WILDERNESS MANAGER'S WINTER MEETING

Theme:

The 10-Year Wilderness Challenge & Program of Work

February 7-10, 2006

FINAL: 10/24/05

Location:

Evergreen Fire Station
2222 Bergan Parkway, Evergreen, Colorado

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

PURPOSE: To provide a forum to discuss the FY2006 wilderness program of work.

OBJECTIVES:

- Review FY2005 accomplishments, including the 40th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act events.
- Review the Chief's 10-Year Challenge and R2 Action Plan.
- Develop Regional Areas of Emphasis for 2006.
- Discuss Wilderness Manager's Issues and Concerns.
- Learn more xxxx.

REGISTRATION:
For registration, please contact Ralph Swain, email: rswain@fs.fed.us, 303-275-5058.

HOTEL: - Please use this hotel location:
Quality Inn, El Rancho Blvd. Evergreen, CO (1-70 Evergreen exit), 303-670x.
The El Rancho Restaurant is the location for Tuesday's night optional group dinner and it is located next to the Quality Inn.
The hotel honors the govt. rate for Jefferson County ($112/person/night, plus tax). Be sure to mention you are registering for the **Wilderness Manager's WINTER meeting**. Please reserve your hotel room by **January 20, 2005.**

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 copies of your final Wilderness Education Plan.
**Please bring copies of your Fire Management Plan (FMP) and Forest Plan direction that specifically speaks to fire in wilderness.
**Please bring examples of your wilderness trailhead signs.
**Please bring hard-copy examples of your wilderness special orders.

THE WINTER MEETING BEGINS AT 8:30 AM ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th. RESOURCE TABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO SET UP DISPLAYS AND HANDOUTS STARTING AT 7:30 AM ON TUESDAY.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006

8:30 – 9:00 AM	**Welcome, Agenda and Introductions**	Facilitator: TBA
9:00- 9:45 AM	**Opening Comments:** 10-Year Wilderness Challenge Unmanaged Recreation in Wilderness Wilderness Recreation Forums	Ralph Swain, R2 Wilderness
9:45 – 10:00 AM	**Break**	
10:00 – 10:30 AM	**Wilderness Managed to Standard:** **FY2005 Report out, and** **FY2006 incremental progress reporting**	Kevin Cannon, ARNF
10:30-11:00 AM	**Implementing the 10-Year Challenge and R2 Action Plan:**	Rick Cables, Regional Forester
11:00 – 11:15 AM	**Break**	
11:15 – 11:45 AM	**Wilderness Advisory Group (WAG):**	Jimmy Gaudry, R2 WAG Rep. Leadville RD, PSINF
11:45 –1:30 PM	**Lunch**	

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:
1:30- 2:30 PM
Implementing your Wilderness Education Plan: (Purpose is to share and coordinate the implementation of your wilderness education efforts with neighboring Forests).

Concurrent Session 1	**Implementing Wild. Education Plans**	WY, SD and NE Forests
Concurrent Session 2	**Implementing Wild. Education Plans**	WRNF, GMUG, and ARNF
Concurrent Session 3	**Implementing Wild. Education Plans**	PSINF, RGNF, and SJNF
2:30 – 3:00 PM	**Break**	
3:00 – 4:00 PM	**Panel: Wilderness Partners Update**	Kate Boland, VOC Jerry Severn, COTI T.J Rapoport CFI Heather Moriah, Sierra Club
4:00-4:15 PM	**TBA**	
4:15-4:30 PM	**Close out for the day**	Ralph Swain, R2
6:00-8:00 PM	**Farewell Dinner to** **xx (xxx)** **El Rancho Restaurant, Evergreen**	Optional (must sign up)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2006

8:00 – 8:15 AM	**Morning Welcome & Agenda**	Facilitator: TBA, District Ranger, xx RD
8:15 – 9:30 AM	**Congressional Panel:** Chris Arend, Staff to Cong. DeGette Doug Young, Staff to Cong. Udall XX, staff to Sen. Ken Salazar XX, staff to Cong. Of WY	
9:30 –10:00 AM	**Break**	
CONCURRENT:		
9:45 – 11:30 AM	**Roundtable Updates (break-out room)** Congressional Staffers, VOC, CFI, TWS CMC, RMFI, TNC, Backcountry Horsemen, Sierra Club,	Ralph Swain
10:00 – 11:30 AM	**TBA**	Group
11:30 – Noon	**Wilderness Character Protocol Update:** **Pilot location**	Beth Boyst, WRNF Kai Allen, GMUG
Noon – 1:00 PM	**Lunch**	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	**TBA**	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	**FY2006 10-Year Element:** **Wilderness Fire Checklist: Overview**	Byron X, R2 Fire Specialist
CONCURRENT SESSIONS:		
2:30 – 4:30 PM	**Theme: FY2006 Managed to Standard:** **Wilderness Fire Checklist: Review**	
	Introduction to Checklist Exercise	Mike Smith, PSINF
Concurrent Session 1	**Prep: Wilderness Fire Checklist**	WY, SD and NE Forests
Concurrent Session 2	**Prep: Wilderness Fire Checklist**	WRNF, GMUG, and ARNF
Concurrent Session 3	**Prep: Wilderness Fire Checklist**	PSINF, RGNF, and SJNF
4:30-PM	**Summary of Checklist by Forest**	Group Leaders & Ralph Swain, R2

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

8:00 – 8:15 AM	**Morning Welcome & Agenda**	Facilitator: Jim Zornes, District Ranger, Leadville RD
8:15 – 9:00 AM	**TBA**	TBA
9:00 -9:45 AM	**Web-based Volunteer Recruitment**	Jerry Severns, VOC Outreach Coordinator
9:45 – 10:30 AM	**Regional Pack String: FY05 Projects**	Glen Ryan, Packer So. Platte RD
10:30 – 10:45 AM	**Break**	
10:45 – 11:45 AM	**Fourteeners Initiative:** **FS Role, Routes & Restoration**	Loretta McElhiney, Leadville RD
11:45 – 1:30 PM	**Lunch**	
1:15 – 2:00 PM	**TBA**	TBA
2:00- 3:00 PM	**Wilderness Trailhead Signs**	Ralph Swain, Group Discussion
3:30 PM	**Close of Day - Summary**	Jim Zornes, Leadville RD
6:30 - 8:00 PM	**Evening Presentation:** **Open Microphone:** **Ice Skating: Evergreen Lake**	**Evergreen Hotel-Downtown** **John Anarella** **Optional**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2006

8:00 – 8:15 AM	**Morning Welcome**	Facilitator: Becky Aus, Forest Supervisor, SNF
8:15 – 9:15 AM	**TBA**	TBA
9:15 – 10:00 AM	**Regional Updates:** Recreation and Wilderness Budget NFF Wilderness and Centennial Grants Recreation Strategy and Unmanaged Recreation Wilderness Recreation Forums	Steve Sherwood, RHWR Director
10:00 – 10:15 AM	**Break**	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	**Air Quality in Wilderness**	Jeff Sorkin, R2 Air Program
11:00 – 11:45 AM	**R2 Invasive Species Strategy** **FY2005/2006 Mang. To Std. Element**	Tom McClure, R2 Invasive Species Coordinator
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, 2/10 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.