WILDERNESS MANAGER’S WINTER MEETING

Theme:
The Future of Wilderness
February 6-9, 2007

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.

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.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

8:30 – 9:00 AM  Welcome, Agenda and Introductions  Facilitator: Oscar Martinez, Yampa District Ranger
                Evergreen Fire/Rescue

9:00- 9:45 AM  Opening Comments:
                R2 Leg. Guidebook 2007 –Update
                10-Year Wilderness Challenge-Brochure
                Wilderness Recreation Forums:
                Draft Recommendations

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

11:00-11:45 AM  Implementing the 10-Year Challenge
                and R2 Action Plan

11:45 –1:30 PM  Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 PM  Audit of the R2 10-Year Challenge:
                Ted Hinrick,
                Clemson Short Course Project

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:

                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 xxxx–
                El Rancho Restaurant, Evergreen

Optional (must sign up)
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2007

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<td>Grant: Sharing Monitoring Techniques Friends of Mt. Evans and SJMA</td>
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<td>R2 Regional Pack String (Outdoor Presentation – Parking lot)</td>
<td>Glenn Ryan, Lead Packer, PSINF, A-J Ranch</td>
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<td>Wild. Rec. Forum: Core Team Update: Discussion of DRAFT Recommendations</td>
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<td>Sangre de Cristo Wilderness South Colony Basin EA and FY2007 Management Action</td>
<td>Mark Hesse, RMFI Ex. Director Mike Smith, San Carlos RD</td>
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<td>Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative</td>
<td>Walt Horner, Ex. Director</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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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 Boutcher, 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

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
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:  
Steve Sherwood, RHWR Director  
**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

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/BHN, 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