

School of Forestry**Fire and Forest Management Professional Certificate****Class Information and Instructions TERM 2025**

FOR-444: Wilderness Management for Professionals (course number for enrollment: 9564)

Wilderness areas represent some of the most pristine protected public lands in the United States. More than 50 years after the signing of the 1964 Wilderness Act, the complexities of trying to preserve these places are still emerging. This class will explore what wilderness is and how it came to be protected, examine core approaches and techniques for managing and monitoring wilderness, and discuss the challenges we face as we work to manage these lands for future generations. This semester, you will work to build your own tool kit of idea, approached, and problem-solving strategies for wilderness through examination and discussion of case studies, management documents, and conversations with local wilderness managers. You will have opportunities to develop your own wilderness stewardship ethic and apply it in a range of different contexts.

Textbook Information Course materials will be provided by the instructor and/or through open-source readings available via Canvas. No textbook purchase is required.

Course Dates: October 17th, 2025, to December 5th, 2025.

The class begins October 17th with asynchronous online sessions and requires web access and an NAU email account. Course materials, readings, and assignments will become available online beginning October 17th at 12:00 am. This course is 100% remote and asynchronous, so no travel or scheduling is required. If you are not familiar with the Canvas Learning Management system, please find help here: <https://canvas.nau.edu/courses/1943>.