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Dear People:

Do your readers have a sense of humor? Several years ago (1985, pp. 275-315) you published an article in which I contrasted federal forestry and fisheries management.

In the course of this comparative resource research I have been amused by the fancy jargon used by resource managers. The enclosed spoofs that jargon a bit, but only a bit--foresters would be as intrigued with "thinning the suppressed understory" as fisheries managers would be with "transferable coastal belt quotes."

I hope you do find room for a bit of humor in the NRJ. Could you please respond to me at my summer address? P.O. Box 2276, Florence, Oregon 97439.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard P. Gale".

Richard P. Gale  
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## How To Be A Really Creative Natural Resource Manager

Professional jargon is an important component of responsible natural resource management. An essential feature of such jargon is that it must avoid any direct reference to elementary forms of such management. Thus, it is not professional to refer to "cutting trees" or "catching fish." Instead, creative resource managers can combine columns 1, 2, and 3 to design goals, objectives, programs, and policies which will insure the sustainability of the resources under their stewardship.

## Forest Management

1	2	3
treat	dense	units
remove	overripe	canopies
harvest	mature	zones
thin	diseased	stock
capture	suppressed	understorey
rotate	infested	mortality
anticipate	dangerous	resources
manage	overstocked	culls
lighten	merchantable	overstorey

## Fisheries Management

1	2	3
limited	boat	quotas
joint	net	limits
vessel	haul	harvests
individual	pot	allocations
company	seine	areas
transferable	coastal belt	ventures
auctioned	trip	licenses
assigned	catch	sub-licenses
cooperative	seasonal	entries
community	offshore	leases