

EAST VALLEY BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (EVBC) DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE

TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRASH PICK UP

EVBC volunteer(s) will assist with the Wilderness and dispersed recreation programs, which includes equine-related trail maintenance projects on a variety of Forest Service System Trails, as requested, or as EVBC deems necessary, including trash clean up, reconnaissance, work projects, and pack support. Trash and horse debris from recreation areas in the Mesa and Globe Ranger Districts may be disposed of in approved Forest Service sites. The trail work may consist of trail brushing to Forest Service standards and tread maintenance which includes grubbing and digging to establish tread, outslope and erosion prevention. Work will include but is not limited to hiking on uneven terrain, digging in dirt and rock, bending and stooping, using hand tools (Pulaski, Mattock, McLeod, shovel, pry bar, lopper, nipper, pruning saw, etc.), moving soil and rock using a wheelbarrow and/or carrying by hand, working outdoors in a variety of weather condition, and moderate to heavy lifting. Volunteer(s) area aware of the additional risk involved when cleaning up in hazardous environments and how to mitigate those hazards as described in the JHA.

Volunteer project participants will sign in at the start of the project. The participant sign-in sheet must be provided to Forest Service at the completion of the project along with the Group Volunteer Project Report. All hours of work on a project or reconnaissance must be documented. Participants that are not signed in will not be covered under this volunteer agreement.

AREAS OF SPECIAL FOCUS

WATER USER'S RECREATION SITE TRASH CLEAN UP

EVBC has agreed to monitor and pick up trash and horse debris at the Water User's Recreation Site at least once per calendar year.

AZ TRAIL #18A/AZ TRAIL #17B

Volunteer(s) will be assisting with reconnaissance and trail maintenance projects on AZ Trail 18A north out of Picket Post to the Stone Corrals just north of Reavis Trailhead and Arizona Trail 17B south out of Picket Post to FSR4 in the South Zone of the Tonto National Forest.

DUTCHMAN TRAIL #104

Volunteer(s) will be assisting with reconnaissance and trail maintenance projects on Dutchman Trail #104 from Peralta Trailhead to First Water Trailhead.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- An on-site safety briefing shall be conducted prior to the beginning of the project with the volunteers other than the group leader signing the 301b, acknowledging their compliance to the Safety/Job Hazard Analysis.
- Volunteers will not be covered by this volunteer agreement until they have signed the acknowledgement.
- Volunteers under 18 MUST have written parental consent in addition to signing the 301b or they are not covered by this agreement.
- The 301b, parental consent forms and project report with the total hours worked and number of participants will be submitted to the Volunteer Office after the project is completed.
- A project report with the total hours worked and number of participants should be submitted to the Mesa Ranger District Volunteer Office after the project is completed at least once monthly or as per Forest Service Protocol. All hours must be recorded at the end of each month.
- The volunteer will be trained in and must adhere to all Forest Service safety and customer service procedures. These include: Forest Service Ethics and conduct, job hazard analysis (JHA's), safety documentation, recording hours, supervisor expectations, volunteer roles and responsibilities and the terms of this agreement. Any work done will be in accordance with Forest Service safety standards.
- Safety and Participant sign in forms (301b) must be filled out prior to the start of any project work, as well as the review of any pertinent Job Hazard Analysis and/or safety documentation. Tool use or specialized equipment orientation will be conducted at the start of, or prior to events/projects. Use of chainsaws and crosscut saws are prohibited unless the volunteer has attended Forest Service training, received a certificate, and has approval for saw operations.
- The Volunteer working under this agreement will be responsible for his/her transportation to and from the work site. The Forest Service will not provide reimbursement for fuel or vehicle maintenance.
- The volunteer will provide their own water, food and personal items (including clothing, medications, sun protection, rain gear, first aid kits, etc.) they may need for the workday. The Forest Service requires that all volunteers wear long pants, long sleeve shirts, sturdy shoes (such as hiking boots or work boots), sunglasses and /or safety glasses, work gloves and/or any other personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to comply with the USDA Code and Safety Handbook. All work will be completed between the hours of 0600 to 1800.
- The volunteer will always have a professional, courteous, and helpful attitude when dealing with all members of the public, fellow volunteers, and Forest Service employees.

FOREST SERVICE CONTACTS

Questions concerning this agreement should be addressed to Bec Veerman; email rebecca.veerman@usda.gov, phone 480-610-3341
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SUPERVISORS

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Volunteer Signature

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Date

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