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A Science, Education and Outreach Roadmap

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ABSTRACT
The nation’s security, prosperity, productivity, and quality of life are integrally linked to our natural resources. Wise management and use of these resources depend on a strong knowledge base, a well-trained cadre of natural resource professionals, and a well informed citizenry and decision makers. To facilitate these needs, the Board of Natural Resources (BNR) of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) worked with scientists across the country to craft a Science, Education and Outreach Roadmap for Natural Resources. Within the context of helping meet important societal needs, the roadmap is intended to chart a path for natural resources research, education, and outreach for public universities for the next decade; to identify major knowledge gaps and priorities; to provide guidance for policy makers in strategic planning and investment; and to facilitate the development of interdisciplinary teams focused on natural resources challenges. The roadmap is built around six broad thematic areas or grand challenges related to natural resources: Sustainability, Water, Climate Change, Agriculture, Energy, and Education. In this presentation, John Hayes provides an overview of the roadmap, emphasizing critical linkages between natural resources and agricultural production, human health, and societal well-being. Strong research and educational institutions with focused programs in natural resources targeted to advance the public good can significantly benefit the nation; the roadmap sets the stage and identifies the strategic direction to achieve this end.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY
John P. Hayes, Ph.D., is Dean of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. Dr. Hayes previously served as the Dean for Research for the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science, Director of the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, and Associate Dean for International Programs in the Oregon State University College of Forestry. He received a B.S. in Wildlife Science at Oregon State University, an M.S. in Biology at Southern Oregon University, and a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Cornell University, and was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Tennessee. His research focuses on the influences of land management on wildlife, the relationships between forest management and biodiversity, and the conservation and ecology of forests and wildlife.
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