



# Government Documents Resources: Population, Energy and Resources

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GovDocs/Maps website: <http://www.evergreen.edu/library/govdocs/index.html>

This handout: <http://www.evergreen.edu/library/govdocs/bibinst/mes-per.pdf>

## Basic Tools:

- ◆ **TESC Online Catalog:** use the online catalog to find government documents holdings at Evergreen. For example, do a keyword search with the term **forest ecology** and you will find 852 hits. If you refine your search to the terms **forest ecology AND land use** you will find 22 hits, which include several congressional hearings on the topic. Also be sure to use other terms like **economics, law**, etc.

A new feature has been added to the online catalog. You can now search for only government documents. Do the **forest ecology** keyword search. Then:

- Click on the **LIMIT THIS SEARCH** button at the top of the page.
  - Click on the down arrow of the **WHERE ITEM IS LOCATED**.
  - Select **EVERGREEN G'OVT DOCUMENTS**.
  - Click on the **LIMIT/SORT ITEMS RETRIEVED USING ABOVE DATA**. Then see the results come in.
- ◆ **Combined Catalog:** You can search for more documents using the combined Evergreen, Washington State Library, and St. Martin's College online catalog. The catalog works the same way as TESC's catalog. <http://cals.evergreen.edu/search~>
  - ◆ **SUMMIT (formerly CASCADE):** This is an online catalog that includes the holdings for Evergreen, UW, CWU, EWU, WWU, WSU, UW-Law Library, and Oregon higher education libraries. For a list of participating SUMMIT libraries go to: <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/orbis/members.html>. A number of these universities are also Federal documents depositories. You can request titles online, which can be here within three to four days.
  - ◆ **Evergreen ID:** Your TESC ID will allow you to check out books not only here but also at WSL, St. Martin's College, and any of the SUMMIT libraries. Use it to request titles from the SUMMIT catalog (<http://summit.orbiscascade.org/>).
  - ◆ **Government websites:** Local, county, state, and federal government websites are a fountain of information that will help you on your research. Quite a number of documents are now available on the Internet and can be accessed from any computer. Government websites compile a great deal of statistics and reports on all kinds of topics. A good starting point is the TESC Government Documents/Maps website. The link is on the header of this handout.
  - ◆ **International Organizations:** Global organizations like the United Nations, NATO, the Organization of American States, European Union, etc. also create numerous reports and statistics of use to researchers. The University of Washington's Government Documents department not only is a depository for Federal documents, but also is a depository for Washington State, United Nation, NATO, and European Union documents. UW also has a very large maps collection. If you cannot find a map that you need at TESC, the UW Maps Collection is a very good source. You can make a request via CASCADE and get it here within three to four days.

Most online government documents are created in .pdf (portable document format). In order to view them, you will need to download an Adobe Acrobat Reader into your computer at home. The software is available for free at: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. All of the Library's computers have Adobe Acrobat already installed.

○ **Federal Government Sources:**

- **Agriculture, U.S. Department of (USDA):** <http://www.usda.gov>
  - **AgriCola:** <http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/> a comprehensive database of agriculture related article citations.
  - **Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS):** <http://ffas.usda.gov/> is the U.S. agency that compiles international data on agriculture.
  - **Forest Service, U.S.:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/>
    - **Pacific Northwest Region:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/>
    - **Pacific Northwest Research Station:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/>
- **Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce:** <http://www.census.gov/> The Census Bureau provides a great deal of statistical information on a national, state, and local level.
  - **American Factfinder:** <http://factfinder.census.gov/> includes data for the 1990 and 2000 census
  - **Statistical Abstract of the United States:** <http://www.census.gov/statab/www/> contains a number of statistical data in one book from all areas of the Federal government. The online version only goes as far back as 1995 but the library contains paper editions as far back as 1889. The most current paper edition is located at the Reference Desk.
- **Congressional Hearings and Committees:** there are a number of congressional hearings available in a myriad of topics. The TESC Library has a number of them available via the online catalog which you can check out. If you don't find what you need at TESC, then try the following sites:
  - **GPO (Government Printing Office) Access:** <http://www.gpo.gov/congress/cong017.html> is a database, which has full-text hearings from 1997/98 – Present.
  - **Congressional Committees:** the business of Congress is taken care of by numerous committees and sub-committees that are arranged in varying topics.
    - **House of Representatives Committees:** <http://www.house.gov/house/CommitteeWWW.html>
      - **Committee on Agriculture:** <http://agriculture.house.gov/>
      - **Committee on Energy and Commerce:** <http://energycommerce.house.gov/>
      - **Committee on Resources:** <http://resourcescommittee.house.gov/>
      - **Committee on Science:** <http://www.house.gov/science/>
      - **Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:** <http://www.house.gov/transportation/>
    - **Senate Committees:** [http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d\\_three\\_sections\\_with\\_teasers/committees\\_home.htm](http://www.senate.gov/pagelayout/committees/d_three_sections_with_teasers/committees_home.htm)
      - **Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:** <http://agriculture.senate.gov/>
      - **Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:** <http://commerce.senate.gov/>
      - **Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:** <http://energy.senate.gov/>
      - **Committee on Environment & Public Works:** <http://epw.senate.gov/>

- **Laws & Regulations**

- **Code of Federal Regulations** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html>
- **Code, U.S.** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>
- **Debates of Congress**
  - **Annals of Congress (1789 - 1824)** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwac.html>
  - **Register of Debates (1824 - 1837)** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwrd.html>
  - **Congressional Globe (1837 - 1873)**  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcg.html>
  - **Congressional Record (1989 - Present)** <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/r108query.html>
  - **Congressional Record Index (1995/96 - Present)**  
<http://thomas.loc.gov/j108/j108index1.html> (via THOMAS)
  - **Congressional Record Index (1983 - Present)**  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cri/index.html> (via GPO Access)
- **History of Bills (1983 - Present)** <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/hob/index.html>
- **Journals of the Continental Congress (1774 - 1789):**  
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwjclink.html>
- **U.S. Statutes at Large (Public Laws)**
  - 1789 - 1873: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwslink.html>
  - 1995 - Present <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html>
  - 1989 - Present (full-text) <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
  - 1973 - Present (summaries) <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** <http://www.epa.gov/> is the predominant Federal agency pertaining to environmental issues.

- **Browse EPA Topics:** <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/topics.html>
- **Environmental Management:** <http://www.epa.gov/ebtpages/environmentalmanagement.html>
- **Global Warming:** <http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/>
- **Global Warming Impacts:** <http://yosemite.epa.gov/oar/globalwarming.nsf/content/Impacts.html>

- **Energy, U.S. Department of (DOE):** <http://www.energy.gov> the primary resource for energy issues. Includes not only national and state data but also international information as well.

- **Databases:**

- **DOE Reports Bibliographic Database** <http://www.osti.gov/waisgate/gpo.html>
- **OpenNet (declassified information)** <http://www.osti.gov/opennet/>
- **EnergyFiles** <http://www.osti.gov/energyfiles/>
- **Information Bridge** <http://www.osti.gov/bridge/>

- **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE):** <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>

- **Alternative Fuels Data Center** <http://www.afdc.doe.gov/>
- **Green Power Network:** <http://www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/>

- **Energy Information Administration (EIA):** <http://www.eia.doe.gov/> is the statistical agency for the DOE. Include national, state, regional, and international data on energy sources.

- **Environmental Management, Office of (EM):** <http://www.em.doe.gov/index3.html>

- **Environment, Safety, & Health, Office of (ES&H):** <http://www.eh.doe.gov/index.html>

- **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC):** <http://www.ferc.gov/>

- **Fossil Energy, Office of:** <http://www.fossil.energy.gov/>

- **Fusion Energy, Office of:** <http://www.ofes.fusion.doe.gov/>

- **Nuclear Energy, Science, and Technology, Office of:** <http://www.ne.doe.gov/>
- **National Laboratories & Technology Centers:**  
[http://www.energy.gov/engine/content.do?BT\\_CODE=OF\\_NLTC](http://www.energy.gov/engine/content.do?BT_CODE=OF_NLTC)
- **Interior, U.S. Department of the (DOI):**
  - **Bureau of Land Management (BLM):** <http://www.blm.gov>
    - **BLM Facts:** <http://www.blm.gov/nhp/facts/index.htm>
  - **Bureau of Reclamation (USBR):** <http://www.usbr.gov/>
  - **Geological Survey, U.S. (USGS):** <http://www.usgs.gov/>
    - **Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center (FRESC):** <http://fresc.fsl.orst.edu/>
    - **Global Land Cover Characterization:** <http://edcdaac.usgs.gov/glcc/glcc.html>
    - **Land Use History of North America:** <http://biology.usgs.gov/luhna/contents.html>
    - **National Atlas of the United States:** <http://www.nationalatlas.gov/index.html>
- **Library of Congress** <http://www.loc.gov/>
  - **American Memory** <http://memory.loc.gov/>
    - **A Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation: U.S. Congressional Documents & Debates, 1774 - 1875** <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lawhome.html> -- contains bills, resolutions, laws and transcripts from the debates of Congress from this time period.
    - **American Environmental Photographs, 1891 – 1936: Images from the University of Chicago Library** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/icuhtml/aephhome.html>
    - **American Landscape and Architectural Design, 1850 – 1920**  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/mhsdhtml/aladhome.html>
    - **History of the American West, 1860 – 1920: Photographs from the Collection of the Denver Public Library** <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/codhtml/hawphome.html>
    - **Taking the Longview: Panoramic Photographs, 1851 – 1991**  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pnhtml/pnhome.html>
    - **The First American West: The Ohio River Valley, 1750 – 1820**  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award99/icuhtml/fawhome.html>
    - **The Nineteenth Century in Print: The Making of America in Books and Periodicals**  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/moahtml/mnchome.html>
- **White House:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov>
  - **Council on Environmental Quality:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/>
  - **The President's National Energy Policy:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/energy/>
  - **Policies in Focus: Environment:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/environment/>
  - **Policies in Focus: Healthy Forests:** <http://www.whitehouse.gov/infocus/healthyforests/>

- **United Nations Sources:** <http://www.un.org/> a lot of information can be found online but you can also access printed material via SUMMIT. The University of Washington is a U.N. depository.
  - *Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC):* <http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc/>
  - *Environment Programme, U.N. (UNEP):* <http://www.unep.org>
  - *Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO):* <http://www.fao.org>
    - *FAO Statistical Databases:* <http://apps.fao.org/>
  - *Framework Convention on Climate Change, U.N. (UNFCCC):* <http://unfccc.int/>
  - *Population Fund, U.N. (UNFPA):* <http://www.unfpa.org/>

For more resources, go to the International Organizations webpage at:  
<http://www.evergreen.edu/library/govdocs/intlorgs.html>

For more information on Government Documents resources, go to:

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Monday:	8 am – 5 pm
Tuesday:	1 pm – 10 pm
Wednesday:	8 am – 5 pm
Thursday:	10 am – 6 pm
Friday:	10 am – 6:45 pm