

MINIMUM DUTIES OF A PUBLIC LANDS PERSON/COMMITTEE

BCH CHAPTER LEVEL

MINIMUM DUTIES

- Meet with local governing agencies of the public lands in your area (US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Army Corps of Engineers, etc)
 - Meet with other organizations that are using the public lands
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Goal of meetings with government agencies:

- Form and maintain a working relationship with regular communication about the things that affect our mission. Examples:
 - What are their priorities
 - What is our priority
 - Talk about upcoming training required to work for them and what training they can provide to meet those requirements
 - What we can do for them, ie if they don't have specific training available in-house, we may be able to provide it to their employees (saw training, horsemanship, etc)
 - Current and upcoming projects they are working on that affect our mission or our ability to partner with them. Example: Forest plans, travel plans, current overuse, new agreements (cost share, volunteer)

Goals of meetings with other organizations:

- Find common ground, work on a project together. There are going to be things that you will have to agree to disagree on; you should recognize them and work on what you can agree on
- When it comes time to comment on an action a government agency is considering or a grant for trail work, it will carry more weight when you are collaborating with other organizations

Communication

- Take all this information and report your successes and issues to your chapter officers and members
- Report to your state public lands person so you can get help from other chapters or give help to them in order to maintain a unified, consistent response