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**Agency \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**How Should This Land Be Managed?**

*Scenario:*

Numerous types of land ownership surround Moab, UT, as shown in the “Moab Area” map. Natural resources abound in the area as well, creating a complex management situation. In this scenario, Texas Oil Company has already tested the area and found crude oil to be abundant in rock layers underlying the surface. The company is applying for permits to drill for oil all around Moab. How will different land management agencies respond?

The class will break up into groups, each group focusing on a single land management agency. Each group will do research to determine how their agency would handle the request from Texas Oil Co. to drill. Representatives from each land management agency will then present their decisions during a county board meeting so that an overall management plan for the area can be created.

*Agencies*:

National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service

*Research Expectations:*

* Types of Information to be collected:
  + Mission statement
  + Guiding legislation – this may include more than one piece of legislation (an example would be the Organic Act)
  + Management policy regarding oil drilling
  + Agency’s decision regarding drilling and explanation of why this is their stand
  + If drilling is allowed, explain the required follow-up procedures
* Presentation of agency’s stance on the Texaco Oil Co. drilling scenario
  + Clearly, accurately, and persuasively articulates the responsibilities of your assigned agency and relates it to the Texaco Oil Co. drilling scenario
  + Communicated in the form of a power point that is approximately 10-15 min. in length
* Evaluation of other agency’s stance on the Texaco Oil Co., given the objectives and responsibilities of your assigned agency.

*Comparison of Land Management Agencies:*

While you do your research and listen to other agencies present their decisions, complete the following table by listing at least one pro and con of each land agency’s decision about the oil drilling.

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| **Agency** | **Pros** | **Cons** | **Other Notes** |
| BLM |  |  |  |
| School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration |  |  |  |
| USFS |  |  |  |
| NPS |  |  |  |
| USFWS |  |  |  |

*Concluding Questions:*

1) Clarify the responsibilities of the five agencies involved in this case study.

2) Select three pieces of legislation discussed during the county board meeting and describe what each of those acts mandates.

3) Why do you think there are there so many types of land agencies?

4) Although each agency’s jurisdiction is limited to the land they manage, forums like this one -where multiple agencies comment on management plans- is common. Why do land management agencies need to work together?

5) Write a comment for the county board about what kind of overall plan you would favor from the perspective of a local citizen. Be sure to support your response with details provided in the agencies’ presentation.