



The PERC Undergraduate Colloquium was an amazing opportunity, allowing me to learn more about the Free-Market Environmentalist perspective. Held in Bozeman, Montana, the capacity for the free market to address environmental problems was explored through a series of lectures, field trips and discussion sessions. Meeting students from all over the United States, and in some cases from around the world, was one the best parts of the conference! Since participants were very open and accepting of different ideas, speaking with these diverse students opened my eyes to a range of viewpoints on resource economics. From friendly economic debates to exploring Montana with new friends, the colloquium was a rewarding experience that I would highly recommend to any Guelph student!

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