

Humans in the Landscape: Pre-Reading Questions

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1. We live in a new environment that is the product of many human activities, e.g., wildfire suppression; fragmentation; importation of exotic pests, pathogens, and invasive species; market hunting; and unsustainable timber harvesting. Which of these examples do you think has had the biggest impact since colonization on our preserved natural areas? Why?

2. In your opinion, is our current use of the land sustainable? Why or why not? What changes in the landscape do you predict from an optimistic realist perspective? From a pessimistic realist perspective? Using lessons from the past presented in this unit, what strategies can you recommend to help ensure that our generation's great great grandchildren have a healthy and productive landscape in which to thrive?