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FOREST SERVICE SEEKS WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS

WILLIAMS, Ariz. – Calling all potential volunteers to this year’s Wilderness Information Specialist Tri-Forest Training Session.

The Forest Service is looking for hard-working, dedicated individuals who enjoy the outdoors and want to protect our natural areas by patrolling local Wilderness areas and educating visitors about the forest.

Volunteer rangers serving in the Wilderness Stewards Program are an important part of the Forest Service. Duties include providing information to forest visitors, interpreting rules and regulations, collecting data on visitor use and impacts, educating visitors about Wilderness ethics and “Leave No Trace” techniques, and conducting minor trail and trailhead maintenance.

Volunteer rangers will be working in Wilderness areas such as Kendrick Mountain and Sycamore Canyon through the summer and fall seasons. During this time, volunteers perform as Wilderness Information Specialists to promote good stewardship ethics and keep areas pristine for visitors and the local community.

A Wilderness Information Specialist training session will be held Thursday, June 14, for all volunteers interested in helping to “Keep Wilderness Wild.” The session will take place at the Peaks Ranger District in Flagstaff (5075 N. Highway 89) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This training session will provide the necessary skills and knowledge for the position and will help ensure that volunteer rangers become effective stewards for the program.

For more information about the program or the training session, please contact Brian Poturalski at (928) 635-5619 or email him at bpoturalski@fs.fed.us.

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