

Biology 15 / Park Management 14 – Spring 2011

Assignment #1 (30 pts)

Global Climate Change and the Use of Energy

Due Wednesday March 9, 2011

Read chapters 3 and 4 in Lester Brown's Plan B 4.0

Review/Watch the film "An Inconvenient Truth" (link on web site)

Your task is to summarize the information content in the two chapters by addressing the following questions:

1. Describe how Brown presents the state of global climate change? What are the examples he is using to demonstrate the shift in climate across the world?
2. What does Brown suggest in terms of resolving (or rather slowing) the climate change (if at all). Are his suggestions innovative? What do you think?
3. The film "An inconvenient Truth" is another powerful approach to presenting the issue of global warming to the public. Does it differ from Brown's approach?
4. Which of the two do you think is more informative and why?
5. Is the issue of politics addressed in either of these sources? Compare and contrast the solutions presented in the film versus Lester Brown's chapters.

Format: 700 words or more – include the word count

Turn in a hard copy in class on Wednesday March 9.