

**Whitman College Semester in the West  
Fall 2008 Itinerary**

*\* Please note that all dates, plans, and locations are approximate, tentative, and subject to change. Changes to this itinerary are quite likely, though our basic travel route probably will not change too much.*

**September 8-13:** Part I, Writing Workshop with Paul Hoornbeek. We will be discussing water and river restoration issues in the Owens Valley. We will take a short backpack trip in the Sierra Nevada.

**September 13:** Drive to Jackpot, NV

**September 14-15:** Meet Jon Marvel, Western Watersheds to discuss public lands ranching and climate change.

**September 16-17:** Ranch Tour with Steve and Robin Boies, Vineyard Ranch, and tour the Cottonwood Ranch. Discuss public lands ranching, aspen.

**September 18:** Drive to Dinosaur, CO

**September 19-20:** Overnight river trip and weed pulling work party with Tamara Naumann, Dinosaur National Monument Botanist. Kill Tamarisk!

**September 21:** Drive to Paonia, CO

**September 22-23:** Writing Workshop with independent journalist Michelle Nijhuis. Discuss sustainability with Jack Perrin.

**September 23:** Drive to Aspen, CO

**September 24-26:** Meetings with Piper Foster, Sopris Foundation, and local residents to learn about local adaptations to climate change

**September 27:** Drive to Dixie National Forest, Utah

**September 28-October 4:** Part II, Ecology Course with Mary O'Brien. Stream surveys, aspen surveys. Ecosystem changes in the context of climate change. Dixie National Forest, with last day or two in Castle Valley, near Moab, UT

**October 5:** Free time, move camp to Bluff, UT.

**October 6-11:** Writing workshop with poet Ann Weiler Walka. Explorations of the area including a river hike, rock art, local culture near Bluff, UT

**October 12-15:** River Trip on the San Juan River near Bluff, UT No academic activities scheduled. Take out early on the 15<sup>th</sup>, drive to Desert Rock Camp SE of Shiprock, NM

**October 15-16:** Navajo Reservation issues including the Desert Rock coal-fired power plant, environmental justice issues. Near Shiprock, NM

**October 17-19:** Navajo Water and Energy Issues, TBA

**October 20-23** Writing Workshop with writer Craig Childs. Comb Ridge Area

**October 24:** Drive to northern New Mexico

**October 24-25:** Visit with writer William deBuys, El Valle, NM

**October 26:** TBA

**October 27-November 7:** Ecology Course with Paul Arbetan. We begin near Santa Fe, then move south along the Rio Grande, then to the Guadalupe Mountains in southern NM, then to the San Bernardino Ranch in Mexico near Douglas, AZ.

**November 8-11:** Stream Survey, Chiricahua Mountains near Douglas, AZ. El Coronado Ranch.

**November 12-13:** Border Activities TBA

**November 14:** Travel to Silver City, NM

**November 15-16:** Writing Workshop with writer Sharman Apt Russell.

**November 17:** Drive to Tejon Ranch near Bakersfield, CA

**November 18-21:** Final Writing workshop with Paul Hoornbeek, Tejon Ranch

**November 22-24:** Travel Home, Arrive Johnston Wilderness Campus on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**November 25-December 6:** Podcast production work with Sarah Koenigsberg and public epiphany preparation.

**November 27:** Thanksgiving Day. Cook. Eat. Drink. Sleep.

**December 4 and 5:** 4pm Public Epiphany Presentations on campus with slides.

**December 6:** Final touches on podcasts, clean-up day.

**December 7:** Program Ends at Noon. Rides provided to Reid Campus Center.