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Reading Assignment #2

1. Three interesting things
   1. I found the distinction between problems and issues to be interesting. Problems can arise in many ways, but are often solvable. Issues, however, are often interpersonal conflicts and have human value judgements placed on natural resource policies.
   2. The authors are not afraid to take shots at large corporations and affluent NGOs that operate close to policymakers and advance a capitalist agenda. While I agree, many ENGOs are just as capable and skillful at attacking the status quo to advance their own issues.
   3. The buffalo is facing left on today’s DOI.gov website, which is interesting. There’s also a headline calling for the NY Times to correct the record that the DOI is filled with Trump campaign donors don’t have sufficient experience, however, the DOI article is a few sentences long and does not attempt to provide evidence contrary to the NYT article they oppose.
2. This chapter highlights the need for effective communication of science to the general public. Often, issues people have with natural resource management can be discussed in the context of science and conservation and that could help ameliorate public dissatisfaction with policy.
3. Maybe it’s in the next chapter, but I thought they could have spent more time on policy implementation. What are examples of a new policy mandate being ignored?