

Appendix 7: Education Resources

Example of User Education: Sharing Resources

From the

Tread Lightly! Program

<http://www.treadlightly.org>

Overview (from website):

What is Tread Lightly!? Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives.

Tread Lightly! provides outdoor ethics for all types of outdoor recreation-- everything from hiking to hunting to camping, with a special focus on motorized and mechanized recreation-- like four wheeling, motorcycling, snowmobiling, and boating.

Tread Lightly! also offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them.

The organization's goal is to balance the needs of people who enjoy outdoor recreation with our need to maintain a healthy environment and it's leading the way to help remedy current recreation issues.

Tread Lightly! is funded by donations from individual members, corporations, dealerships, clubs, retailers, government and others interested in spreading the message of responsible and ethical use of the outdoors. Federal Partners include the National Park Service, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and Army Corps of Engineers.

What does Tread Lightly! Do? Tread Lightly! focuses its programs and efforts in education and stewardship to further the goals of responsible and ethical recreation. Current programs include:

Tread Trainer™ is a training course designed to train participants in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation.

Restoration for Recreation™ is another important element of Tread Lightly! that aims to construct, enhance or restore recreational sites across the country.

Education Materials: The organization also produces a multitude of educational pieces for outdoor enthusiasts, hunting educators, advertising agencies, the government and children of all ages.

Communication Tools: Tread Lightly! has developed several communication tools including web, television, radio and print public service announcements.

Tread Lightly! History: In 1985, the US Forest Service launched the Tread Lightly! program as a means of addressing concerns about the impacts from increasing numbers of visitors to the great outdoors for recreational purposes. In 1990, to maximize the program's effectiveness, management responsibilities were transferred to the private sector, making Tread Lightly! an non-political, nonprofit organization.

Memorandum of Understanding Between USDA-Forest Service; US Dept of Interior-BLM; Bureau of Reclamation; Department of Army-US Army Corps of Engineers and Tread Lightly! Incorporated

http://www.treadlightly.org/files/page_text/mou.pdf

Utah OHV Trail Patrol "Safety-Service-Education"

http://outdoorwire.com/access/education/ut/trail_pat/trail_patrol.htm

Overview (From Website)

The OHV groups in Utah are inaugurating a new off-highway safety, service and education initiative beginning the summer of 2001. The new Utah OHV Trail Patrol is a volunteer organization which supports and promotes safe and responsible recreational use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs). It consists of a state board, various local units and individual members who use or support the use of motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, 4-wheel drive (4x4) and other motorized vehicles capable of off-highway operations. It has junior (8-17 years of age) and senior members.

Mission

To set an example and provide service that will promote the responsible, safe and enjoyable use of off-highway vehicles.

Values

1. We believe recreational use of off-highway vehicles is a legitimate use of public lands.
2. We believe every operator of an off-highway vehicle has the responsibility to do so safely and responsibly.
3. We believe in obeying the laws governing the use of off-highway vehicles.
4. We believe in respecting the rights and privileges of others.
5. We believe in and practice the principles of Tread Lightly.
6. We believe voluntary service is necessary to ensure the future of off-highway vehicle use.
7. We believe safe and responsible use of off-highway vehicles promotes good citizenship, physical fitness and family values.
8. We believe off-highway vehicles provide a mode of transportation that allows people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the great outdoors and to partake of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual values found there.
9. We believe in having fun.

Training

Every member must have 4 hours of orientation training prior to formal certification. This training will include such things as patrol mission and values, organization, duties and responsibilities, OHV laws and ethics, and the unit's relationship with public and private land owners. Upon completion of this training, each member must sign a pledge to conduct themselves in a responsible and ethical manner at all times when acting as a member of the OHV Trail Patrol. Individual members may also receive training and certification in advanced topics such as first aid, trail maintenance and signing, land rehabilitation, good host, law enforcement assistance, emergency machine repair, avalanche, search and rescue and safety education. Members may apply for and be certified by the board as instructors for these training modules.

Duties

1. Provide information and education to users.
2. Provide assistance to users, i.e. fix flats, call for emergency help, trouble shoot mechanical problems, first aid, water, etc.
3. Identify and report areas damaged by OHVS. Assist in rehabilitation work.
4. Install and maintain signs.
5. Do light trail maintenance.
6. Help maintain other facilities such as cattle guards, fences, gates, restrooms, etc.
7. Participate in search and rescue when requested.
8. Assist in, but do not, do law enforcement.