

## New Pioneer Wagon Train

### *THE RULES (updated 1/31/15)*

*These rules are provided to ensure the safety and enjoyment of people on the wagon train. Please follow them.*

1. All participants must be invited to join the wagon train by a member.
2. No one under the age of 19 will be permitted on the wagon train without a parent or guardian.
3. The only motorized vehicles following the wagon train and allowed in evening camp will be the official emergency vehicle (Pickup and horse trailer), porta-potties, water truck, catering units, and hay truck. Any other vehicles have to be approved by the Wagon Master.
4. No stallions, mares with colts, dogs, or other household pets will be permitted on the wagon train.
5. No alcoholic beverages are permitted while the train is rolling.
6. No fireworks or firearms will be allowed.
7. Each unit should have at least one competent outrider to assist in case of emergency.
8. Bridles on teams should be woven or taped into halters to ensure they don't come off.
9. Red ribbons must be on the tails of all "kickers" in harness or under saddle.
10. All children twelve years and under are to keep to the off-side of traffic. We request that children remain when possible with their own family or group.
11. Horses and equipment left behind at abandoned campsites are the responsibility of the owner. The emergency vehicle will be provided to transport participants back to the staging area if required.
12. To prevent any chance of range or forest fire, extreme care must be taken:
  - a. No cigarettes on the trail---camp only!
  - b. Each wagon should have means of extinguishing a fire.
  - c. No open campfires unless authorized by the Wagon Master and/or Forest Service on a daily basis.
13. ALL wagons must have working brakes. Make sure your wagon and especially the wheels and running gear are in good condition. The Wagon Master may refuse your participation on the wagon train if it is determined your wagon is unsafe. All wagons will be inspected by the Wagon Master prior to departure. The Wagon Master is the final authority on safety.
14. On narrow trails, especially declines, wagons should be spread out so that one wagon's problem doesn't become a bigger problem.
15. Lead ropes on teams should be tied so they are easily grabbed by someone on the ground or on horseback.
16. Emergency first aid kits should be in each wagon, in the emergency vehicle, and in the cook vehicle.
17. Sheep wagons are permitted if they meet requirements.
18. Pneumatic tires are permitted. Good brakes required.
19. Wagons should have some way to block the wagon wheels on a slope.
20. Neck yokes need to have a small safety chain from one of the end rings through the

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- center ring to the other end ring.
21. All horses must have a Wyoming Brand Inspection, carried by owners, and have up-to-date vaccinations. Out-of-state horses must have appropriate health papers. Animals exhibiting symptoms of contagious diseases will be isolated from the rest of the stock and may be excused from the train if the health of other animals is endangered. Vaccinate one month before joining the train (e.g. influenza, sleeping sickness, tetanus, and distemper). COGGINS TEST is required for all horses from out of state.
  22. Drinking water will be available for all stock from natural streams.
  23. No grazing on Forest Land. All participants must feed the provided certified hay or pellets. Bring your own grain if desired.
  24. All horses should be shod. Participants will need their own spare shoes or easy boots and farrier tools.
  25. NO LOOSE STOCK WILL BE PERMITTED.
  26. Our first concern is the safety of both people and horses. Forest Service regulations stipulate tying up horses to a picket line or using an electric fence--NOT tying horses to trees. If a picket line is tied to a tree you must use a tree strap. Horse containments must be at least 100 feet from streams.
  27. Each person will be responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their animals. Trash (especially bale twine) must be carried to proper receptacles. Spread out animal wastes.
  28. Porta-potties will be available at campsites.
  29. Use only biodegradable soap. Wash self, dishes, and brush teeth 100 feet away from natural water sources. Water will be provided for drinking and cooking. Boil, chemically treat, or filter your drinking water any time you are not sure of the safety. Do everything you can to protect natural water sources from contamination.
  30. If possible, people with medical expertise will be on the train (but no guarantees).
  31. Participants will be responsible for their own lodging, food and drink (other than what the caterer provides).
  32. Each participant will be responsible for their own LIABILITY INSURANCE and must complete an Assumption of Risk. A certificate of insurance, provided by your insurance carrier, must be provided at the time of payment.
  33. For safety, no person should ride alone in the mountains. Minimum groups of two. Kids to be accompanied by adults on side trips.
  34. NON-PAYMENT BY DUE DATE MEANS YOU AREN'T COMING.  
OFFICERS MUST APPROVE EXCEPTIONS IN ADVANCE.
  35. NO RUNNING OF HORSES IN WAGON VICINITY AND ESPECIALLY IN CAMP

**ABUSE OF ANIMALS, ABUSIVE LANGUAGE, RECKLESS BEHAVIOR,  
OR REFUSAL TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN BEING  
ASKED TO LEAVE THE WAGON TRAIN WITH NO REFUNDS.  
DECISION WILL BE MADE BY SIMPLE MAJORITY OF OFFICERS AND  
DIRECTORS PRESENT.**

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### **EMERGENCY VEHICLE**

1. Be available at all times for injured people or horses. Be ready to travel to the closest hospital emergency room. Help slow down vehicles and inform the drivers that there are wagons and horses on the road and to pass slowly. Keep a look out for riders and children needing aid.
2. Generally follow behind the train except when placing plywood on cattle guards. Be in touch with the Wagon Master about plywood placements. Carry shovel and rake to put dirt on plywood for safe footing. Close gates by the cattle guards.
3. Generally the last to leave the camp area. Police the whole camp area after the last wagon has departed. Pick up any trash or forgotten items left behind. Load any left over hay and haul to next camp. Fire pits must be monitored for live embers. Police all corral areas. Police the porta potty areas for trash. We must leave no litter at all.