



# WILDERNESS RANGER ACADEMY

Theme:

## *The Wilderness Movement: Past and Present*

Durango, Colorado

June 7-11, 2011

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**BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT**



**FOREST SERVICE**



**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**



**U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE**

*Hosted by:*

*San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA)*

*In cooperation with the San Juan Public Lands Office- SJNF/BLM,*

*National Park Service, US Fish & Wildlife Service*

*and the Forest Service-Southwest Region (R3) and the Rocky Mountain Region (R2)*

**WHO:** Wilderness Managers, Resource Specialists, Seasonal Wilderness Rangers and Volunteers. All levels of experience are welcomed. Concurrent sessions will be offered to accommodate first-year field rangers as well as District, Forest and interagency Wilderness Managers.

**PURPOSE:** To provide field level wilderness rangers, seasonal rangers and volunteers a “tool box” of professional wilderness management skills.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Review of Wilderness History, Philosophy, Values and the Wilderness Act.
- Understand the Wilderness Ranger’s roles and responsibilities.
- Focus on 10-YWSC Accomplishments and Wilderness Character Monitoring
- Disseminate Technology; Agency Research and Academia.
- Discuss Latest Issues Facing Wilderness Managers.

**TUITION:** No tuition charge. A limited number of openings are available for community members who wish to attend the workshop, but will not require lodging or meals, will be available if space allows.

**Note:** The Cross Cut training course is June 10-11, 2011 at Vallecito Lake Forest Service Work Station (approx. 20 miles northeast of Ft. Lewis College).

**ACADEMY REGISTRATION:** - Forest Service and all other attendees must register by contacting Ralph Swain, 303-275-5058, or email: [rswain@fs.fed.us](mailto:rswain@fs.fed.us).

**LODGING & MEALS:** - Lodging fee is \$140 for double occupancy for four nights (Monday – Thursday) and includes meals (four breakfasts and three lunches). One dinner will be hosted by SJMA (Tuesday) and one dinner at Steamworks (Thursday evening, approx. \$12). All other dinners on your own time. Payment by credit card (MC and VISA) or check. Lodging and meals reservations will be taken by Susan Rosenow, 970-385-1310, email: [bodowd@animas.net](mailto:bodowd@animas.net)

**Please note:** There will be no camping available at Fort Lewis College.

**Due Date:** - The cut-off date for lodging reservations and meal ticket is **Friday, May 6, 2011.**

**Check-in:** Check in is on Monday, June 6th, from 1 pm to 6 pm at Camp Hall on campus. Maps available on request. Check out Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, anytime before 10 am.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** No refund will be given for Academy cancellations (rooms or meals). However, a substitute attendee will be accepted if notice of substitute is provided to SJMA by close of business on **Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**DAYCARE:** The Columbine RD would be happy to provide contacts for daycare for the week. Call Nancy Berry at (970) 884-1412.

**ACCESSABILITY:** Fort Lewis College is fully accessible for individuals with disabilities and wheelchair needs. Please contact Nancy Berry if you have specific requirements or concerns.

**WHAT TO BRING:**

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| ✓ Warm clothes & wool hat          | ✓ Alarm clock               |
| ✓ Raingear (plan on rain!)         | ✓ Day pack or fanny-pack    |
| ✓ Compass for orienteering session | ✓ Bug repellent             |
| ✓ Gloves for field sessions        | ✓ Personal hygiene gear     |
| ✓ Work boots for trail work        | ✓ Backcountry gear for swap |
| ✓ Digital camera                   | ✓ Fishing gear              |
|                                    | ✓ GPS unit                  |

**\*A Cook-off contest will take place during the Academy with great prizes for the best backcountry meals. Don't forget to bring your favorite recipe and ingredients for the cook-off\***

**AWARDS & PRIZES:** Several great awards will be given to WINNERS in the following events:

- **Best Overall Presentation**
  - **Best Presentation by a Public Lands Agency Speaker**
  - **Best Presentation for Field Program/Training**
  - **Fastest Crosscut Saw Time**
  - **Backcountry Cook off Award**
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## **TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2011**

**REGISTRATION & ROOM CHECK-IN BEGINS Monday, 6/6 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the Ft. Lewis College, Camp Hall. After 6 pm, contact Ralph Swain on his cell phone at 720-273-7087 .**

6:45 – 7:45 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	Grill Restaurant, Ft. Lewis College
8:00- 8:30 AM	<b>Welcome</b>	Mark Stiles, Forest Supervisor
8:30 – 9:00 AM	<b>Introductions and Slide Show</b>	Matt Janowiak, SJNF Columbine District Ranger A/V assistance: TBA
9:00 – 9:15 AM	<b>Welcome from Ft. Lewis College</b>	Greg ?,
9:15 – 9:30 AM	<b>Break</b>	Lyceum
9:30 – 10:00 AM	<b>Class Introductions: Outdoor Activity</b>	Ralph Swain/Group
10:00 – 11:00 AM	<b>Why Do You Value Wilderness?</b>	Ralph Swain, R2
11:00- NOON	<b>Wild By Law (video)</b>	Facilitator, Diane Taliaferro, R3 Wild. Program Manager
NOON – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch:</b>	Fort Lewis Grill
1:00- 2:00 PM	<b>The Wilderness Act – “101” or.....(concurrent) The Wilderness Act “501”</b>	101- Diane Taliaferro R3 501 – Randy Welsh, R4
2:00 – 2:45 PM	<b>Wilderness Legislation Update</b>	Gordie Blum, WO Leg. Affairs
2:45 – 3:15 PM	<b>Break</b>	Lyceum
3:15 – 4:00 PM	<b>10YWSC –</b>	Steve Boutcher, WO (not confirmed)
4:00 – 4:30 PM	<b>Diversity, Youth and Wilderness Making Wilderness Relevant</b>	Nina Roberts, Research Ben Lara, PSINF (Not confirmed)
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<b>Dinner, Hosted by SJMA</b>	Ft. Lewis – Grill Restaurant
6:30 - 8:00 PM	<b>Evening Presentation: Wilderness The Kennedy/Johnson Years</b>	<b>Rupert Cutler, Retired</b> <b>Former Asst. Secretary, USDA</b>

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## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2011**

6:45 – 7:45 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>	Fort Lewis Grill
8:00 – 8:30 AM	<b>Welcome/ Agenda Update Wilderness Management: What really has changed?</b>	Bill Dunkelberger, Deputy FS A/V assistance: Diane Taliaferro

8:30-9:30 AM	<b>Arthur Carhart: Wildernes Prophet</b>	Tom Wolf, Author
9:30 – 10:00 AM	<b>Break</b>	
10:00-11:00 AM	<b>Two New Organizations! Society for Wilderness Stewardship Natl. Wilderness Stewardship Alliance</b>	Ben Lawhon, SWS Director Dave Cantrell, NWSA Director
11:15 – 12:00 PM	<b>Sound Scape and Night Sky Program</b>	Frank Turina, NPS
12:00 –1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>PARTNERSHIP PANEL</b>		
1:00 - 2:00 PM	<b>Wilderness Perspectives:</b>	Dgo Railroad, TBA Local Business, TBA Outfitter, TBA
2:00 – 2:30 PM	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Outdoor Activities: 2:30 – 4:00 PM</b>		
Concurrent Session 1	<b>Identifying Non-Native Plants</b> Quad Area (Field) 30 mins.	Mark Tucker, SJNF Range Specialist
Concurrent Session 2	<b>Wildlife Conflicts: Bear Spray Demo</b> Quad Area (Field) 30 mins.	Steve Sunday, PSINF Leadville RD
Concurrent Session 3	<b>Public Contacts – Role Playing &amp; Authority of the Resource</b> Quad Area (Field) 30 mins.	NancyBerry, Columbine RD Anne Del Vera, Columbine RD
4:00- 4:30 PM	<b>Close out for the day</b>	Bill Dunkelberger, SJPL Deputy Forest Supervisor
4:45 – 5:30 PM	<b>Backcountry Cook-off</b> Quad Area	Host: SJMA Judge, Ann Bond, PAO-SJNF Judge: Wally White, Cty Comm. Judge, Beth Holland, Dgo Herald

### **BRING YOUR CAMPSTOVE, FAVORITE RECIPE & INGREDIENTS.**

6:30 – 8:00 PM	<b>International Perspective of Wilderness- Eastern Europe:</b>	
	<b>Wilderness in Eastern Europe: ReWilding of Europe- PAN Parks</b>	Zoltan Kun, Director Pan Parks Foundation

## **THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2011**

6:45– 7:45 AM	<b>Breakfast and Sack Lunch pick-up</b>	Fort Lewis Grill
8:00 – 8:30 AM	<b>Morning Welcome &amp; Agenda</b>	Kevin Khung, D. Ranger Pagosa RD, SJPL Field assistance: Nancy Berry

8:30 – 8:45 AM	<b>Prepare for Wilderness Field Day</b>	Nancy Berry, Columbine RD
8:45 –9:30 AM	<b>Vallecito Work Station (van/car pool ride)</b>	
9:30 – 10:30 AM	<b>Wilderness Issues: Partner’s Perspective</b> (Group 1) (Group 2 – Hike to Lake Eileen)	George Nickas, Wilderness Watch
10:30 – 11:30 AM	<b>Wilderness Issues: Partner’s Perspective</b> (Group 2) (Group 1 – Hike to Lake Eileen)	George Nickas, Wilderness Watch
11:30 – NOON	<b>Back to Vallecito Work Station</b>	Group Photo (S. Sunday.)
12:00 – 12:45 PM	<b>Lunch - At Work Station</b> <b>(Sack lunch provided)</b>	Group

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS:  
WILDERNESS FIELD SESSIONS:**

1:00 – 3:30 PM

**WISDOM – Public Contacts and  
Ranger Safety (Field) 30 mins.** Ralph Swain, R2

**Stock Use and LNT**  
(Field) 30 mins. Kathe Hayes, SJMA  
& Backcountry Horsemen

**Knot Tying (Field) 30 mins.** TBA

**6:00 – 7:30 PM** **Dinner at Steamworks Brew Pub** **Need to sign up for this! \$12**

If you are not staying for the Crosscut Saw course and you cannot drive home to your work unit in less than 4 hours, you must – for safety reasons – stay Thursday night and drive home Friday am.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2011 –**  
**???? TRAINING – at Vallecito Work Station**

(Note: Free Camping will be provided at the Vallecito Work Station for all ??? Training Course attendees. Contact Nancy Berry at 970-884-1412-, for course registration and camping reservation.)

8:00 – 8:15 AM	<b>Morning Welcome &amp; Agenda</b>	Matt Janowiak, DR Columbine RD
8:15 – 9:00 AM	<b>Course Agenda and Objectives</b>	<b>TBA</b> <b>A/V assistance: TBA</b>
9:00– 10:00 AM	<b>Introduction to Xcut –Power Point</b>	<b>Bob Beckly, MTDC</b>
10:00 – 10:30 AM	<b>Break</b>	
10:30-11:00 AM	<b>Xcut National Policy, FS Policy and Cert. Req.</b>	<b>Jeffer Wingate, PINF</b>

11:00 – 12:00 AM

**Risk Assessment:**

**Jeff Leisy, SNF**

12:00 – 1:00 PM

**Lunch**

