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U.S. FOREST SERVICE CROSSCUT SAW REQUIREMENTS

La Veta Trails, in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service, San Carlos Ranger District, is offering a course for volunteers to learn to use crosscut saws safely and efficiently. All participants' skills will be evaluated. Successful participants will get a recommendation toward certification by the U.S. Forest Service.

There are four elements to certification:

1. First Aid/CPR Certification – La Veta Trails is offering a four-hour First Aid/CPR certification training for the crosscut saw certification group. The First Aid/CPR class will be held on May 16th, 17th, or 18th at the La Veta Fire Protection District station in La Veta. The LVFPD will confirm the date as soon as possible.

2. Crosscut Sawyer Online Course - Please allow eight hours of computer time to complete this essential step. A written test is required to pass the course and progress to the third and fourth elements. The course must be taken before May 20.

3. Face-to-Face Classroom Session – This required class will be held on Friday, May 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Lathrop State Park Visitor's Center meeting room. The classroom session will cover the latest developments in situational awareness, and axe and saw care. Bring your documentation of completion of the online Crosscut Sawyer course, questions, First Aid/CPR certification, water, leather gloves, and note pad and pen.

4. Field Sessions – The field sessions will be held on May 21st and 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location will be selected by the USFS. Bring all-leather work boots or hiking boots with a non-skid sole, leather gloves, hardhat, sunglasses, first aid kit, water and lunch in a daypack. Wear long sleeve shirt and long pants. We will focus on bucking logs and down trees, and deal with a variety of situations. Safety is essential. Personal Protective Equipment as listed above is required.

For more information and to register, contact:

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