



LNT With Pack & Saddle Stock

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Ethics

Horse Use and the Wildlands

- Aldo Leopold used horses to define wilderness
 - “By ‘wilderness’ I mean a continuous stretch of country preserved in its natural state, open to lawful hunting and fishing big enough to absorb a two-week pack trip...”
- Use of packstock is still a popular way to visit wildlands
 - Tradition is strong and also dynamic
 - New equipment and techniques reduce impact

Purpose

- To acquaint LNT MEs and ME candidates from other user groups with pack and saddle stock LNT considerations so that they may respond to queries from equestrians during seminars, workshops, clinics etc.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Where & when are you going?
- What are the regulations?
 - Group size
 - Permits
 - Fire restrictions
 - Stock Containment restrictions
- What is it like there?
 - Water
 - Graze
 - Topography
 - Weather
 - Options

Where are you going?



Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Gear
 - Yours
 - Animals
- Know your animals
 - Trail is not training area
- Know yourself and the members of your group
- Take responsibility

Your Gear



Horse Gear



Prepare for Terrain



Weather?



Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Use surfaces that are resistant to impact
 - Trails
 - Sand
 - Gravel
 - Dry grass
 - Mineral soils
- Concentrate use in popular areas
- Disperse use in pristine areas
- Good camps are found not made

Stay on Trails



A Hardened Site



Stock Confinement

- As big a site selection criteria as tent and kitchen
- Methods
 - Hobbles
 - High Line
 - Picket
 - Corrals/fences
 - Loose
- Watering & Feeding considerations
- Breaking camp

Do Not Tie to Trees



Hobbles



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High Line



High Line



Picket (Concerns)



Electric Fence



Corrals (Yikes!)



Watering Concerns



Supplemental Feed



Breaking Camp



Other Equine concerns

- Dispose of waste properly:
 - Pack it in pack it out
- Leave what you find
 - Avoid spreading non-native plants and animals
 - Certified weed free?
- Respect Wildlife
 - Grazing/feeding
 - Watering
 - Season
- Be considerate of others
 - Trail Etiquette
 - Camp Etiquette

The End

