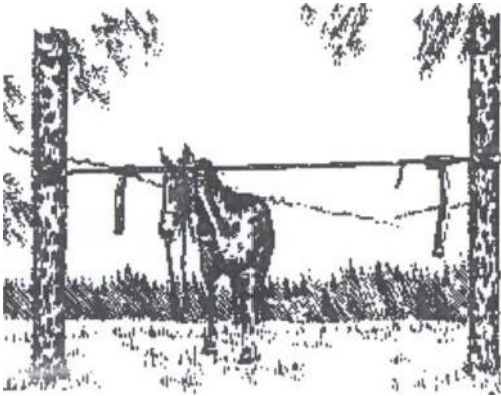


GILA NATIONAL FOREST Wilderness Ranger District
OUTFITTER/GUIDE SCHOOL
MAY 16-20, 2005



Topics Covered

- Leave No Trace Principles
- Wilderness Management
- O/G Permit Administration-Requirements and Expectations
- Safety, First Aid and Evacuations in Wilderness Areas
- O/G Activities-hunting, backpacking, river running, etc.
- Means of Travel-horseback, foot, kayak
- Game & Fish Regulations
- Forest Service Law Enforcement Regulations
- Customer Service

The course will begin May 16 at 1:00 p.m. We will meet at the Helitack Base above the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center and we will camp in the local campgrounds Monday night. On Tuesday morning we will head into the Wilderness, camp two nights and return on Thursday afternoon, again camping that night in the campgrounds there. We will have a wrap-up session Friday morning, and the course will end at noon.

Participants may travel on foot or horse, with those choosing to ride bringing their own animals. Please let us know if you can bring a pack animal as we plan to share the pack animals for our gear.

Participants will be responsible for their own food. We will divide participants into three cooking groups, and we will let you know beforehand for food purchasing.

There is no tuition for the course, but size is limited. It is open to all Gila National Forest Outfitters, applicants and Forest Service personnel who administer outfitter/guide permits.

Nominations should be sent to John Kramer, Wilderness Ranger District, HC 68 Box 50, Mimbres NM 88049, telephone 505/536-2250, internet: jfkramer@fs.fed.us or intranet: John F Kramer/R3/USDAFS Send name of nominee, phone number, address, status (i.e., applicant, temporary or priority permit holder) and type of outfitting (i.e., hunting, backpacking, rafting, etc.).

Nominations will be accepted until April 8th. Selections and notifications will be made soon after.

Please come ready to share what you know and to learn from others!