

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests Leave No Trace and Experience the Wilderness Initiative – Instructions to participating offices

As part of the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act and responding to the Forests 2013 Wilderness Needs Assessments to educate groups and individuals to follow Leave No Trace (LNT) principles as they experience a Wilderness. The Forest is proposing a way for individuals and groups to be rewarded, though their commitment to follow Leave No Trace principles, by planning ahead and documenting their trip to a Wilderness managed by the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests (UWCNF). The reward for committing to LNT principles and planning ahead is a LNT seven principles all weather card for each participant. They can also earn a unique pin for the Wilderness they visited by documenting their trip with a photo, writing about their experience and submitting the information to UWCNF supervisors office. See requirement below.

Requirements for participant recognition:

STEP 1 Plan Ahead - Leave No Trace (LNT) has Seven Backcountry Principles that teach people how to reduce their impact when they are in the outdoors.

LNT Seven Standard Principles:

1-Plan Ahead and Prepare; 2- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces; 3- Dispose of Waste Properly; 4- Leave What You Find; 5- Minimize Campfire Impacts; 6-Respect Wildlife; 7-Be Considerate of Other Visitors

***REQUIREMENT:**

Participant(s) will demonstrate their understanding of LNT Standard principle #1 - **Plan ahead and Prepare** by providing a (digital or hard) copy of their trip plan and a signed commitment by participating adult leaders (18 years and above) to follow LNT seven principles for their upcoming trip to a Wilderness managed by the UWCNF. Trip plans and commitments can be submitted to the UWCNF Supervisor's, Forest District offices, Public Lands Information Center, Utah BSA Council offices (Trapper Trails, Great Salt Lake and Utah National Parks) or emailed to UWC_info@fs.fed.us with subject of line **UWC LNT & EW Initiative.**

Participants can fill out **Step 1 Plan Ahead form (LNT&EWI_#1)**

Plans should include:

- Name, mailing address and email of the person (for groups, lead person's) submitting the trip plan, number of people participating and the signed adult commitment to LNT principles.

In return the people from the above mentioned offices will present LNT seven principles all weather cards to the total number of participants identified on the **Step 1 Plan Ahead Form** or equal. (LNT Cards

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are available by contacting the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests Supervisors Office attention David Hatch at 801-999-2156 or email at dhatch@fs.fed.us).

Each office will also provide trip leaders with a copy of **UWC I Experience a Wilderness and used Leave No Trace PIN Form** (Forest19_LNT&EWI_#2) so participants can receive an unique pin for the Wilderness they experience by submitting the form and a picture of the them or group experiencing the Wilderness by following LNT.

Each office should either mail or send a digital copy of the completed applications to:

Attention: David Hatch
UWC LNT & EW Initiative
857 W. South Jordan Parkway
South Jordan, Utah 84095

Or email to: dhatch@fs.fed.us

You will not need to maintain copies at your office site.

Thanks

David Hatch – UWCNF Forest Landscape Architect and Recreation Planner