

Pack Stock Center of Excellence

A resource for efficient and effective management of wilderness and other remote areas

The Pack Stock Center of Excellence (PSCOE) combines pack stock resources and expertise from throughout the USFS Pacific Southwest Region to be responsive to and efficiently serve your local needs. The PSCOE serves as a one-stop shop for pack stock and traditional skills related needs for wilderness and remote areas whether that's supporting a project or fire incident, participating in a local event or providing training.

What Can PSCOE Do for You?

Transport Items to Remote Areas

- ▲ Pack stock can transport items needed to support your project such as tools, materials, monitoring equipment, and camp gear.

Maximize Field Efficiency

- ▲ Not having to carry heavy or unwieldy equipment allows more time for completing field work.

Support Fire Operations

- ▲ Minimize cost, risk, and impact of helicopters.
- ▲ Pack stock can mobilize when visibility or weather conditions do not allow aircraft to fly.
- ▲ All PSCOE packers have training as fire fighters (FFT2 or FFT1) and Wilderness Resource Advisors (READ or REAF).



Build Volunteer and Partner Capacity

- ▲ Pack stock experts can provide technical guidance to help you work with local groups to establish safe volunteer stock programs.
- ▲ Access to packing services can help leverage partner contributions. Crews can complete work for extended periods in wilderness or remote settings when pack stock transport tools, materials, supplies and camping gear.

Primitive Skills and Traditional Tools

- ▲ Training in the use of pack stock, *Leave No Trace* and other primitive skills and traditional tools to support work in wilderness and other remote areas.



Local Community Engagement

- ▲ Maintain connections with your local communities by having pack stock participate in special events or parades to highlight this unique part of Forest Service history and tool for land stewardship.



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