*Sample agenda – 2 day workshop*

Wilderness Awareness Workshop

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Workshop Location –

Dates: 2 full 8 hour days or a ½ day, full day, ½ day schedule

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

1. Increased awareness of the National Wilderness Preservation System, the wilderness resource, and wilderness values.
2. Increased understanding of wilderness legislation; the 1964 Act and subsequent legislation and how the legislation affects local decision-making.
3. An understanding of how wilderness is managed within the overall mission/agenda of the Forest Service and the role wilderness plays in the regional and forest s objectives and priorities.
4. An opportunity to identify and strategize interdisciplinary involvement in accomplishing wilderness management objectives

**Target Audience:** All unit 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, etc.).

**Workshop Agenda**

**Day One: April 25, 2006**

**9:00 am Introduction** -- Forest Wilderness Staff

--Logistics, overview of course and agenda

--Participant introductions

What is your role in management of wilderness?

Expectations?

What is your job?

**9:30 am** **Welcome** -- **Forest Perspective -** -- Forest Supervisor or Deputy

--Workshop Purpose and Objectives for this forest

--Perspective on R2 10-YWC Strategy & Action Plan

--Interdisciplinary commitment to wilderness stewardship

**10:00 am Warm-up Quiz** -- Regional Program Mgr. or Forest Staff

**--**Test your knowledge of wilderness

**10:30 am Break**

**10:45 am Overview of the National Wilderness Preservation System,**

**The Wilderness Act of 1964, and Forest Service Wilderness Management Policy --** Regional Program Mgr.

**12:00 am Lunch on your own**

1:15 pm Wilderness Issues Exercise; What Can and Can Not be Done

**in Wilderness** -- Regional Program Mgr.

-- What is your perspective on wilderness?

-- How do our perspectives affect wilderness decision-making?

-- Examples of how some specific local issues can be addressed based on law and FS

Policy

2:30 pm History and Background of local Wilderness Area – Wild. Mgrs./Forest staff

* Review of subsequent legislation

**3:15 pm Break**

**3:30 pm Regional and National Perspective** -**-** Regional Program Manager

10 Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Strategy

* Interdisciplinary approach

Wilderness.net Information Resources

**5:00 pm Adjourn for the day**

**Day 2: April 26, 2006**

**8:00 am Welcome and Objectives for the day --** Forest Staff

**--**Recap of Day 1, bin items, questions and discussion

8:15 am Local Wilderness Stewardship Issues – Wild./Mgrs/Forest Staff

-- Group exercise to identify wilderness issues for forest

-- Review and select key issues for forest wilderness

-- Develop action plan and prioritize

-- Identify responsibilities

9:45 am Break

**10:00 am Interdisciplinary discussion of resource management issues** – All

-- Break out into small groups to focus on management of specific key issues or

resource programs within the forest’s wilderness area.

11:00 am Overview of the Minimum Requirements Decision Process

-- Regional Program Mgr. or Forest Staff

--The basis for minimum requirements decisions based in law and policy

--Introduce a 2-step process for analysis and decision making

--Regional policy for analysis, review, and approval

**12:00 Lunch – on your own**

**1:00 pm Interdisciplinary discussion of a minimum requirements issue example** -- All

1:30 pm **Group discussion of the results of the problem solving** -- All

**2:30 pm Break**

**2:45 pm Forest Action Plan for Wilderness** – *Where do we go from here?*

-- Forest Supervisor or Lead Wilderness Staff

* Identification and prioritization of key forest wilderness issues

-- could include assignment of leads and resource specialists needed

**3:15 pm Bin Items, Wrap up and critique the session** -- Forest Wilderness Staff

**3:30 pm Adjourn – Travel home safely**