



Wilderness Fellows Training
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System
Natural Resource Program Center, Third floor, Room 3A
Fort Collins, CO June 14 – 16, 2011

Objectives

- Introduce the Wilderness Fellows to the FWS, NWRS, wilderness, wilderness character, and wilderness character monitoring
- Wilderness Fellows come away with a good understanding of wilderness character and use of the wilderness character monitoring database application
- 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 refuge staff

Agenda

DAY/TIME	TOPIC	LEAD
Tuesday, June 14		
8:00 - 8:30	Introductions: very brief 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 the Student Conservation Association; what you need to know about your internship, and SCA resources that are available	Joey Ruehrwein
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:45 – 12:00	Introduction to the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System	Nancy Roeper
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00	Wild by Law video	Nancy
2:00 – 3:00	Introduction to wilderness and the 1964 Wilderness Act	Nancy
3:00 – 3:30	Stand up wilderness exercise	Nancy
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 5:00	Wilderness character: why we care about it and what it is	Peter
Wednesday, June 15		
8:00 – 9:00	A Refuge Manager's perspective on wilderness, wilderness character monitoring, and the NWRS I&M Program; what to expect when you're at a refuge	Mark

9:00 - 9:15	The reality of wilderness stewardship in the NWRS	Nancy
9:15 - 9:45	What's it like to be a Wilderness Fellow (from a Wilderness Fellow)	Monica Patel
9:45 – 10:00	Break	
10:00 – 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	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:00	Wilderness character monitoring: details on choosing measures	Peter
3:00 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 5:00	Wilderness character monitoring: details, continued	Peter
Thursday, June 16		
8:00 - 9:00	The role of the NWRS Natural Resource Program Center role in wilderness character monitoring	Peter Dratch
9:00 - 10:00	Intro to the computer database application	Simon Kingston
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 12:00	Using the Wilderness Character Monitoring Database Application	Richard Easterbrook
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:00	Using the Wilderness Character Monitoring Database Application	Richard
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 - 5:00	Questions and answers	All