

Wilderness 50th Pre-Conference Training, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Partnerships and Professionalism: The New Paradigm for Wilderness Preservation Rio Grande Nature Center

Presented by: *the Society for Wilderness Stewardship, National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, and the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center*

Tuesday October 14, 2014		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Partnerships</i>	<i>Professionalism</i>
7:00 am	Buses leave Hyatt Regency for Rio Grande Nature Center	
8:00 am	Welcome. Introduction – to session, participants Connie Myers , Bill Hodge , Linda Merigliano .	
8:30 am	The Challenge Ahead – An exploration of the state of Wilderness stewardship challenges with an eye to the future Bill Hodge (NWSA) , Connie Myers (ACNWTC)	
9:30 am	Honoring the public trust: America's 1964 Wilderness Act – What does it say, what does it mean, and how does it apply to you? Chris Barns (ACNWTC) , Peter Appel (SWS)	
11:30 am	Lunch	
12:30 pm	The dynamics of building and retaining a robust volunteer community: What works to grow, sustain, and retain this valuable resource Phil Hough (Friends of the Scotchman Peaks Wilderness), Jennifer Tripp (Pacific Crest Trail Association), Brenna Irrer (Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards), Andrew Schurr (Friends of the Inyo)	Telling the Wilderness Story: Communication that Connects. Learn the fundamentals of effective communication and the science behind persuasive messages. Apply a six-step process (WISDOM) to professionally and safely make visitor contacts in the wilderness Ralph Swain (FS/SWS) , Ben Lawhon (LNT/SWS) , Derrick Taff (SWS)
2:30 pm	Break	
2:45 pm	Long-Haul Models for Private Sector Partners In Wilderness Stewardship: From funding, to structure, policies to execution, how to build a program for sustained support of the Wilderness Preservation System Sharon Netherton (Friends of Nevada Wilderness), Bob Hazelton (San Gorgonio Wilderness Association)	Working for Wilderness. Ever wish you could learn from the experience and wisdom of "seasoned" field staff? Now you can - explore what it means to be a professional at the field level and what it takes to be effective and safe working in wilderness Maura Longden and Linda Merigliano (SWS) , Ken Straley (ACNWTC)
4:30 pm	Buses leave Elena Gallegos Open Space for Elena Gallegos Open Space – time to walk, relax, network	
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Evening Social. At Elena Gallegos Open Space, Kiwanis Picnic Area	
7:15 pm	Buses leave Elena Gallegos to return to Hyatt Regency	

Wednesday October 15, 2014		
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7:30 am	Busses leave Hyatt Regency for Rio Grande Nature Center	
8:30 am	Introduction to Day 2	
8:45 am	<p><i>Fully Productive Partnerships: How to Model an Effective Agency and Stewardship Partner Relationship</i> - The methods and practices that lead to highly successful stewardship programs Bill Hodge (Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards), Jimmy Gaudry (FS), Jennifer Tripp (Pacific Crest Trail Association), Beth Boyst (FS), Andrew Schurr (Friends of the Inyo), Kirstin Heins (BLM)</p>	<p><i>Working in the real world: How Wilderness Decisions are Made</i> - Learn how to conduct a Minimum Requirement Analysis and the realities of decision-making in the federal agencies so you can best position your Wilderness stewardship proposals for action Chris Barns (ACNWTC) with an interagency panel – Ralph Swain (FS), Joe Ashor (BLM), Tim Devine (NPS), Karen Lindsey (FWS)</p>
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	<p><i>Individual Call to Action</i> - Break into small groups and work with facilitators and colleagues to identify actions to help address pressing Wilderness stewardship issues. Topics may include citizen monitoring, building volunteer trail maintenance capacity and skill, visitor use management, cultural resource challenges, fish and wildlife issues, ecological restoration, illegal motorized trespass, responding to emerging technology, fostering public connection with wilderness, and invasive species management. Response to survey will determine the specific sessions to be offered.</p>	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	<p><i>A United Call to Action</i> -A system-wide response to the challenges and opportunities available to protect wilderness character, connect people to Wilderness, and foster leadership for stewardship. Linda Merigliano (SWS), Connie Myers (ACNWTC), Bill Hodge (NWSA). Special guest Meryl Harrell to present concluding remarks (co-chair, 21st Century Conservation Corps, USDA)</p>	
3:00 pm	<i>Wrap Up</i>	
3:15 pm	Free time to meet with instructors, network, hike, relax	
4:15 pm	Buses leave Rio Grande Nature for return to Hyatt Regency	
6:00 pm	<i>Opening ceremony – National Wilderness 50th Conference</i>	