

Catherine Hansen-Stamp 3/8/11

Presentation Title: *Essential Eligibility Criteria – A Risk Management Tool*

90 minute presentation

Presentation Overview: (outline) Please provide a detailed outline of your presentation.

- I. Introduction of session – overview. (5 min)
- II. Presentation (Cathy Hansen-Stamp) on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other legislation program access requirements, related legal and risk management issues for all potential participants, and practical thoughts. (12 min)
- III. Presentation (Janet Zeller) on use and development of EEC as a risk management tool to meet program access requirements and to run a quality program for all potential participants. (13 min)
- IV. Break out groups to develop EEC for hypothetical programs. (30 min)
- V. Small group sharing and discussion in larger group on EEC development. (20 min)
- VI. Closing question and answer. (10 min)

Presentation Overview: Three tangible action items participants should be able to implement after attending this presentation. These action items should be measurable and should not require significant resources

Participants will:

- 1) Arrange a short staff training or meeting to inform your staff about the importance of developing Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC) and provide them with the telephone number and e-mail for their regional DBTAC (ADA resource center) office.
- 2) Select one activity your organization offers and develop EEC for that activity.
- 3) Distribute the newly developed EEC to your staff for feedback.

*Note: You can repeat these last two steps until you have developed EEC for all of your organization's activities. You can then post the EEC for your organization on your website, with input, as appropriate, from your legal counsel.

Presentation Overview: Please provide a presentation description (—75 words maximum—) that will appear in the brochure

This interactive session will provide the legal background and steps involved in addressing ADA program access requirements and developing Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC) as a risk management tool. Following an overview of legal and practical considerations, the majority of the session will be conducted in small breakout groups, with each group developing a set of EEC in consultation with the presenters, followed by a full group discussion of resulting EECs. The Rocky Mountain ADA Resource Center will assist in providing participants with resources for ongoing assistance with accessibility.

Presentation Overview: Any thing else you would like us to know? *

Primary Presenter: First Name * Janet

Primary Presenter: Last Name * Zeller

Primary Presenter: Organization U.S. Forest Service

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Primary Presenter: Briefly describe specific expertise in the subject area for this presenter and previous presentation experience.

As the National Accessibility Program Manager I am responsible for the development and implementation of legally compliant policies and operating procedures that both manage risk and ensure equal opportunity for all people, including people with disabilities. These actions take place within the U.S. Forest Service (175 National Forest and Grasslands) across the U. S. as well as through over 5,000 outfitters and guides operating on the 193 million acres of National Forest System lands and 95% of the major ski areas in the U.S. I also work with U.S. and local attorneys as well as providing the training to implement these policies and procedures. I instruct the development of EEC at forums across the U.S.

Primary Presenter: Please provide a biographical description to appear in the printed conference materials (—75 words maximum—).

Janet Zeller is the National Accessibility Program Manager for the U.S. Forest Service in the agency's Washington, DC headquarters. She has been involved in the development and implementation of the Forest Service accessibility programs and policies, since joining the agency in 1991. Janet also works with other Federal agencies and organizations on a full range of recreation and accessibility issues. Janet, a lifelong recreationist herself, also instructs accessibility and universal design of programs and facilities at training sessions nationally.

Primary Presenter: Have you presented at the WRMC in the past two years? *

- Yes
- No

Additional Presenter:

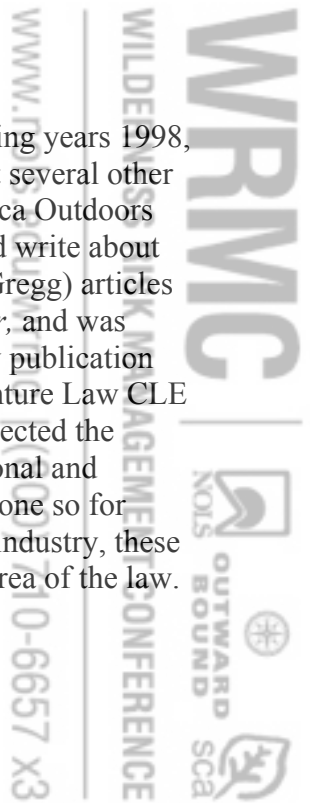
Please provide a biographical description to appear in the printed conference materials (—75 words maximum—).

Catherine Hansen-Stamp is an attorney in Golden, Colorado. She advises recreation and adventure providers on law, liability and risk management issues. She speaks and writes on these issues both regionally and nationally, and has presented at the WRMC since its inception in 1994. Cathy provides legal counsel to a variety of organizations, including recreation, adventure and sport program providers, camps, schools, outfitters and guides. She is a member of the Wyoming and Colorado Bar Associations, and co-authors the *Outdoor Ed Adventure and Recreation Law Center* with Reb Gregg.

Briefly describe specific expertise in the subject area for this presenter and previous presentation experience.

I focus my practice solely on assisting adventure and recreation education and related programs in the legal/risk management area, as a result, I feel comfortable and qualified in speaking on a variety of topics, including this one. I have presented at the WRM Conference almost every year since its inception in 1994. Specifically, I have presented on the ADA and access to program

issues at the WRMC on 6 different occasions, either alone or with others – including years 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2010. In addition, I have presented on these issues at several other conferences over the years, including the American Camp Association and America Outdoors national conferences. I work regularly with my clients on ADA access issues, and write about these issues for national publications (mentioned below). I co-author (with Reb Gregg) articles for the *ACA Campline* and the *Outdoor Ed Adventure and Recreation Law Center*, and was former co-author with him of the *Outdoor Education & Recreation Law Quarterly* publication (no longer in circulation). I co-chaired (with Reb Gregg) the Recreation & Adventure Law CLE program in Colorado for 4 years, developed the 2 day topic presentation areas, selected the speakers, co-chaired the sessions and presented. I speak at a variety of other national and regional recreation/adventure industry conferences around the country and have done so for many years. In addition to the variety of work I accomplish for my clients in the industry, these speaking and writing opportunities have helped me develop my expertise in this area of the law. Please see my individual bio and website for more information.



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