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RAY RASKER



EDUCATION

Ph.D., Resource Economics, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University.

October 1989. Specialization: - ecological economics, natural resource policy, the role of markets in natural resource management, rural economic development.

Master of Agriculture, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado. Research topic: analysis of the demand for North American cattle genetics in the Netherlands. May 1984.

Specialization - agricultural economics and marketing. 4.0 GPA.

Bachelor of Science, Wildlife Biology School of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. April 1982.

CURRENT and RECENT EMPLOYMENT

Current Executive Director, Headwaters Economics (www.headwaterseconomics.org)
Headwaters Economics is an independent, nonprofit research group. Our mission is to improve community development and land management decisions in the West. We work throughout the western U.S. and Canada.
Budget (FY17): \$2.1 million.

Current Affiliate Faculty, Department of Ecology, Montana State University.

2005-2006 Senior Economist, Sonoran Institute.

Responsible for research on conservation and development; serve as spokesperson on topics related to economic development and conservation in the West; oversee the production and upkeep of technological products such as software and databases (e.g., Economic Profile System); solicit and fulfill fee-for-service research contracts; serve as a liaison between federal sources of rural development funding and community development projects; conduct community-level *Economic Strategy* workshops throughout the West and assist in fundraising.

2002-2005 Director, Socioeconomics Program, Sonoran Institute

Responsible for research, development of instructional materials, and teaching courses on economic analysis, the changing economy of the West, and opportunities for sustainable development. Development and distribution of software (EPS, Economic Profile System) to field staff of US land management agencies. Publishing peer reviewed studies and book chapters on economics and the environment. Grew Socioeconomics Program budget from \$150,000/year and 2 staff to \$500,000/year and 8 employees in four states.

1997-2002 Director, Northwest Office, Sonoran Institute

Responsible for management and fund raising for a 5-person office in Bozeman, MT, with a field office in Canmore, AB. Other duties: research on the changing economy of the West and the relationship between the environment and community well-being; training programs on how to conduct economic analysis; training programs for NGOs and land management agencies on balancing economic growth with economic protection; on the board of the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative. Northwest Office Budget: \$500,000/year. Supervised 8 employees.

1998- 2005 Adjunct Assistant Professor Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University.

PUBLICATIONS (* indicates refereed journal)

* Tania Schoennagel, T., J. Balch, H. Brenkert-Smith, P. Dennison, B. Harvey, M. Krawchuk, N. Mietkiewicz, P. Morgan, M. Moritz, R. Rasker, M. Turner, C. Whitlock. 2017. "Adapt More to Wildfire in Western north American Forests as Climate Changes. PNAS. www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1617464114.

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* Haggerty, J., M. Haggerty, and R. Rasker. 2014. "Uneven Local Benefits of Renewable Energy in the U.S. West: Property Tax Policy Effects." Western Economics Forum. 13(1): 8-22.

* Haggerty, J., M. Haggerty, R. Rasker and P. Gude. 2014. "County Economic Development at a Glance: A Single Measure of Opportunity." Western Economics Forum. 13(1): 1-7.

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* Rasker, R., P. Gude, and M. Delorey. 2013. "The Effect of Protected Federal Lands on Economic Prosperity in the Non-metropolitan West." Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy. 43(2): 110-122.

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* Gude P.H., K.L. Jones, R. Rasker, M.C. Greenwood. In Press. "Evidence for the Effect of Homes on Wildfire Suppression Costs." International Journal of Wildland Fire. 22:537-548.

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Haggerty, M., and R. Rasker. 2010. County Payments, Jobs, and Forest Health: Ideas for Reforming the Secure rural Schools and community Self-Determination Act (SRS) and Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). Headwaters Economics. Bozeman, Montana.

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* Rasker, R., P.H. Gude, J.A. Gude, J. van den Noort. 2009. "The Economic Importance of Air Travel in High-Amenity Rural Areas." Journal of Rural Studies 25(2009): 343-353

Rasker, R. 2008. Economic Change in the American West - Solutions to the Downside of Amenity Migration In Moss A.G.L. (ed.) Understanding and Managing Amenity-led Migration in Mountain Regions, Banff, Alberta) Proceedings of the Mountain Culture at the Banff Centre conference held May 15-19, 2008. Co-published by the International Amenity Migration Centre. p. 131-138

* Gude, P., R. Rasker and van den Noort, J. 2008. "Potential for Future Development on Fire-Prone Lands." Journal of Forestry. June: 198-205.

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Rasker, R., and B. Alexander. 2008. The Potential Economic Impacts of the Badlands Wilderness in Central Oregon. Headwaters Economics. April. Bozeman, Montana.

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* Rasker, R. 2005. "Wilderness for Its Own Sake or as Economic Asset?" J of Land, Resources, Environmental Law 25(1): 15-20.

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* Hansen, A.J, R. Rasker, B., Maxwell, J.L. Rotella, J.D. Johnson, A. Wright Parmenter, U. Langer, W. B. Cohen, R. L. Lawrence, and M. P.V. Kraska. 2002. "Ecological Causes and Consequences of Demographic Change in the New West." Bioscience. Vol. 52(2): 151-162

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* Rasker R. and A. Hansen. 2000. "Natural Amenities and Population Growth in the Greater Yellowstone Region." Human Ecology Review. Vol. 7(2): 30-40.

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* Rasker, R. 1999. "Your Next Job Will be in Services. Should you be Worried?" Chronicle of Community Vol. 3 (2): 38-42.

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* Rasker R. and D. Glick. 1994. "The Footloose Entrepreneurs: Pioneers of the New West?" Illiahee. Vol. 10(1): 34-43.

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Rasker, R. 1989. Agriculture and Wildlife: An Economic Analysis of Waterfowl Habitat Management on Farms in Western Oregon. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. College of Forestry, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

Rasker R. and T. Bedell (Eds.). 1987. Developing Profitable Resource-Based Recreation on Private Land. Proceedings to the 1987 Pacific Northwest Range Management Short Course. Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.

Rasker R. 1983. "The Influence of Holstein-Friesian Cattle on Beef Production in the Netherlands". Colorado Agribusiness. Fall, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service.

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Rasker R. 1983. "Some Consequences of the Devaluation of Mexico's Peso". Colorado Agribusiness. Spring, Colorado State University Cooperative Extension Service.

PRESENTATIONS/LECTURES

A sought-after speaker, giving dozens of talks per year. Travel extensively for lectures and presentations are delivered to a variety of audiences, with an average of three per month. They include lectures at universities such as the White House, Princeton University, University of Pittsburgh, University of Colorado School of Law, and University of Edmonton, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, the Department of the Interior's Office of Policy Analysis, the White House, as well as numerous presentations to chambers of commerce and economic development groups in communities throughout the West. Have testified several times before Congress.

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION

"Conservation and Sustainable Development" (ESci 580), Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University. Spring semester 1993, 1994.

"Graduate Seminar" (ESci 500), Department of Earth Sciences, Montana State University. Spring semester 1993, 1994.

"Natural Resource Policy", Department of Political Science, Montana State University. Spring semester 1992.

"Management Seminar", College of Business, Montana State University. Fall semester 1991.

"Recreation Resources Planning", Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University. Spring term 1987.

Teaching Assistant: "Economics of Outdoor Recreation". Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University. Fall 1987 and "Quantitative Methods". Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University. Winter 1989.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Oct. 1989 to Oct. 1997: Economist, The Wilderness Society, (Ecology and Economics Research Department). Development of community-based solutions to sustainable development. Includes applied work with communities and land management agencies, publication and distribution of studies related to regional economic trends, and cooperative research with Montana State University. Majority of time is devoted to working with rural communities adjacent to wild lands (by their invitation only), helping them discover the link between environmental quality and community development, and developing strategies for growth management. The principal tool in this approach, developed by Ray Rasker as lead, is *Measuring Change in Rural Communities: A Workbook for Determining Demographic, Economic, and Fiscal Trends*.

Jan. 1986 to Oct. 1989: Graduate Research Assistant and Instructor, Department of Forest Resources, Department Forest Resources, Oregon State University.

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June 1985 to Dec. 1986: Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Office of International Agriculture, Oregon State University.

Dec. 1984 to May 1985: Sales Representative, American Breeders Service, Corvallis, Oregon. Cattle artificial insemination, marketing, and genetic consulting.

May 1983 to Nov. 1984: Herdsmen and Research Technician, Colorado State University Dairy, Fort Collins, Colorado. Worked here while completing Masters degree.

Jan. 1978 to July 1982: Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle Washington.

June 1978 to Aug. 1982: Wildlife Biologist, Various seasonal positions: Olympic National Park, Washington (Mountain Goats); University of British Columbia (Stone's Sheep in Northern B.C.); Seattle Aquarium (N. Fur Seals) and consultant to the Seattle Zoo (first successful captivity of Mountain Goats).

AFFILIATIONS (current and past)

Past Board member, Working Dogs for Conservation
Advisory Board, the Brainerd Foundation.
Board of Directors, the Chinook Institute for Community Stewardship (Canmore, Alberta).
Open Lands Board of Gallatin County, Montana
Advisory Board, Parks and Open Space, Gallatin County Board of Commissioners
International Society for Ecological Economics
Society of American Foresters
Board member, Corporation for Northern Rockies
Board member, Montana Science and Technology Alliance
Advisory committee, Gallatin Valley Land Trust
Bozeman Area Bicycle Advisory Board

HONORS

Sustainable Hero Award, Center of the American West, University of Colorado at Boulder.
Gamma Sigma Delta
Phi Kappa Phi
Robert Bowman Fellowship, Oregon State University.
Outstanding Conservation Leadership Award, Wilburforce Foundation

MEDIA

For recent press see: <http://headwaterseconomics.org/doc/media>

Among others, research findings have appeared in:

Christian Science Monitor

The Chicago Tribune

Washington Post

National Public Radio, BBC World News

Associated Press (several papers)

Denver Post

Seattle Times

New York Times

CNN, NBC, Al Jazeera

Regional newspapers

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY Fluent in English, proficient in Spanish and Dutch.

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PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Age 60, married to Jodi Rasker, and father of two daughters, Hannah (31) and Hillary (26). Born in Calgary, Canada. Have resided in the Netherlands, Costa Rica, Mexico (13 years), Spain and the United States (WA, CO, OR & MT). Citizen of the U.S. and Canada. Hobbies include reading, travel, camping, canoeing, and bicycle racing.