

# SYMPOSIUM AND TRAINING

## ADVANCED TOPICS IN VISUAL RESOURCE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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Symposium and Training - May 21  
Conference and Paper Presentation - May 22 - 24

For information on registration and cost, visit:

<http://www.naep.org/2012-conference>

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This day-long training targets visual resource specialists, public land managers, NEPA practitioners, and developers with a basic understanding of visual impact assessment (VIA) procedures. The purpose of the training is to improve and expand upon our understanding of what is required to complete a thorough and defensible visual resource impact analysis to support NEPA-related or state-specific documentation of anticipated impacts, regardless of jurisdiction. This session will be a facilitated interactive workshop with critical group review of selected past analyses. The class will engage in group discussion on variations, strengths and weaknesses in reporting, and an exchange of ideas for opportunities to improve for the purpose of establishing consistency of excellence within our industry. Registrants will be invited and encouraged to submit examples of their own work in advance for use in the workshop.

The training will focus on VIAs prepared for large scale renewable energy projects targeted for both private and federal public lands, and the similarities and differences in assessment methods. Individuals will finish the training with a "tool-kit" to complete a thorough and defensible VIA consistently for a broad range of projects. Discussion points from the training session will be recorded and disseminated to participants. Those wishing to review documentation of different VIA methods are encouraged to visit the following website:

<http://www.esf.edu/es/via/>

### Training Leads:

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