

SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR INSTRUCTIONS WILDERNESS WORKSHOP LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PERSONAL SAFETY

As the facilitator you have the option of taking part in the role playing exercise as the person the wilderness guard is to contact or to assign both roles to members of the group. The role of the wilderness guard should be given to a first year ranger and the contact should be a returning / experienced ranger. The role of the public should be acted out based on similar contacts the ranger has experienced (playing “devils advocate” is okay too!).

Three scenarios are in the folder. Try to assign the roles to different participants for each scenario. An hour has been allotted for the three scenarios so try to limit each one to no more than 10 minutes. This will allow for some discussion and critique. You chose only two to allow for more time.

Scenario1

Weekend Backpacker:

Friday evening finds you and your family (2 small children) at Shoe Lake in the Goat Rocks Wilderness. You’ve been looking forward to treating your family to a backcountry excursion for weeks. The weather is cool and it looks like rain when you arrive at the trailhead. You notice a sign on the bulletin board regarding Wilderness Regulations in your hurry to get going you don’t take time to read them. While setting up camp it begins to rain lightly. Realizing you don’t have enough fuel for your stove to heat enough water for the family meal you build a nice campfire. Surely there’s no fire damage in this weather and besides it’s getting pretty cold! Feeling as if your weekend trip may flop you are feeling defensive when the wilderness ranger arrives.

Wilderness Ranger:

The first evening of your backcountry tour finds you at Shoe Lake in the Goat Rocks Wilderness. As you are finishing up dinner you notice/smell smoke rising from a campfire located on the bank of the lake. The Wilderness regulations are clearly posted at each trailhead leading into the wilderness.

Make the necessary contact:

References: 36 CFR 261.52(a)

36 CFR 261.58(a)

Scenario 2

Horseperson:

This is your first wilderness horsepacking trip. You and your friends have limited packing experience. You heard from another friend about a nice weekend trip along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. You are aware of the vegetation damage that horse grazing can cause so you brought along hay for the animals! Wanting to minimize the damaged area you've tethered all the horses in one location! (50 ft. from trail).

Wilderness Ranger:

After hiking the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail all day you are about to locate a camp for the night. Just south of the Louisiana Saddle you come across a group of six horsemen with three pack animals. They are camped approximately 50 ft, off the trail. Their horses are tethered to tress and you notice a couple of hay bales.

Make the necessary contact

References: 36 CFR 261.58(f)

36 CFR 261.58(t)

36 CFR 261.58(e)

Scenario 3

Dayhiker:

You and your friends wanted to get away for the day and have a good time. You decided to hike up to Summit Lake. You brought along a couple of playmate coolers of cold beer to enjoy after the hike. You also brought along your new handgun in case you have a chance to try it out. You found a nice sunny spot on the bank to prop cans up and decided to target practice. You are intoxicated and you have a bad attitude towards authority.

Wilderness Ranger:

You arrive at Summit Lake in the Clearwater Wilderness during the afternoon and are amazed at the number of occupied sites. While trying to discreetly locate a spot to camp you hear gunshots echoing out of the lake basin. You locate the site of the disturbance down by the water. Upon entering the site you are greeted by the occupants (who appear intoxicated). Several empty beer cans are scattered around the camp and others have been used for target practice.

Make the necessary contact

References: 36 CFR 261.10