

**Stephen T. Mather Training Center**  
**Interdisciplinary Resource Protection and Law**  
**Homestead, Florida**  
**November 14-18, 2016**

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This forty-hour interdisciplinary course provides employees with a solid understanding of the resource mission of the NPS and the primary laws, legal authorities, case law interpretation, and policies used to protect park resources. Participants will also receive instruction in the functions and roles that contribute to effective interdisciplinary group work and practice these skills through resource protection case studies.

Training focuses on the ability of the employee to recognize a diversity of natural and cultural resources existing throughout the national park system and the types of threats and vulnerabilities associated with these resources. Participants utilize the legal basis (including compliance) for resource protection and develop skills and strategies to respond and take action to prevent resource injuries through interdisciplinary collaboration. Methods for implementing resource protection, visitor education, and visitor management techniques are explored. Participants will leave this training with the basic level knowledge required to apply legal authorities to safeguard natural and cultural resources, an understanding of the broad range of threats to park resources, and strategies to recognize, respond, and take action to resource impacts. Participants will gain experience using interdisciplinary group processes to ensure effective collaboration among NPS staff, partners and the public. **Participants will be required to complete pre- and post-course work to receive full credit for the course.** Part of the post-course work will include developing an outline of a response plan SOP for a resource injury. Law enforcement refresher credit hours are available (28.5 hours) for this class.

**Course Objectives:**

- Develop a working knowledge of the legal framework that safeguards natural and cultural resources in the National Park System.
- Explain why knowledge of park resources and values is central to each employee's responsibility.
- Describe why every employee has a responsibility to take action to contribute to the protection of system unit resources.
- Use an integrated approach to identify and communicate threats to system unit resources for the purpose of ensuring that resource injuries are addressed.
- Demonstrate effective group processes to ensure interdisciplinary and cooperative actions among NPS staff, partners and the public.

**Participants:** This course is recommended for **commissioned employees, interpreters in resource education and public information, resource management discipline specialists, and facility management employees** who will work in interdisciplinary teams. Other disciplines are encouraged to apply. Law enforcement refresher credit hours are available (28.5 hours) for this class. Permanent and term employees will receive priority for participation. Priority for facilities employees will be given to participants in the Facilities Management Leadership Program. Class size is a maximum of 32 participants.

**Dates:** **November 14-18, 2016.** Travel dates are Sunday, November 13 & Saturday, November 19. Class starts at 8:00 AM on Monday and concludes at 4:00 PM on Friday.

**Location:** Class will be held at the Krome Center in Homestead, FL. A block of rooms is being held at the Homestead Inn on the Homestead AFB. Lodging information will be provided to participants after selection.

**Travel Cost:** No Tuition. **Travel scholarships may be available to defray travel costs.** You must apply separately to be considered for a scholarship. Please go to: <http://www.nps.gov/training/nrs/events/events.html> to download application. **Follow instructions on application and send no later than October 27.** Lodging at the Homestead Inn is \$60; M&IE is \$64. Total daily cost = \$124.

**Application:** **Applications close October 27, 2016.** Apply through DOI Learn at: <http://www.doi.gov/doilearn/index.cfm>. On the "Welcome" page, click on "Search the Catalog" near the center of the page. Search on "Interdisciplinary Resource Protection."

**Disregard 'Number of Open Seats' information. All students enrolling in this class will be placed on the wait list and notified of their enrollment status no later than October 31.**

**Supervisory approval is required for all courses.** Registrations are not considered complete without supervisory approval. Please ensure that your current supervisor's name appears in the approval block in DOI Learn before completing the registration process. You will not be considered for the class if your supervisor has not approved you by the closing date, **no exceptions.**

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