



Dautis D. Pearson

Principal Environmental Planner and NEPA/ESA Coordinator

Overview

Dautis is a Senior Planner, NEPA/ESA, and Federal/State Agency and private compliance specialist. He has 23 years of experience in land management planning; interdisciplinary and interagency team leading and facilitation, and NEPA/SEPA environmental preparation. Dautis' experience with all federal agencies NEPA and ESA process provides great insight into various agency directions for collaboration and streamlining of NEPA and ESA. He has 12 years of experience with the Forest Service as a Land Use Planning Specialist and has supported or managed several energy and transmission related or linear projects.

Areas of Expertise

Facilitation/Public Involvement
and Agency Collaboration Strategist

EIS/EA/SEIS/CE/SIRs
Preparation and Technical Report
Writing for Natural Resources

Land Management and
Environmental Planning

National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA) and Endangered Species
Act (ESA) Compliance for Federal,
State, private agencies and
organizations

Landscape (Ecosystem/Watershed)
Analysis Process and Assessment

Years of Experience

With URS: 9 Years

With Other Firms: 14 Years

Education

BS/1994/Biology/University of
Idaho

1994-1995/Riparian and Fire
Ecology/University of Idaho

1993-1994/Forestry/Silviculture/
Utah State

1978-1988/Engineering
Apprenticeship/Trust Joist
Corporation

1969-1971/Sociology/Boise State
University

Project Specific Experience

Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Land Exchange and Road Corridor EIS Project King Cove, Alaska (Ongoing): Dautis is the Deputy Project Manager and task lead for public use, visuals, and transportation for the development of an EIS to address the impacts of a land exchange and road corridor on the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness area within the Alaska Peninsula.

China Mountain Wind Project EIS, BLM Third Party NEPA Twin Falls, Idaho, (Ongoing): Dautis is the resource specialist for visuals and recreation on this third party EIS for wind power development in southern Idaho and Northern Nevada. This project is in the preliminary analysis process.

Mount Hood National Forest Scenery Management Plan, Forest Service, Sandy, Oregon, (Ongoing): Dautis is the project manager for conducting a Scenery Management Plan examining the Forest Plan Visual Management System (VMS)s with the Scenery Management System (SMS) to update the impacts of a pipeline and provide for Forest Plan amendments. This involves an understanding of the people who recreate in these areas. This project also involved a contrast rating for a pipeline project which would cross the Clackamas River, Pacific Crest Trail, and Scenic Byways. The project is in the final phases of completion.

Lower Deschutes River Visual Assessment, BLM, Prineville Oregon, (Ongoing): Dautis is the project manager for conducting the visual resource inventory to complete as Visual Resource Management (VRM) designation for BLM Lands on the lower Deschutes River which is classified as a "Wild and Scenic Recreational Corridor". This project also involved a contrast rating for a pipeline project which would cross the river. The BLM has concurred with the class designation provide by the Team and complemented the PM on the quality of the products. The project is in the final phases of completion.



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Whistling Ridge Energy Project Recreation/Visual Resource Specialist (Ongoing). Recreation and Visual Specialist for the development of a wind farm in the Columbia River Gorge in Skamania County. Mr. Pearson is providing recreation and visual baseline information and impact assessment for application to EFSEC.

Recreation Task Lead North of Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS) Feasibility Study, Bureau of Reclamation, Sacramento, California, 2006-present: Dautis is the Recreation Task Lead for this feasibility study to identify areas that could provide a broad range of safe recreational opportunities for the visiting public that are accessible and not in conflict with each other. This incorporated the Water Resource Opportunity Spectrum (WROS) analysis of all the major waterways in Northern California. The feasibility study is nearing completion.

KRKO Radio Expert Witness for Visual Analysis and SEPA compliance (2005-2007). Mr. Pearson served as the visual analysis and SEPA compliance expert witness for the litigation of an EIS in Snohomish County, Washington. The AM Radio tower is proposed for the Snohomish Valley and the EIS for SEPA compliance was challenged and reviewed by the County Examiner. The project was cleared and is now being challenged based on the Shoreline Management Act and Critical Area Ordinance Requirements. Mr. Pearson was involved in assisting KRKO with these actions and the project was permitted.

Recreation Resource Task Lead I-90 Corridor, WSDOT, Yakima, WA, 2005-2007: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) propose to improve a 15-mile portion of I-90 by adding a lane in each direction between the eastern side of Snoqualmie Pass near the Hyak Interchange at milepost (MP) 55.1 and the West Easton Interchange at MP 70.3. Key issues include landslides, avalanche control, roadway realignment, stormwater control, wetland delineation and mitigation, and ecological connectivity. As the Recreation Mitigation Specialist, Dautis was responsible for the analysis of recreation resource that could be lost if the project moves forward and how to mitigate for that loss. Working with State Recreation, Forest Service and WSDOT, Dautis provided the analysis and technical review for the Recreation Mitigation Planning Document.

Federal Agency Coordinator, Bly Mountain, ODOT, Klamath Falls, OR, 2007–Present: Dautis is the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management liaison for this road widening project. The new right-of-way through federal lands requires each agency to use the NEPA document to make a decision on the disposition of the right-of-way lands. The document must meet plan requirements and manual direction for each agency. Dautis is providing this coordination and understanding of multiple NEPA processes and federal agency compliance.

Project Manager, Warren Wagon Road Improvement Project EA, McCall, ID, 2007-Present: Mr. Pearson is currently managing the NEPA



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process for the analysis of impacts of a road widening project for Idaho County. This environmental assessment is on Forest Service lands and the Payette National Forest is the lead agency. This area is designated Wild and Scenic River and is critical habitat for anadromous fisheries as a tributary to the South Fork of the Salmon. River. Dautis Pearson and the URS interdisciplinary team conducted the public involvement and scoping requirement for this project and coordination between Idaho County Road Department and the Forest Service.

Project Manager, Horizon Wind EA/EIS, Barstow, CA, 2007-

Present: Project Manager for five ongoing wind projects in California. These are third party EAs and EIS for wind testing and turbine installation on BLM lands in California. This includes all resource needs, public involvement, and coordination with the State environmental policies. This includes interactions with state energy agencies and managing the NEPA and CEQA processes.

Project Manager, Stoddard/Daggett Environmental Assessment, Barstow, CA, 2007-Present:

Project manager for two NEPA documents to acquire right-of-way on BLM lands for wind energy exploration. An understanding of CEQ regulations and changing public lands policy in regard to alternative energy was necessary for the project manager to rely to the client and the BLM.

Project Manager and Environmental Task Lead, Wind Turbine siting for two confidential clients in Washington State, 2007-

Present: Dautis is currently managing wind turbine installation NEPA and ESA compliance for two wind projects in Washington state. This includes interactions with EFSEC and state SEPA requirements. The projects will soon be listed in the federal register and the public process will begin.