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NTRES 4300: Environmental and Natural Resource Policy Processes (Spring, 2009)

Student should complete first portion, then give this to a faculty member.

Reference form for _____, who is applying to participate in NTRES 4300.
(name of student)

_____ I waive my right of access to this letter.

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Student Signature: _____

Dear Faculty Member,

Please comment on (1) the ability of this student to participate fully in NTRES 4300; (2) the likely value of the course to the student's overall academic and career goals; and (3) what you perceive the student may contribute to the overall course experience for the group.

Natural Resources 4300, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Processes, is team-taught in Washington, D.C. during January intersession and continues in Ithaca during spring semester. We often receive more applicants than we can accommodate. *Your comments will help ensure the experience will be made available to those who will contribute, and gain, the most.*

Students in this course prepare during fall semester, and live and work together in Washington, D.C. in January for nine days. Students' abilities to work effectively with others and to conduct themselves independently and maturely are important considerations. Policy experts from the D.C. area join the class most sessions for presentations and discussion. Students are required to research (largely independently) and prepare a policy analysis paper, making use of the resources in Washington, including conducting personal interviews with staff from the U.S. Congress, federal agencies, and non-government organizations. Strong communication skills and a professional demeanor are other important attributes of successful students.

Please send your recommendation by e-mail (bak3@cornell.edu) to Prof. Barbara Knuth, by Thursday, October 16. Thank you.