

# ARTHUR CARHART NATIONAL WILDERNESS TRAINING CENTER

*"Fostering interagency excellence in wilderness stewardship"*



## MISSION

The Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center, established in 1993, to preserve the values and benefits of wilderness for present and future generations by connecting agency employees and the public with their wilderness heritage through training, information, and education. The Center is jointly staffed and funded through an interagency partnership between the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Oversight for the Center is provided by national wilderness program leaders from each of these four wilderness-managing agencies, and in addition the US Geological Service and the interagency Wilderness Policy Council. The Center is focused on developing products to support the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities in each of six *Wilderness Technical Core Competencies*:

1. *Wilderness History, Law, Regulation & Policy* – to interpret and implement the history and laws of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and agency wilderness stewardship regulations and policies.
2. *Managing Special Provisions* – to manage the special provisions identified in 1964 Wilderness Act and in subsequent enabling legislation.
3. *Wilderness Planning* – to address wilderness stewardship needs in programmatic and project level planning processes.
4. *Wilderness Field Skills* – to accomplish specific field tasks in a variety of wilderness settings.
5. *Visitor Use Management & Monitoring*- to manage and monitor visitor use in wilderness.
6. *Natural & Cultural Resources Management & Monitoring*- KSAs to manage and monitor natural and cultural resources in wilderness.

The Carhart Center program of work is driven by gaps identified between existing and needed information and training resources in each of the Core Competency Areas. This ensures product development is directly responsive to field needs and is directly tied to Core Competencies. For each of the Competency Areas the Carhart Center is focused on: 1) developing customized training courses to meet identified needs; 2) delivering web-based training to reduce travel and per diem costs, time away from the office, and on-demand learning opportunities; and 3) providing timely and comprehensive information to help address specific wilderness stewardship issues.

## CUSTOMIZED TRAINING COURSES

**National and Regional Wilderness Stewardship** training courses are designed to cover relevant wilderness issues. The target audiences are senior-level (National) and mid-level (Regional) line officers responsible for making wilderness management decisions using a combination of web-based prework, classroom discussion and working field trips.

**Wilderness Interpretation, Education & Outreach** courses are offered to explore wilderness values and the benefits provided by wilderness.

These courses are designed to strengthen wilderness stewardship utilizing a variety of tools to meet agency and public needs. See the [Carhart Training](#) website for the current schedule.

**Unit Wilderness Workshops** are 1-3 daylong sessions. They are designed to address specific wilderness issues targeted for the entire leadership and staff of the unit, workshops can include other government agencies, volunteers, partners, and stakeholders. The workshops are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

## WEB-BASED TRAINING DELIVERY

It is increasingly difficult for managers and field staff to take advantage of face-to-face training. In response, the Carhart Center programming is spending more time to the conversion of some of our courses to a web-based platform. This conversion will provide on-demand training opportunities to more employees at a significantly reduced cost. Participants will be able to set their own pace and schedule by taking topics specific and most relevant to them.

### On-line Courses Currently Available

- *The Wilderness Act of 1964*
- *Writing a Minimum Requirements Analysis*
- *Evaluating a Minimum Requirements Analysis*
- *Deciding to Keep Wilderness Wild: Four Cornerstones for Wilderness Managers*
- *Wilderness Stewardship Planning Framework*
- *Wilderness Visitor Use Management (Fundamentals; Strategies; Monitoring)*
- *Natural Resources Management in Wilderness – 12 courses*
- *Cultural Resources Management in Wilderness – 3 courses*
- *Paleontological Resources Management in Wilderness – 3 courses*
- *Managing Special Provisions in Wilderness: Aircraft and Motorboats, Commercial Services, Fire, Grazing, Inholdings and Rights-of-Way, Insects and Disease, Minerals, Water Rights and Wildlife.*
- *The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) and Wilderness Stewardship in Alaska*
- *Wilderness Character*

### Other training available

- [Crosscut Sawyer](#)

## COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION

More than ever, land managers and the field need outlines, guidelines, examples, templates, and other informational resources to help quickly and successfully address specific wilderness stewardship issues. To help meet this need, several Toolboxes have been developed and are continually being expanded as new examples and materials become available. Toolboxes are available at [Wilderness Connect Toolboxes](#)

### Toolboxes Currently Available

- Accessibility (Wilderness Visitor)
- Acquisitions
- Air Quality
- Climate Change
- Commercial Services (Outfitter and Guide)
- Cultural Resources
- Ecological Intervention
- Fire Management
- GPS Recreation
- Grazing
- Inholding and Other Occupancies
- Interpretation & Education
- Invasive Plants
- Minerals
- Monitoring Plan
- Night Sky
- Paleontology
- Planning
- Ranger (Wilderness)
- Recreation Site Monitoring
- Research & Science
- Safety
- Search & Rescue
- Signs & Posers
- Soil
- Soundscapes
- Special Provisions
- State Wilderness
- Traditional Tools & Skills
- Trail Impact Monitoring
- Tribal Wilderness
- Vehicle & Bike Trespass
- Visitor Use Management
- Volunteers and Partners
- Water Quality
- Water Rights
- Wilderness Character
- Wilderness Fundamentals
- Wildlife and Fish

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