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Directions:	Evaluate the trainee using the rating scale below and check the appropriate number to indicate the degree of competency achieved. The numerical ratings of 3, 2, 1, and 0 are not intended to represent the traditional school grading system of A, B, C, D, and F. The descriptions associated with each of the numbers focus on level of student performance for each of the tasks listed below.
Rating Scale:	0 - No Exposure - no information nor practice provided during training program, complete training required. 1 - Exposure Only - general information provided with no practice time, close supervision needed and additional training required. 2 - Moderately Skilled - has performed independently during training program, limited additional training may be required. 3 - Skilled - can perform independently with no additional training.

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01.0 Our Natural Resources Then and Now

The student will be able to:

- 0 1 2 3
- 01.01 Define terms associated with natural resources
 - 01.02 Define and discuss the concept of natural resources
 - 01.03 List and describe the major categories of natural resources in America
 - 01.04 Explain what makes something a natural resource
 - 01.05 Explain why nature's resources once seemed limitless and why this is no longer true
 - 01.06 Describe how the usefulness of a natural resource change over time, and what factors most effect their usefulness
 - 01.07 Indicate the land area of the United States, how much is suitable for farming, and how much is suitable for crop production
 - 01.08 Explain why there is a water shortage problem in this country
 - 01.09 Indicate how many species of wild animals, birds, and fish have become extinct in this country since colonial times
 - 01.10 Indicated what the forested area of this country was 300 years ago, what it is today, and explain how it can bc that our smaller forest area produces more wood today
 - 01.11 Explain what the direct or indirect source of most of our energy resources is
 - 01.12 List our key mineral resources and what their known reserves are

02.0 A History of Conservation in the United States

The student will be able to:

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- 02.01 Determine terms associated with conservation history
 - 02.02 Compare exploitation, conservation, and preservation as they related to natural resources management
 - 02.03 Outline the history of conservation in the United States
 - 02.04 Describe the role of the federal government in conservation
 - 02.05 Explain why Americans have had such wasteful practices in using our natural resources in the past
 - 02.06 Explain what would have happened to our fish and game animal populations if sport hunters and fisherman had not fought market hunters
 - 02.07 Indicate who pays for wildlife conservation in this country
 - 02.08 Explain the Weeks Law of 1911, and why it was important
 - 02.09 Explain the concept of a soil and water conservation district, and how it works
 - 02.10 Explain how the federal government helped local farmers and other landowners work to solve their soil and water conservation problems
 - 02.11 Explain why soil and water conservation is a federal concern
 - 02.12 List the three needs that early water management efforts in America centered around

03.0 Principles of Ecology-Ecosystem Structure

The student will be able to:

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- 03.01 Define ecology and explain its subdivision structure
- 03.02 List the characteristics of all living organisms, and describe the term irritability. Give examples of irritability
- 03.03 Describe the process of evolution including the concepts of natural selection and adaptation
- 03.04 Explain how genetic change could result in the major changes that occur in evolution and what role the environment plays in evolution
- 03.05 Determine the term biosphere and explain why the biosphere is considered a closed system naming some closed systems
- 03.06 Determine the term biome and explain what determines the type of vegetation in a biome
- 03.07 Define the term ecosystem and explain some common features of all ecosystems
- 03.08 Describe the abiotic components of the ecosystem and how these factors affect plant and animal life
- 03.09 Discuss the concept 'range of tolerance'
- 03.10 Explain a limiting factor and tell what the limiting factor is in most terrestrial ecosystems
- 03.11 Discuss the terms niche and habitat
- 03.12 Discuss the statement: no two organisms can occupy the same niche in the same habitat
- 03.13 Explain an ecological equivalent and give an example

04.0 Principles of Ecology-Ecosystem Function

The student will be able to:

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- 04.01 Explain a food chain, discussing the two major types of food chain how they are different and how they are similar
- 04.02 Sketch several simple food chains and indicate all producers and consumers
- 04.03 Explain microconsumers and why they are important
- 04.04 Explain biomass and how it is measured
- 04.05 Discuss why biomass decreases as we ascend the food chain
- 04.06 Define the following terms: consumer, producer, trophic level and food web
- 04.07 Explain cellular respiration and why carbon dioxide is released during respiration in producers and consumers

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- 04.08 Explain the implications of decreasing biomass in the food chain and how this affects the number of higher-level consumers
- 04.09 Define the terms gross primary productivity and net primary productivity, explaining the most productive regions of the earth and why or why not these can be tapped for food
- 04.10 Draw the carbon cycle, and describe what happens during the various parts of the cycle
- 04.11 Draw the nitrogen cycle and list organisms that fix atmospheric nitrogen and why this is critical to the operation of the nitrogen cycle
- 04.12 Draw and describe the phosphorus cycle
- 04.13 Define the following terms: predation, commensalism, mutualism, neutralism and competition, comparing them for similarities and differences

05.0 Principles of Ecology-Ecosystem Balance and Imbalance

The student will be able to:

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- 05.01 Describe ecosystem stability and give examples of stable ecosystems
- 05.02 If you were to examine a mature ecosystem over the course of 30 years at the same time each year, discuss why you would expect the number of species in the ecosystem and the population size of each of these species to be the same from year to year or not
- 05.03 Determine inertia and resilience
- 05.04 Explain environmental resistance and the role it plays in population balance and ecosystem balance
- 05.05 Determine the term species diversity. Give evidence that species diversity affects ecosystem stability and any evidence contradicting this idea
- 05.06 Discuss a mature ecosystem and its major features
- 05.07 Describe temporary imbalances caused in ecosystems you are familiar with and how the ecosystem returns to normal
- 05.08 Explain succession and why one biotic community eventually is replaced by another during succession
- 05.09 Discuss a pioneer community
- 05.10 Discuss why environmental resistance changes during succession as one community is gradually replaced by another and in what ways human populations change environmental resistance and how that affects our population

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- 05.11 Describe how introducing and removing competitors into an ecosystem can affect ecosystem stability and give examples
- 05.12 Discuss why it is necessary for humans to simplify their ecosystem and how it may be avoided-give some examples

06.0 Concepts of Natural Resources Management

The student will be able to:

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- 06.01 Match the terms and concepts of natural resource management with their definitions
- 06.02 Explain the differences between nonexhaustible, renewable, and exhaustible natural resources
- 06.03 Discuss the concept of balance in natural ecosystems
- 06.04 Discuss the role of food chains in maintaining balanced ecosystems
- 06.05 Discuss the role of ecology in human efforts at natural resources management
- 06.06 Define an ecosystem
- 06.07 Define man's ecosystem
- 06.08 Discuss some ways that nature is balanced
- 06.09 Trace the human population level over the past 8000 years
- 06.10 Discuss differences between conservation and preservation

07.0 Soil Characteristics

The student will be able to:

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- 07.01 Define terms associated with soil characteristics
- 07.02 outline the processes involved in soil formation
- 07.03 Describe a mature soil profile
- 07.04 Discuss the eight be capability classes
- 07.05 Describe soil series and explain how those differ from land capability classes
- 07.06 List the major weathering forces
- 07.07 Discuss how parent materials differ from rocks and minerals
- 07.08 Give the main categories of parent material and define each
- 07.09 Differentiate between original tissue and humus, telling which gives topsoil its color
- 07.10 Tell how organic-matter content affects the sod
- 07.11 List and define six important physical properties of the soil

08.0 Soil Erosion

The student will be able to:

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- 08.01 Define terms associated with soil erosion
- 08.02 Differentiate natural soil erosion from sod erosion caused by humans
- 08.03 List the main causes of accelerated soil erosion
- 08.04 List and define the major types of soil erosion
- 08.05 Explain geological erosion
- 08.06 Explain accelerated erosion
- 08.07 Discuss how humans cause accelerated erosion.
- 08.08 List and discuss three types of water-caused erosion

09.0 Controlling Erosion

The student will be able to:

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- 09.01 Define terms associated with controlling erosion
- 09.02 Explain how land capability classes relate to wise soil use
- 09.03 Explain why soil erosion control should be important to everyone
- 09.04 List the most important thing we can do to control soil erosion
- 09.05 Describe the major sources of nonfarm soil erosion
- 09.06 Explain why nonfarm landowners should accept responsibility for soil erosion control on their land
- 09.07 Explain the relationship between mining or construction and erosion
- 09.08 Discuss the importance of conversion of land from farm to nonfarm use in this country and what this implies about the erosion problem
- 09.09 Explain why highway construction presents a special erosion problem
- 09.10 Discuss the need for erosion control and reclamation in strip mining operations
- 09.11 Describe some important techniques used in controlling agricultural and non-agricultural soil erosion

10.0 Land-Use Planning

The student will be able to:

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- 10.01 Define terms associated with land use planning
- 10.02 Explain why land-use planning is important to our ecosystems and to our economy

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- 10.03 Differentiate between on-farmland-use planning and political land-use planning
- 10.04 Compare farming for immediate income and farming for long-term income as they relate to soil conservation
- 10.05 Explain why economic development for short-term profit can be damaging to the economy as a whole in terms of long-run soil erosion
- 10.06 Explain the most important part of the farm's conservation effort
- 10.07 Explain how fast farmland is being converted to nonfarm use in America
- 10.08 Explain how zoning regulations affect land use

11.0 Water Supply and Water Users

The student will be able to:

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- 11.01 Define terms associated with water supply and water users
- 11.02 Explain the components of the hydrologic cycle
- 11.03 Explain the main water users
- 11.04 Identify and discuss the common types of irrigation systems
- 11.05 Give the three zones of groundwater supply
- 11.06 Describe how hydroelectric plants affect our environment
- 11.07 List common ways water is used in recreation
- 11.08 List five domestic uses of water

12.0 Water Pollution

The student will be able to:

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- 12.01 Define terms associated with water pollution
- 12.02 Identify the three major water pollution groups
- 12.03 Explain the four major categories of industrial pollution
- 12.04 Explain the function of a cooling tower and cooling lagoon
- 12.05 List and explain the major agricultural pollutants
- 12.06 Explain the common water pollution control measures
- 12.07 Explain the "BOD" test, and what it measures
- 12.08 Explain why water control measures are difficult to implement

13.0 Waste Management

The student will be able to:

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- 13.01 Define terms associated with waste management
- 13.02 Identify the three major groups of wastes
- 13.03 Explain how a septic system functions
- 13.04 Explain primary, secondary, and tertiary sewage disposal systems
- 13.05 Identify the main solid waste products
- 13.06 Explain the problem created by asbestos, mercury, and lead
- 13.07 Explain the main disposal methods commonly used
- 13.08 Describe the by-product of the waste disposal system and how it is used
- 13.09 List the automotive by-products creating the largest problem with waste disposal

14.0 Water-Use Planning

The student will be able to:

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- 14.01 Determine terms associated with water-use planning
- 14.02 Explain the principle water management techniques
- 14.03 Explain how to remove salt from water
- 14.04 Identify ways to reuse water
- 14.05 Explain how water runoff can be controlled in urban areas

15.0 Our Forests and Their Products

The student will be able to:

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- 15.01 Define terms associated with forests and forest products
- 15.02 Explain the differences between commercial and noncommercial forests - between growing and mature forests
- 15.03 List and describe the major forest regions of the United States
- 15.04 Identify the parts of a tree and describe the functions of each part
- 15.05 Differentiate between pure and mixed forests - between even-aged and all-aged forests
- 15.06 Determine forest canopy and explain the importance of shade tolerance in the canopy
- 15.07 Define a forest and tell why a clump of trees in a park is not a forest
- 15.08 Indicate how much forestland there is in the United States today and how much is commercial forest
- 15.09 Explain how a tree grows in length and in diameter

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- 15.10 Explain annual rings and how scientists can 'read' them
- 15.11 Define the following terms
 - a. shade tolerant
 - b. shade intolerant
 - c. dominant
 - d. co-dominant
 - e. intermediate
 - f. suppressed
 - g. pure forest
 - h. mixed forest
 - i. even-aged forest
 - j. all-aged forest

16.0 Woodland Management

The student will be able to:

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- 16.01 Define terms associated woodland management
- 16.02 Define the most common ways to measure wood
- 16.03 Describe the different methods of harvesting a stand of trees and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each
- 16.04 Explain why good woodland management is important to (1) the forest owner, (2) the neighbors of the forest owner, (3) the economy as a whole, and (4) you and me
- 16.05 Explain how a forest can grow faster if the trees are harvested
- 16.06 Describe the main methods used in forest regeneration
- 16.07 Tell how we can be getting more forest products from less forest and no more cut trees than we did in 1900
- 16.08 Explain the following: board foot, cubic foot, cord
- 16.09 Define diameter at breast height (dbh) and tell how it is measured
- 16.10 Explain why the height of a tree for sawtimber is measured in logs instead of feet
- 16.11 List five types of harvest cuttings
- 16.12 List and describe four methods of forest reproduction and give advantages and disadvantages of each
- 16.13 List and discuss the four steps in developing a forest management program

17.0 Forest Enemies and Their Control

The student will be able to:

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- 17.01 Define terms associated with forest enemies
- 17.02 Describe the major insect pests of our forests
- 17.03 Describe the most important disease problems of our forests
- 17.04 Outline other enemies of the forest
- 17.05 Outline woodland management techniques for controlling forest insect problems, disease problems, and problems caused by other forest enemies
- 17.06 List and describe the types of damage insects cause to trees
- 17.07 List and describe the four categories of forest insect control measures
- 17.08 Explain management steps that a forest owner can take to help prevent forest disease problems
- 17.09 Explain how wildlife damage the forest
- 17.10 Identify when grazing is a problem in the forest
- 17.11 Explain how we can help to cut down on environmental damage to forestland

18.0 Fire!

The student will be able to:

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- 18.01 Define terms associated with fire
- 18.02 List and describe some of the most destructive forest fires in United States history
- 18.03 Draw and explain the fire triangle
- 18.04 Explain how fire can be used as a positive tool in woodland management
- 18.05 Describe the anatomy of a typical forest wildfire
- 18.06 Explain how fire fighters find and attack a forest wildfire
- 18.07 Identify the main causes of forest fires in the United States
- 18.08 List and describe the three types of forest fires
- 18.09 List some techniques being used in the prevention of forest fires

19.0 Fish and Wildlife in America

The student will be able to:

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- 19.01 Define terms associated with fish and wildlife
- 19.02 Explain the difference between extinct and endangered species of wildlife

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- 19.03 Discuss endangered mammals birds, and fish species
- 19.04 Explain how various species of animals became extinct
- 19.05 Define wildlife
- 19.06 Using fur trapping as an example, explain how humans have caused the extinction of wildlife
- 19.07 Explain how each of the following became endangered
- passenger pigeon
 - Carolina parakeet
 - heath hen
 - labrador duck
 - bighorn sheep
 - polar bear
 - key deer
 - wolf
 - mountain lion
 - whooping crane
 - bald eagle
 - ivory-billed woodpecker
 - prairie chicken

20.0 Game Management

The student will be able to:

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- 20.01 Define terms associated with game management
- 20.02 Identify the habitat requirements of wildlife
- 20.03 Discuss the difference between an euryphagous and stenophagous animal
- 20.04 Explain the most commonly accepted methods of game management
- 20.05 Explain how an individual landowner can employ game management techniques
- 20.06 Discuss major legislation affecting game management
- 20.07 Explain the difference between home range and territory
- 20.08 Explain how a woodland should be managed to increase game populations
- 20.09 Discuss how wildlife is coordinated with other natural resources
- 20.10 Discuss the advantages and disadvantages-of hunting
- 20.11 Explain how controlling predators helps manage game
- 20.12 Differentiate between carrying capacity and population density

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- 20.13 Discuss what the private landowner can do to increase game in an area
- 20.14 Discuss the agencies that the private landowner can contact to get technical assistance in game management procedures
- 20.15 Discuss the six major laws concerning game management and what these laws have accomplished

21.0 Marine Fisheries Management

The student will be able to:

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- 21.01 Define terms associated with marine fisheries management
- 21.02 List and explain the ways the ocean is zoned
- 21.03 Describe the types of ocean water movements, including waves, tides, and currents
- 21.04 Know the characteristics of marine fish, marine shellfish, and marine mammals
- 21.05 Explain the characteristics of the estuarine ecosystem
- 21.06 Discuss how the ocean can be artificially cultivated
- 21.07 Explain how salinity is measured
- 21.08 Explain the role of plankton in the biological ocean
- 21.09 Explain the life cycle of the salmon
- 21.10 Explain what is meant by
- bait fishing
 - long-lining
 - purse seining
- 21.11 Explain the life cycle of the shrimp, oyster, and lobster
- 21.12 Explain the life cycle of the whale
- 21.13 Explain modern whaling techniques

22.0 Freshwater Fishery Management

The student will be able to:

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- 22.01 Define terms associated with freshwater fishery management
- 22.02 Explain the zones of the lake and the habitat of each
- 22.03 Discuss the uses and management of a farm pond
- 22.04 List the characteristics of the common freshwater fish
- 22.05 Explain the main management procedures for freshwater fisheries
- 22.06 Describe the habitat requirements of largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish, rainbow and cutthroat trout
- 22.07 Explain the common rush sampling techniques

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- 22.08 Explain why you would want to fertilize a lake
- 22.09 Describe how fishing regulations are determined
- 22.10 Indicate the best temperature for fish production
- 22.11 Indicate at what pH level fish grow best
- 22.12 Explain how it is determined if the water is too muddy to produce fish

23.0 Recreation on Public Lands

The student will be able to:

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- 23.01 Define terms associated with recreation on public land
- 23.02 Discuss the recreational possibilities on public land
- 23.03 Explain the federal government's main natural resource and recreation programs
- 23.04 Explain how our public lands are misused and abused
- 23.05 Explain why there has been an increase in recreational activities in recent years
- 23.06 Describe how the national parks are classified
- 23.07 List the national parks located in your state
- 23.08 Explain the system of island trusts
- 23.09 Explain which type of national trail does not allow motorized vehicles and which does
- 23.10 List the categories of wild and scenic rivers
- 23.11 Explain how state governments provide recreation areas

24.0 Outdoor Safety

The student will be able to:

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- 24.01 Define terms associated with outdoor safety
- 24.02 List the ten commandments of gun safety
- 24.03 Explain the hunter's code of ethics
- 24.04 List the correct safety procedures for using bows and arrows
- 24.05 List the ten rules for safe snowmobile operation
- 24.06 Explain basic survival and first-aid techniques
- 24.07 Explain safe boating procedures
- 24.08 Describe the common traffic rules for boats
- 24.09 List the water skiing signals
- 24.10 List the responsibilities of the hunter to wildlife, the environment, himself, and the habitat
- 24.11 List what a first-aid kit should contain

25.0 Fossil Fuel Management

The student will be able to:

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- 25.01 Define terms associated with fossil fuel management
- 25.02 Explain the various ways coal is mined from the earth
- 25.03 Discuss oil exploration and drilling techniques
- 25.04 Explain how natural gas is obtained and distributed
- 25.05 Discuss oil shale, tar sands, and the petroleum potential
- 25.06 Differentiate between shaft mines, slope mines, and drift mines
- 25.07 Indicate who governs coal mine safety standards
- 25.08 Explain how oil is formed
- 25.09 List at least ten uses of oil
- 25.10 Identify the unit of measure used for natural gas

26.0 Alternative Energy Sources Management

The student will be able to:

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- 26.01 Define terms associated with alternative energy sources management
- 26.02 Explain the use of solar energy as an alternative energy source
- 26.03 Discuss the operation of a nuclear power plant
- 26.04 Explain the value of geothermal energy, alcohol, methane, hydropower, tidal power, wind, and wood as alternative energy sources
- 26.05 Discuss the potential of solar energy
- 26.06 Explain the difference between an active and passive solar energy system
- 26.07 Define fission

27.0 Metals and Minerals

The student will be able to:

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- 27.01 Define terms associated with metals and minerals
- 27.02 Explain the principle metal and mineral resources
- 27.03 List and explain the various metals and mineral including ferrous, nonferrous, scarce, and plant minerals
- 27.04 Discuss mining principles, resources available, and uses of minerals