

Mt. Adams Wilderness Steward Field Training 2003

Introductions

Turn in signed JHA and Volunteer Agreements (briefly discuss compensation)

Pass out Steward Folders

Update Schedule

Plan ahead (key to LNT) – prepare for inclement weather, food, cooking, remove valuables from car.

Starting your hitch – Mt. Adams or Wind River

Phone call or make personal contact with Jon Nakae or Toni Cordas (must do)

Get Steward Package plus radio and batteries

Test radio – do radio check to local front desk. Change out battery pack.

Drive to trailhead (drive defensively). Secure vehicle. Call GP Dispatch. Permit box.

Foot travel – hiking, pests, stream crossing, stock, weather, lightning.

Camping – Use existing site. Avoid hazardous sites – snags, slides, floods

Public Contact

Size up before contact.

If aggressive dogs, alcohol, drugs, firearms, night – don't do contact.

Practice Good Host – be calm and positive. Listen. Be professional.

Deflect tough questions, refer them to Jon Nakae, Wilderness manager.

Answer what you know. OK to say you don't know something.

Make LNT suggestion.

Explain regulations by means of resource protection.

Role Playing

Document Contact – Encounter Book

Clean-up

Fire ring charcoal

Garbage

Human waste

Search and Rescue – Do what you can, and what you are trained to do, but do not put yourself at risk. Communication.

Law Enforcement – Stewards do not enforce laws or write citations. Ranger can write citations. LEO – Dan Fahrni do full law enforcement. Serious infractions contact GP Dispatch

Check-in, Hitch reports, Turn in steward package.