

## Biographical Sketch

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William R. Burch, Jr. is the Hixon Professor of Natural Resources Management in Forestry and Environmental Studies and the Institution of Social and Policy Studies at Yale University. He is Director of the Tropical Resources Institute at Yale. He is a Research Sociologist with the National Park Service. He is a Faculty Associate at the College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Burch was appointed to his first position at Yale in 1968. He has also taught at The Syracuse University College of Forestry, the University of Wisconsin, The University of Minnesota, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand and has held professional appointments with the U.S. National Forest Service and the National Park Service

A native of Oregon, he has worked on a variety of forestry and environmental management problems in different regions of the United States, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, India, Central America, Japan, and Western Europe. His research is in three broad areas -- leisure and the nature of the social bond, energy and social structure, social change and land use.

Each of these research areas have had applied dimensions in forecasting future patterns of behavior for planning or in identifying social consequences of management decisions. Much of his applied work has been concentrated on social/community forestry planning, management and training. He has worked for FAO, USAID, Winrock International, The World Bank, The East-West Center and OTS. A second area of application has been in the realm of nature-based tourism, biosphere, park and forest recreation planning and management. In this area he has worked for the U.S. Forest Service, Rockeresorts, Winchester-Western, NSF-Big Sky Project, BLM-California Desert Study, CT. DEP--SCORP, National Academy of Sciences, Kiawa Island Resort, MAB, Old Rock Corporation and the National Park Service. His work on energy system applications has been done for organizations such as Charles A. Maguire & Associates, CONOCO, ERDA (now Department of Energy), National Academy of Sciences--CONAES, G.E. Research and Development Center and GTE.

His numerous publications also reflect his research and applied interests. Burch is the author or editor of ten books. Representative are: Daydreams and Nightmares: A Sociological Essay on the American Environment (Harper & Row, 1971); The Social Organization of Leisure in Human Society (with N.H. Cheek, Harper & Row, 1976); Measuring the Social Impact of Natural Resource Policies, with Don DeLuca (University of New Mexico Press, 1984).