



4-H Issue Investigation Data Sheet

A record is part of your 4-H project. Keep your record neat, clean, and up-to-date. It's best to use a pencil. Write clearly. If you need help, ask your parents or leaders. If you need more space, add notebook paper to your record.

1. What natural resource issue did you investigate? Be specific.

2. Who are the main stakeholders in this issue? (Examples: government agencies, businesses, general public, individuals, a specific community) List their names.

3. Describe the different points of view of the various stakeholders regarding the use of this resource. List stakeholders and their specific points of view or beliefs below.

Stakeholder	Point of view or belief

4. Who makes the decisions regarding the use of this natural resource? (Check all that apply.)

- County planning and zoning
- District Health Dept. office
- Local environmental organizations
- A business or industry
- U.S. Forest Service
- Municipal water supply or wastewater treatment facility
- Other _____
- Natural Resource Conservation District
- County or township board members
- Watershed councils
- Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
- Road commission

5. What local, state, or federal regulations impact the use(s) of this natural resource?

6. Who owns this natural resource? (Examples: federal public land, state land, individual landowner, organization, industry)

7. List sources of information you used in investigating this issue. (Examples: written material, surveys conducted, individuals or groups you spoke with)

8. After studying this issue, what is your recommendation for the use of this natural resource? Explain why.

9. Whom does your recommendation benefit, and whom does it hurt?

10. What are the trade-offs (ethical, scientific, legal, aesthetic, recreational, economic, political)? (Example: Are you giving up the aesthetic benefits of the resource in favor of economic gain?)

11. What are the short-term and long-term effects of your recommendation on the resource?

12. How do you propose that the issue could be resolved? What role can you play in resolving the issue?

13. What actions will you take at home and/or publicly?

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