

National Park Service
**Environmental Planning: Integrating NEPA into NPS
Activities (Director's Order 12)**
NPS Denver Service Center/ Intermountain Regional Office, Lakewood, CO
July 23-25, 2013

This course will focus on implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) using Director's Order 12 (DO-12), Conservation Planning, Environmental Impact Analysis and Decision Making and its accompanying second-tier guidance, Handbook 12. The course will cover topics such as the Environmental Screening Form, NEPA Pathways, impact analysis, public involvement, and NPS NEPA case law. The course also briefly covers other regulatory requirements as they relate to NEPA implementation, such as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

Course Objectives:

1. Understand the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act in federal decision-making.
2. Understand how to conduct or participate in a NPS NEPA process using Director's Order 12 and accompanying Handbook.
3. Be able to use an Environmental Screening Form to identify potential environmental impacts and determine the appropriate NEPA pathway.
4. Know the requirements for preparing legally sufficient NEPA analysis and decision documents, including Memo to File, CE, EA, EIS, FONSI and ROD.
5. Understand the requirements for and contents of a Decision File.

Participants: Park Superintendents, Managers, Park NEPA coordinators or other staff involved with NEPA requirements. Priority given to NPS employees who prepare NEPA documents and those responsible for ensuring compliance w/NEPA guidelines.

Dates: **July 23-25, 2013.** Class starts at 8:00 am and concludes at 5:00 pm.

Location: NPS Denver Service Center/ Intermountain Regional Office, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80228

Travel Cost: Travel paid by benefitting account.

Application: **Application deadline is July 8, 2013.** Apply through DOI Learn. On the "Welcome" page, click on "Search the Catalog" near the center of the page. Search on "Environmental Planning: Integrating NEPA." You must first apply and then your supervisor must approve the class in DOI Learn. Selection notification and logistical information will be sent by email the week of July 8, 2013.

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