



Fostering the enduring values of wilderness for people



PRE- 9th WORLD WILDERNESS CONGRESS

WILDERNESS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2009

**HELD AT THE FIESTA AMERICANA HOTEL
MERIDA, MEXICO**

Hosted by:

**WILD Foundation, Wilderness Action Group and the US Forest Service
And**

**Certificated by the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa and The
University of Montana, USA**



COURSE PURPOSES:

- To extend the training conducted at WILD7 (So. Africa) and WILD8 (Alaska)
- To offer introductory wilderness training, creating awareness for its protection
- To prepare participants for their future role as Wilderness Ambassadors

COURSE CONTENT:

- Wilderness concept and history
- Defining wilderness, the IUCN categories and the need for wilderness legislation
- Wilderness values, benefits and ecosystem services
- Wilderness planning, management principles and monitoring techniques
- Wilderness education and awareness strategies for change
- Challenges and threats – protecting the wilderness resource and ecosystems

OUTCOME: Course participants will be able to promote wilderness conservation confidently and develop submissions for the designation of wilderness areas. They will have the framework necessary to prepare policy and management plans and understand how to develop wilderness management programmes for wilderness areas in their respective countries

TARGET AUDIENCE: International government agency, community and private wilderness protected area (PA) managers, NGOs, community leaders from areas neighboring wilderness and PA, and wilderness and PA stakeholders; interagency managers from USA (FS, NPS, BLM and USFWS) are invited to attend. All levels of experience are welcomed. The Seminar will be conducted in English and all participants are expected to speak functional English.

COURSE LOCATION:

Siesta Americana Hotel, Merida, Mexico – 1st floor Meeting Room

COURSE INSTRUCTORS:

Drummond Densham – Director of Wilderness Action Group in South Africa

Ilan Lax – Environ. Lawyer, & Chairman/Director of Wilderness Action Group, SA

Ralph Swain – US Forest Service, Regional Program Manager, Denver, CO USA

Christina Boston – US Forest Service, Wilderness Program Specialist, Washington DC, USA

Liese Dean – US Forest Service, Wilderness Program Coordinator, Stanley, Idaho, USA

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, Nov. 1, 2009

8:00 – 9:00 AM	Opening and Introductions..... Expectations, Course Outline, Ice-Breaker	Ralph Swain, USA (Day's Facilitator) US Forest Service, Denver
9:00 - 10:00 AM	World Perspective of Wilderness: How We Are Connected	Vance Martin, WILD9 President, Wild Foundation
10:00 - 10:15 AM	Break	
10:15 – 11:00 AM	Historical Aspects of Wilderness in the USA	Christina Boston, USA

	The “What” and “Why” of Wilderness	USFS, WA DC
11:00 – Noon	Wilderness Definitions: The Need for Legislation: Present different definitions from around the World	Ilan Lax, South Africa
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Class groups create own definitions that fit into the context for students in regard to their own areas	Group Exercise
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Break	
2:15 – 3:00 PM	Groups: Report Out	Facilitator: Drummond Densham South Africa
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Protected Area Categories and Concepts	Drummond Densham
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Break	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Tie Definitions to Wilderness Values	Liese Dean, USA
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Today’s Wrap-Up	Ralph Swain, USA

MONDAY, NOV. 2, 2009

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Review Agenda, Bin Items	Ilan Lax, SA (Day’s Facilitator)
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Short Exam	Facilitators
9:00 – 9:45 AM	Wilderness Values, Benefits, Services and Uses	Liese Dean, USA
9:45 – 10:30 AM	Wilderness Management Plans What Do They Look Like? What Do They Do?	Drummond Densham
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 – Noon	Principles of Managing Wilderness: Do We Have To Manage Wilderness? How? Discuss Hendee’s 13 Principles of W. Management	Liese Dean, USA
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Wilderness Case Studies: What Type of Threats and/or Uses are Occurring	Group Exercise (Lead:Drummond Densham)

And What are the Challenges to Managing Them?

2:00 – 3:15 PM	Visitor Use Management: WISDOM – Six Step Process for Ranger Safety Leave No Trace – Exercise (30 mins.)	Ralph Swain, USA
3:15 – 3:30 PM	Break	
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Internet Tools to Help Manage Wilderness Websites, Wilderness.net Toolbox, etc.	Liese Dean, USA
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Wilderness Monitoring: Monitoring and Evaluation of Site Impacts and Use	Drummond Densham
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Today’s Wrap-Up- BIN ITEMS	Ilan Lax, SA
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Evening Gathering: Sharing of Slides from Participants Areas	Group Program

TUESDAY, NOV. 3, 2009

8:00 – 8:30 AM	Welcome: Bin Items	Drummond Densham, SA (Day’s Facilitator)
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Short Exam	Facilitator
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Management Case Study (Application of Prior Day’s Learning)	Group Exercise
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Report Out and Discussion	Ilan Lax, SA
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Break	
11:00 – Noon	Wilderness Education Plan -Overview	Ralph Swain, USA
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Students will draft W, Education Plan based on issues affecting their area. Complete Your W. Ed. Plan	Group Exercise (Lead: Ralph Swain)
2:00 - 2:45 PM	How To Fit Change Into Your PA: Your role as a Change Agent and Ambassador	Garry Oye, USA Natl. Park Service
2:45 – 3:00 PM	Break	
3:00 – 3:45 PM	Partnerships: Partnerships: Funding Challenges: How NGOs Can Help	Ilan Lax, SA

3:45 – 4:30 PM	Congress Themes: Climate Change and Wilderness DVD Tie topics to Congress Themes, Congress Resolutions: Develop Resolutions arising from issues discussed in course work and Congress Themes	Group Exercise
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Final Exam:	Facilitators
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Close Out- Graduation Certificates	Drummond Densham & Ilan Lax