

Current events

Precourse Survey Results

Priorities for the Environment: Wealth

1. Wilderness

2. Short-term Wealth Building: A Top Priority for Using the Environment

Key principles everywhere

a. Nature exists to satisfy human wants and needs

b. Humans must *improve* primitive wilderness

c. The environment is defined as "natural resources" -
-assets to be used to produce wealth

Two additional key principles in the United States

d. *Private Property* promotes improvement and individual freedom

e. *Free markets* for private property promote commerce and prosperity

3. An example of the environment as an asset to build wealth:

The Dust Bowl: a period of severe drought in the south-central plains, and the massive dust storms that resulted from the drought.

