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Despite Looming Recession, College Students Still Hopeful about Jobs in the Ever-Growing Environmental Field

According to The Princeton Review, Biology is the 4th most popular major in American colleges. Within this major is the growing subsection of ecology and wildlife management. With the current push to conserve land and “green” our building practices, Environmental Science majors have many options available to them once they are ready to enter the corporate world.

One of these growing environmental firms is Rocklin based Restoration Resources, who attended the UC Davis Winter career fair on February 21st to scout talent for their Consulting and Design department. Director of Marketing and Business Development Chris Swift states, “We’re not slowing down. We have hired a Director for our growing Consulting and Design department and our current biologists are overloaded with work. As the housing market has slowed down the public sector has started ramping up. Currently the transportation market is seeing an increase in opportunities as well as the massive levee improvement projects that are a direct result of bond measures. We are actively pursuing all of these public sector competitive contracts.” At the UC Davis career fair, Restoration Resources was looking for Environmental Science students to fill the need for Restoration Ecologists.

The Environmental Sciences are relatively new to higher education. According to Fast Web, Environmental Science is rated as one of the top 10 majors that were not around 10 years ago. Universities are catching up quickly however, with programs such as UC Davis’ Environmental Biology and Management, or Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning.

As Generation Y continues to catch on to the “green” craze, there will be more and more of these Environmental Science majors, and the job market is not nearly saturated. A review of any popular job search engine will produce an abundance of results for these eco-careers. Students are drawn to the fact that they can make a living while doing something for the planet; an idealistic notion that has become possible through this growing eco-sector.