

WILDERNESS MANAGER'S WINTER MEETING

Theme:

The Future of Wilderness

February 6-9, 2007

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Location:

Evergreen Fire Station

1802 Bergen Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado

303.674.3145

WHO: Wilderness Managers, District Rangers, Resource Specialists, Volunteers and Non-profit Partners

PURPOSE: To provide a forum to discuss the FY2007 wilderness program of work.

OBJECTIVES:

- Review FY2006 accomplishments.
- Develop Regional Areas of Emphasis for 2007.
- Discuss Wilderness Manager's Issues and Concerns.
- Review the Chief's 10-Year Challenge and R2 Action Plan.
- Learn more about Wilderness Character monitoring

REGISTRATION:

Forest Service personnel registration by contacting Ralph Swain. Non-agency participants are welcomed if registered in advance: email: rswain@fs.fed.us, 303-275-5058.

HOTEL: - Quality Suites, 29300 US Highway 40, Evergreen, CO (1-70 Evergreen exit), 303-526-2000. The hotel honors the govt. rate for Jefferson County. Be sure to mention you are registering for the **Wilderness Manager's WINTER meeting**. Please reserve your hotel room by **January 13, 2007**.

The El Rancho Restaurant is the location for Tuesday's night optional group dinner and it is located next to the Quality Suites.

WHAT TO BRING:

**Please bring wilderness brochures, maps and other information and materials to "show and tell."

Resource tables will be available for your display. Please contact Ralph Swain to reserve a resource table.

**Please bring two copies of your final Wilderness Fire Plan Checklist.

**Please bring two copies of your Forest-wide Integrated Pest Management Plan.

**Please bring examples of your wilderness approved MRDG for weed treatment in wilderness

**Please bring hard-copy examples of your weed treatment accomplishments

**THE WINTER MEETING BEGINS AT 8:30 AM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th.
RESOURCE TABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO SET UP DISPLAYS
AND HANDOUTS STARTING AT 8:00 AM ON TUESDAY.**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Welcome, Agenda and Introductions Evergreen Fire/Rescue	Facilitator: Oscar Martinez, Yampa District Ranger Chief Joel Janov
9:00- 9:45 AM	Opening Comments: R2 Leg. Guidebook 2007 –Update 10-Year Wilderness Challenge-Brochure Wilderness Recreation Forums: Draft Recommendations	Ralph Swain, R2 Wilderness
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Wilderness Advisory Group (WAG):	Mike Smith, R2 WAG Rep. San Carlos RD, PSINF
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Wilderness -Min. Stewardship Level: FY2005/06 Report out and FY2006/07 Incremental progress reporting	Kevin Cannon, ARNF
11:00-11:45 AM	Implementing the 10-Year Challenge and R2 Action Plan	Greg Griffith, Deputy Regional Forester
11:45 –1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Audit of the R2 10-Year Challenge: Clemson Short Course Project	Ted Hinrick, USFS- R2
2:00 – 2:15 AM	Break	
FIRE SESSION: 2:15 – 4:15 PM	UPDATE: FY2006 Managed to Standard Element #1: Wilderness Fire Checklist: What's left to do? Wilderness Fire Checklist: Brief Review of Process:	FMO, TBA Mike Smith, PSINF Ralph Swain, R2
Working Session 1	Update: Wilderness Fire Checklist	WY, SD and NE Forests
Working Session 2	Update: Wilderness Fire Checklist	WRNF, GMUG, and ARNF
Working Session 3	Update: Wilderness Fire Checklist	PSINF, RGNF, and SJNF
4:15-PM	Summary of Checklist by Forest	Group Leaders & Ralph Swain, R2
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Close out for the day	Ralph Swain, R2
6:00-8:00 PM	Congratulations to Kathe Hayes for receiving the VOC Volunteer Award! Goodbye to xxxxx– El Rancho Restaurant, Evergreen	Optional (must sign up)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2007

8:00 – 8:15 AM	Morning Welcome & Agenda	Facilitator: Paul Crespin, San Carlos District Ranger
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Human Waste Issues in Wilderness: Restop Products- Amer. Innotek, Inc.	Lara Usinowicz, Mkt. Director
8:45 – 8:50 AM	Break (to change A/V equipment)	
8:50 – 9:30 AM	Grant: Sharing Monitoring Techniques Friends of Mt. Evans and SJMA	Kathe Hayes, SJMA Lee Lambert, FOMELC
9:30 – 10:15 AM	Trails: Rock Work and Blasting: Field Examples from FY2006	Ryan Twomey, Washakie RD, Shoshone NF
CONCURRENT:	ROUNDTABLE UPDATES: 9:30 – 11:15 AM Congressional Staffers, VOC, CFI, TWS CMC, RMFI, TNC, Sierra Club, Backcountry Horsemen and Core Team Members	Ralph Swain, Steve Sherwood Meeting Room A
10:15 – 11:00 AM	R2 Regional Pack String (Outdoor Presentation – Parking lot)	Glenn Ryan, Lead Packer, PSINF, A-J Ranch
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Break	
11:15 – NOON	Wild. Rec. Forum: Core Team Update: Discussion of DRAFT Recommendations	Core Team Members Panel Presentation
NOON – 1:30 PM	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00 PM	Sangre de Cristo Wilderness South Colony Basin EA and FY2007 Management Action	Mark Hesse, RMFI Ex. Director Mike Smith, San Carlos RD
2:00 – 2:30 PM	Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative	Walt Horner, Ex. Director
2:30 – 3:00 PM	Break	
CONCURRENT SESSIONS:		
3:00- 4:30 PM		
Implementing your Wilderness Weed Plan: (Purpose is to share and coordinate the implementation of your treatment of weeds in wilderness efforts with neighboring Forests).		
Introduction:		Tom McClure, R2 Invasive Spec. WY, SD and NE Forests
Concurrent: Group 1	Implementing Wild. Weed Plans	
Concurrent: Group 2	Implementing Wild. Weeds Plans	WRNF, GMUG, and ARNF
Concurrent: Group 3	Implementing Wild. Weeds Plans	PSINF, RGNF, and SJNF
4:30 PM	Close of Day	Facilitator: Paul Crespin, DR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

8:00 – 8:15 AM	Morning Welcome & Agenda	Facilitator: Kendall Clark, GMUG, Deputy Forest Supervisor
8:15 – 8:45 AM	Wilderness Management: Line Officer Perspective	Kendall Clark, GMUG Deputy Forest Supervisor
8:45 – 9:00 AM	Break	
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Wildlife & Human Conflicts: Pepper Spray Certification Training	Steve Sunday, Leadville RD TBA, Law Enforcement
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break (set up outside for demonstration)	
10:15 – 11:45 AM	Continued Training: Pepper Spray Certification	Steve Sunday, Leadville RD TBA, Law Enforcement
11:45 – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Wilderness Monitoring: Natl. Overview & Update	Steve Boucher, WO Tele-conference call
2:00 – 2:20 PM	In Wilderness: A World of Hope Presentation of Film Project	Jonathan Ramsey, Treeline Film Company
2:20 – 2:30 PM	Break	
2:30 – 3:15 PM	Update: Determining the Economic Value of 14ers	Dr. Catherine Keske, CSU Asst. Professor, Agriculture & Resource Economics Department
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Proposed Wilderness Updates: Browns Canyon Wilderness	TBA, Friends of Browns Canyon
OR:		
3:30 – 4:15 PM	Leave No Trace – National Effort: 2007 Program of Work R2 2007 Update:	Ben Lawhon, Ed. Director, LNT Center of Outdoor Ethics Jon Myers, R2 LNT Coordinator Parks RD, Walden
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Close Out of Day - Summary	Kendall Clark, GMUG
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5:30 - 6:30 PM	Ice Skating: Evergreen Lake	Optional (bring your own skates)
7:00 PM	Evening Gathering: Optional	Evergreen Hotel-Downtown

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Morning Welcome	Facilitator: Glenn Casamassa, ARNF, Forest Supervisor
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8:30 – 9:30 AM	Wilderness Act and the Future	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jay Turner Environ. Studies Program Wellesley College, MA
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Q&As for Dr. Jay Turner	Group Discussion
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Air Quality: 2006 Accomplishments & 2007 Projects Update (FY2007/08 Element)	Jeff Sorkin, R2 Air Specilaist
11:00 – 11:15 AM	Break (put away display tables)	
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Regional Director's Updates: **Announcement of Carhart Training Scholarship** Recreation and Wilderness Budget NFF Wilderness Centennial Grants Management of Recommended Wilderness Recreation Strategy and Unmanaged Recreation Wilderness Recreation Forums	Steve Sherwood, RHWR Director
11:45 – NOON	Summary of Week's Events, Evaluation and Vehicle Safety Check	Ralph Swain, R2

SAFETY: It is important to all that you arrive safely and return home safely. Therefore, there will be a vehicle check on the final day, Friday, 2/9 by the Regional Office Safety Officer Carlos Pinto and Ken Reuer, R2 Assistant Fleet Manager, before you drive away to make sure you and your vehicle are ready for a safe trip home.

Other Topics: Extra & Ideas:

1. Recommended wilderness - Indian Creek Wilderness, Neb NF/BHNF, Heather M. – Sierra Club
2. Discussion on CDTA trail in wilderness
3. Forest round-robin
4. Wildlife – Goat transplant
5. VOC -2007 update – Kate Boland

