



## INTERAGENCY WILDERNESS FELLOWS TRAINING

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service-National Wildlife Refuge System, National Park Service, and Forest Service

Natural Resource Program Center, Third floor, Room 3A  
Fort Collins, CO June 5 – 7, 2012

### Objectives

- Introduce the Wilderness Fellows to wilderness, wilderness character, and wilderness character monitoring
- Wilderness Fellows come away with a good understanding of wilderness character, use of the wilderness character monitoring database, and expectations for their accomplishments as a Wilderness Fellow
- Wilderness Fellows come away with a good understanding of the resources that are available for their use and insight on how to successfully work with local agency staff

DAY/TIME	TOPIC	LEAD
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 5</b>		
8:00 – 8:30	Introductions: very brief (1 min) comment about who you are, where you are from, what you hope to gain from this experience	All
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome to the Natural Resource Program Center and the National Wildlife Refuge System's Inventory and Monitoring Program	Mark Chase
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome to American Conservation Experience: what you need to know about your fellowship with ACE	Shane Barrow
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Break</i>	
9:45 – 10:30	Expectations for what to accomplish as a Wilderness Fellow	Peter Landres
10:30 – 12:00	Introduction to the four wilderness managing agencies, Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System, National Park Service, Forest Service, and Bureau of Land Management	Nancy Roeper and Peter
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 – 2:00	Wild by Law video	Nancy
2:00 – 3:00	Introduction to wilderness and the 1964 Wilderness Act	Nancy
3:00 – 3:15	<i>Break</i>	
3:15 – 4:30	Wilderness character: why it's important and what it is	Peter
4:30 – 5:00	Stand up exercise on wilderness values	Nancy
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6</b>		
8:00 – 8:30	A Refuge Manager's/Project Leader's perspective on wilderness, wilderness character monitoring, and what to expect when you're at a refuge	Elaine Johnson
8:30 – 9:00	The reality of wilderness stewardship in the NWRS, NPS, and FS	Nancy and Peter

9:00 – 10:00	Practical advice about what's it like to be a Wilderness Fellow (from a Wilderness Fellow)	Molly McCarter and Monica Patel
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>	
10:15 – 10:30	Wilderness resources that are available online and on your memory stick	Nancy
10:30 – 12:00	Wilderness character monitoring: history, definitions, basic concepts	Peter
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 – 3:00	Wilderness character monitoring: details on choosing measures and resources that are available (including the FS Technical Guide, NPS User Guide, and BLM Implementation Guide)	Peter
3:00 – 3:30	<i>Break</i>	
3:30 – 4:00	Air quality measures	Jill Webster
4:00 – 5:00	Wilderness character monitoring: details, continued	Peter
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 7</b>		
8:00 – 8:30	The role of the NWRS Natural Resource Program Center role in wilderness character monitoring	Peter Dratch
8:30 – 10:00	Intro to the wilderness character monitoring database and how to use it	Richard Easterbrook and Simon Kingston
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Break</i>	
10:15 – 12:00	Using the wilderness character monitoring database	Richard and Simon
12:00 – 1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 – 3:00	Wilderness Building Blocks including Wilderness Character Narratives	Suzy Stutzman
3:00 – 3:15	<i>Break</i>	
3:15 – 5:00	Questions and answers	All