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To: Forest Service Employees, Other Federal and State Employees and their Partners and Volunteers

The Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Pack String would like to help your agency personnel and volunteers and partners with their efforts on our public lands by offering a _free_ 5-day horse/mule packing class. The class will be offered at the Pack String Headquarters in Shawnee, Colorado which is located 50 miles southwest of Denver on U.S. Highway 285. The Pack String Ranch is 1,000 acres of meadows, timbers and aspen groves at an elevation of 8,000 to 9,000 feet. The North Fork of the South Platte River runs through the ranch.

The class "Packing for the Real World" will be May 19th – May 23rd 2014, from 8:00AM to 5:00PM. We will cover topics ranging from equine nutrition, saw buck and decker styles of packing, Leave-No-Trace methods, leading a string, starting a pack animal, packing odd-ball items, and other related topics.

This is a rigorous 40-hour class where you will be learning work related packing techniques _not_ recreational packing. This is a hands-on class. Students will be lifting heavy loads around horses and mules. You will get dirty...therefore, plan on bringing proper clothing and boots.

The class is open to 15 (+/-) students. Your representatives will be chosen by the need for up-coming work projects on Forest Service or other public lands. A preference will be awarded to the chapters working with youth.

If you have any questions or need more details please contact-Glenn Ryan, Lead Packer for the Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Pack String at: P.O. Box 111, Shawnee, CO 80475 Barn (303)838-8675, Cell (720)320-8731 or email gryan@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

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