*Sample Agenda – 1 day workshop*

Wilderness Awareness Workshop

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ National Forest

XXX, 200x

**Purpose:** To increase awareness of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the values of the wilderness on the forest. This training will provide participants with:

1. An understanding of how wilderness fits into the overall mission/agenda of the Forest Service and the role wilderness plays in the unit objectives and agenda.
2. Increased awareness of the National Wilderness Preservation System, the wilderness resource, and wilderness values.
3. Increased understanding of wilderness legislation; the 1964 Act and subsequent legislation and how the legislation affects local decision-making.

**Target Audience:** All forest personnel involved in management of Wilderness including: line officers, visitor information providers, public affairs, law enforcement, and resource managers (recreation, wilderness, fisheries, wildlife, fire, range, heritage, planning, etc.)

**Workshop Agenda**

**8:00 am Introduction** -- Forest Wilderness Staff

* Logistics, overview of course and agenda
* Participant introductions
	+ What is your role in mgmt of wilderness?
	+ What are your expectations for the workshop?

**8:30 am** **Welcome** -- Forest Perspective -- Forest Supervisor or Deputy

Possible talking points:

* Workshop Purpose and Objectives for the forest
* The role and importance of Wilderness on the forest and the challenge of wilderness stewardship
* The need for interdisciplinary commitment to wilderness stewardship

**8:45 am Regional Perspectives --** Regional Wilderness Program Mgr.

* The role and importance of Wilderness in the region and the challenge of wilderness stewardship
* Key wilderness issues in the region

**9:00 am Wilderness Act and Policy Overview --** Regional Wilderness Program Mgr.

* The National Wilderness Preservation System
* The Wilderness Act of 1964 and subsequent legislation
* Forest Service Wilderness Management Policy
* Wilderness Management Principles – the Four Cornerstones of Wilderness Stewardship

**10:00 am** Break

**10:15 am The 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge**

 **--** Regional Wilderness Program Mgr.

* Overview of national interdisciplinary strategy

**10:45 am The 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge**

 **--** Regional Wilderness Program Mgr.

* Regional priorities and accomplishments

**11:15 am The 10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge --** Forest Wilderness Staff

* Forest accomplishments and challenges

**Noon Lunch**

1:00 pm Wilderness Management Issues Exercise

 -- Regional Program Mgr. or Forest Wilderness Staff

* What can and can’t be done in wilderness, focused on local issues

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Minimum Requirements Decision Process Overview

 -- Regional Program Mgr. or Forest Wilderness Staff

* The basis for minimum requirements decisions based in law and policy
* Introduce Step 1 of a 2-step process for analysis and decision-making

**3:15 pm Minimum Requirements Decision Process – Case Study Exercise** - All

* Small group exercise to apply the minimum requirements decision process to wilderness case studies (real or generic) and determine necessary management action

**4:30 pm** **Wrap-up and Critique**

**4:45 pm Adjourn**

**Optional Agenda Item:**

(insert in place of Minimum Requirements Decision Process – Case Study Exercise, 3:15 pm)

**Forest Action Plan for Wilderness** – *Where do we go from here?*

 -- Forest Supervisor and/or Lead Wilderness Staff

* Identification and prioritization of key forest wilderness issues

 -- could include assignment of leads and resource specialists needed