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## Recommended Wildland Ethical Behavior for Recreational Use of Public Lands

### LEAVE NO TRACE

#### 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare

Know the area and what to expect, travel in small groups, select appropriate equipment, and repackage food to reduce litter at the source.

#### 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Concentrate use in popular areas, spread use in remote areas, avoid places where impact is just beginning.

#### 3. Dispose of Waste Properly

Dispose of human waste responsibly, minimize soap and food scraps in waste water, avoid contaminating water sources when washing, dispose of fishing and hunting waste appropriately.

#### 4. Leave What You Find

Minimize site alterations, avoid damaging trees and plants, leave natural objects and cultural artifacts, avoid disturbing wildlife, reduce your impact on other visitors

#### 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts

Be aware of regulations and weather conditions. Stoves are often the best option. If you must build a fire, use existing fire rings. Collect only dead and downed wood or bring your own.

#### 6. Respect Wildlife

Observe wildlife from a distance, never feed animals, store rations and trash securely, control pets, and avoid wildlife during sensitive times.

#### 7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Respect other visitors, be courteous, yield to others, and respect private property.

### TREAD LIGHTLY!

#### 1. Travel only where permitted.

Know what areas/roads/trails are open to vehicles.

#### 2. Respect the rights of others.

Be considerate of others on the roads/trail that you travel. Vehicles yield the right-of-way to bicycles, hikers, and horses.

#### 3. Educate yourself.

Obtain information on your destination before you go. If you have questions contact the managing agency of the area(s) you are visiting.

#### 4. Avoid streams, meadows, wildlife areas, etc.

Be aware of wildlife habitat. Crashing through underbrush or across open meadows upsets the balance of nature, destroys nesting sites, and disturbs wildlife.

#### 5. Drive and travel responsibly.

Use common sense. Avoid muddy roads and trails and stay out of meadows and wetlands.

These principles are intended to support and complement BLM regulations. Additional information on the Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly! programs are available at any BLM Office.

Please incorporate these principles of Tread Lightly! and Leave No Trace into your recreation uses.