



NINEMILE WILDLANDS TRAINING CENTER

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*Linking the past to the future
by teaching traditional
back country skills*

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Greetings!

Heritage Expeditions at Ninemile is gearing up for another "banner" year of providing quality "hands on traditional skills" training through the Ninemile Wildlands Training Center (NWTC). The NWTC was started in 1988 to provide traditional skills training to government employees. In 1998, Congress allowed us to open our classes to everyone including the public through a program called Heritage Expeditions.

In 2011, we are pleased to offer courses in: Use and Care of Saddle and Pack Stock, Use and Care of Traditional Hand Tools, Historic Building Preservation & Maintenance, Dutch Oven Cooking, and Leave -No-Trace Camping & Stock Use Skills. Eighteen different courses are offered related to "hands-on traditional skills" training.

For those of you who may not have heard of us, Ninemile Wildlands Training Center is located at the historic Ninemile Ranger Station on the Lolo National Forest in western Montana. Ninemile Ranger Station is located approximately 25 miles west of Missoula, MT. Our facility, the Ninemile Remount Depot, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Remount Depot was built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps as a pack stock breeding/training facility and is still a working ranch today with its own share of building preservation and maintenance needs!

Attached is a schedule of courses that we will offer in 2011, including dates and course tuitions. If you would like more information, please go to our web site at (www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/resources-cultural/nwtc), or contact us directly at (406) 626-5410 or (406) 626-5201, ask for Linda Carlson or Bob Hoverson. Our mailing address is Ninemile Ranger Station, Heritage Expeditions, 20325 Remount Road, Huson, MT 59846.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our 2011 training opportunities.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chad W. Benson
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DISTRICT RANGER
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