**National Wilderness Workshop**

**October 23 – 26, 2019**

**Bend Oregon**

**Request for Proposals – Presentations and Posters**

**Presentations Proposals Due: March 30, 2019**

**Poster Proposals Due: May 15, 2019**

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The National Wilderness Workshop is the premier gathering of volunteer wilderness stewards, agency staff, academics and advocates to learn and share about wilderness issues, practices, and policies. The Workshop is Co-hosted by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance and the Society of Wilderness Stewardship.

The next National Wilderness Workshop is scheduled for October 23-26th, 2019 in Bend Oregon. The tentative schedule has an Opening Reception and Poster Session the evening of Wednesday the 23rd, plenary and concurrent sessions on Thursday/Friday, 24th and 25th, and Saturday Field Trips on the 26th.

NWSA and SWS are requesting proposals for Workshop plenary and concurrent sessions that would be pertinent for our audience and this year’s theme.

The theme for 2019 NWW is:

The Path from Recreationist to Steward; Engaging Wilderness Users to Help Care for the Places They Cherish

The main focus of the Workshop will be the role of wilderness recreation in the lives of users and how it can be a driver for getting people to become wilderness stewards. We are seeking presentation session proposals and posters that explore:

* The role of wilderness recreation in people’s lives
* Motivations for becoming wilderness stewards; how does one go from being a recreation user to a steward; how can users be converted to stewards
* The effect of recreation participation on stewardship engagement
* Stories about becoming wilderness stewards
* Participation barriers to becoming wilderness stewards, especially for underserved populations.
* Stories about eliminating barriers to wilderness participation, especially by underserved populations
* How stewardship groups are reaching out to others to be more inclusive and add diversity to their memberships
* The recreation economy and what it tells us about future trends in wilderness stewardship; how wilderness and trail resources add to community value and benefits
* Recreation use limits, such as permits granted through limited use quota’s and lotteries, and how they affect people’s ability to recreate and potentially become stewards
* The effect of daily use limits on participation in wilderness stewardship
* Recreation use in wilderness, especially along national scenic and historic trails
* Managing recreation use in wilderness, including stories about applying encounter monitoring, solitude monitoring and campsite inventory to address wilderness use issues.
* Other recreation use in wilderness topics, especially providing for sustainable recreation use, new recreation use technologies, and new user groups

Proposals will be grouped into one of up to five Concurrent tracks:

* Wilderness Science – addressing research and science issues
* Wilderness Management Issues – addressing management policies and implementation of the 2020 Wilderness Visions
* Wilderness Partner/Volunteers – addressing volunteer wilderness stewardship partnership issues
* Wilderness Culture – addressing issues around diversity, inclusiveness and equity among wilderness stewardship groups and wilderness recreation users
* Wilderness Campfire Talks – addressing practical solutions to common wilderness issues in an interactive format

The audience for the National Wilderness Workshop is diverse and includes: Wilderness Stewardship Volunteers, Wilderness Stewardship NGO Staff, Federal Agency Staff, Academics, and Students. Sessions that may appeal to a wide audience are desirable.

Based on past attendance we would expect plenary sessions to be 120-150 people in size, with concurrent sessions ranging from 10-50 people.

Plenary sessions include all participants and will typically run for 90 minutes. Plenary sessions may include keynote speakers, panels, and multiple participants. They may include time for small group discussion and questions and answers. Concurrent sessions are scheduled in 90 minute blocks with the potential for 1 - 90 minute session, 2 - 45 minute session, or 3 – 30 minute sessions. Each session includes time for presentations and question and answers.

Interested speakers/panelists should fill out and return the speaker proposal by March 30, 2019.

**Poster Session**

There will also be an opportunity to display posters of your research work, projects, organizational activities etc. during the Opening Reception, October 23rd. Please see the Poster Guidelines document on the NWSA website for additional details.

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**Speaker and Poster Proposals**

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| Contact Affiliation or Membership | *(name of University or group, if representing an organization)* |
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| Presentation Title |  |
| Abstract | *(no more than 500 words describing the topic, session objectives and outcomes and/or your poster topic)* |
| Speaker(s) | *(include all Speakers or Panelists)* |
| Session Type | \_\_ Plenary Session \_\_\_ Concurrent Session \_\_\_ Poster Session |
| Speakers: Please describe the presentation needs for your proposal below. | |
| Approximate Length  *(includes Q and A)* | \_\_ 90 minutes \_\_ 60 minutes \_\_ 45 minutes \_\_ 30 minutes |
| If Concurrent Session, which track? | \_\_ Wilderness Science \_\_ Wilderness Mgt Issues  \_\_ Wilderness Culture \_\_ Wilderness Stewards \_\_ Campfire Talks |
| Session Needs? | \_\_ Computer Projector \_\_ Screen \_\_ Microphone \_\_ Flip Charts  \_\_ Computer \_\_ Other Visual Aids (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Seating Arrangement? | \_\_ Theater \_\_ Round Tables (small groups) \_\_ Open Space \_\_ Square  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |