completed before Jericho can undergo assessment. One possible approach is to take begin to assemble available data by Principle and/or to take a couple of principles and identify data needs.
2. Up to you!

Proposal (DUE Oct. 20) (10 % of project grade)
        A 1-2 page proposal which covers the following topics should be submitted in class on Oct. 20. You can discuss content before, on and after Oct. 20 with instructors.
Format/outline for proposal:
1. Title
2. Topic Summary (approx. 1-5 sentences)
3. Justification (why this is important, what issues in certification it addresses)
4. Project Description (components of what you are doing)
5. Project Partners (list all, including those outside of class)
6. Products (include proposed length of any written products)
7. Timeline

Final Projects due Dec. 8
        Presentation in Class (10% or project grade)
        Written Summary and other products (80% of project grade)