EIA Assignment 1

Assume you are employed in the municipal government of a community affected by a proposed project as described by an Environmental Impact Statement. (These are often posted on the web, see http://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/current/ then go to the agency that developed the statement to find it. You can also start with a specific project by searching at the agency that produced it. You will also find a number of EIS's located in the bookcase near the blackboard in room E371--pick one out--a recent one.) For the EIS you have chosen, prepare a critique in memo form for the mayor of your city (no more than 2 pages). Review the statement relative to the following issues (use headings in your memo):

a) Purpose and Need: Is a clear and valid case made for the project?

b) Treatment of environmental impacts. How thoroughly are they analyzed; how specific is the information, if negative, are there ways given to mitigate the impacts?

c) Other parts of the statement, i.e. project description, long versus short range, irreversible and irreplaceable, etc.

d) Conclusions. Are they properly drawn?

e) General appearance, graphics and writing quality.

Due February 15, 2005.

EIA Assignment 2

Briefly (3 pages or less total)

a) Summarize the value of wilderness according to Leopold.

b) Discuss any relationship you see between NEPA and Leopold’s view in Part III – The Upshot

c) Give five to seven quotes that help to understand the relationship Between Leopold and NEPA

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