

**Wallowa-Whitman National Forest
Wilderness Stewards Program**

Curriculum for Wilderness Steward Training

This training was done as four night classes in April 2002, and then again as a one day class on June 24, 2002. Training also included an optional Saturday field trip to clean up a lake basin and complete a trip report.

8:00 - 8:15 Introductions

8:15 - 12:00 Morning Training Topics

History of land preservation in the United States (Wild By Law video, discussion, and sharing western art books)

The Wilderness Act of 1964 (read portions of Act and discuss. Give local examples of legal issues/provisional uses)

Principles of Wilderness Management (Use first page of chapter from Wilderness Management textbook. Discussion with examples.)

Forest Plan Direction (I copied our wilderness standards and guidelines and explained that is how we implement the Act, policy, management principles at the local level. This was about a 5 minute discussion.)

12:30 - 4:30 Afternoon Training Topics

Wilderness Steward "job description"

Leave No Trace (show Soft Paths video, pass out brochures, discuss importance)

Safety (go over JHA)

Radio Use (hands on training)

Gear List

Explain trip report and assignment sheet

Fill out questionnaire on experience and volunteer desires

Fill out volunteer agreement