



Meet the Scientist!



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As an ecologist, I study the interaction of climate, plants, and animals in rangelands.

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Important Scientist Characteristics:

Skills important for my career include observation using satellites, computer modeling, curiosity, and critical thinking.

Example of a simple research question I have tried to answer:

How does rainfall influence fuels for wildfires in rangelands? Rangelands are open areas used for grazing cattle.

Technology or equipment used in research:

I use computer programming languages and satellite image software to look at rangelands around the country.

Most Exciting Discovery

In the future, as a result of a changing climate, the northern United States will likely be a good location for cattle from the arid southwestern United States.

When did you know you wanted to be a scientist?

I knew I wanted to be a scientist by fifth grade because I was curious about nature.

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