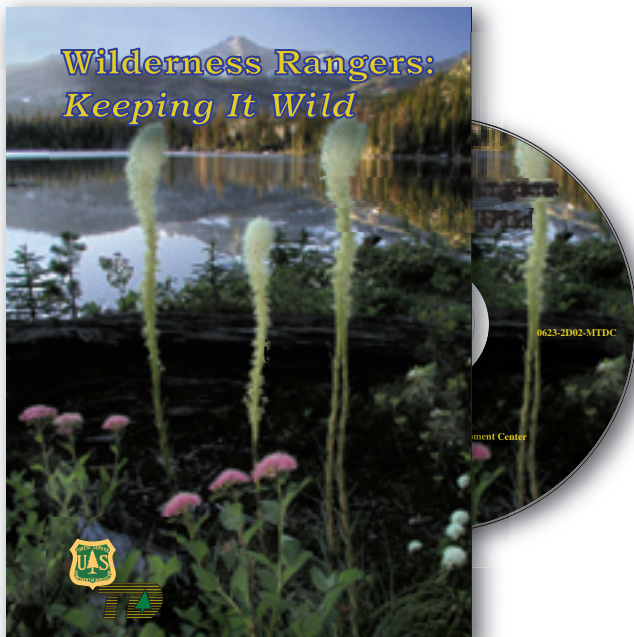




New DVD for Wilderness Ranger Orientation

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Every field season wilderness managers must educate new or returning wilderness rangers on the basics of backcountry work. The Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) has produced a 40-minute orientation DVD for wilderness rangers. *Wilderness Rangers: Keeping it Wild* (0623-2D02-MTDC) provides an introduction to the work of a wilderness ranger, such as meeting visitors, rehabilitating sites, collecting data, and handling emergencies. Each wilderness is unique and the specific jobs wilderness rangers perform will vary, depending on where they work. Therefore, local units can provide more specific instruction on each of the subjects in this DVD.



This DVD has five chapters:

♣ The Meaning of Wilderness

Learn why the Wilderness Act came to be and about the National Wilderness Preservation System established since its passage.

♣ Being a Jack-of-All-Trades

Learn about the wide assortment of skills wilderness rangers need to do their job.

♣ Meeting Visitors

Learn how to educate the public and gain their compliance with wilderness regulations.

Learn how to protect your personal safety when contacting the public.

♣ Managing the Wilderness Resource

Learn about the role wilderness rangers play in maintaining and monitoring wilderness conditions.

♣ Keeping Yourself Healthy and Safe

Learn some techniques to avoid getting sick or injured when in the backcountry.

All of the information in this DVD comes from the thoughts and actions of experienced rangers and wilderness managers. They are passionate about their jobs and preserving places of wildness for future generations.

Order the wilderness ranger orientation DVD from:

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