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The future of public lands in Alaska will be examined in two free public presentations at The Evergreen State College April 27 and 28.

Clay Hardy, chief of the Alaska Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will discuss "National Interest Lands in Alaska" April 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall Two. He will also lead discussions on "The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act" in a morning workshop set for 10 o'clock April 28 in room 3234 of the Evergreen Library.

Hardy is one of two sponsors of Evergreen's \$30,244 grant to conduct studies on the physical, biological and human resources of the Alaska Peninsula. He is appearing at Evergreen as guest of the eight students who will spend seven months gathering information and drafting recommendations for land management of the 500-mile long peninsula.

Hardy's talks will be accompanied by films on Alaska. The evening program will feature a 20-minute movie called "On the Threshold," which discusses federal proposals for new Alaska wildlife refuges. The Thursday morning workshop will feature "The Age of Alaska," a short film on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Passed in 1971 the Act set the framework for decisions on Alaska land use affecting some 44 million acres to be delegated to Alaska Natives and 80 million acres to be studied for possible federal use as national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, and wild and scenic rivers.

Both of his appearances are free and open to the public.

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