

National Wilderness Skill Institute 2021

There were 5 sessions (now YouTube videos) that should be of interest to trail crews working in the wilderness



Some the more popular sessions:

Mastering the Basics: An Examination of the Physics, Nuances, & Mechanics of Traditional Skills

 **Recommended Pre-work:**
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Crosscut Saws I

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Day one we will cover personal protective equipment, equipment requirements, human factors, and the five-step cutting process: Objective, Hazards/obstacles, Leans/binds, Escape paths and Cut plan (OHLEC). We will also present an overview of the USDA Forest Service Saw Program



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Crosscut Saws II

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Day two will explore binds and tension, setting your cut, compound cuts and spring polls



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Crosscut Saws III

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Day three will cover use and maintenance of the saw, ergonomics in using the saw, saw types and handle types



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Day four will be a tool overview, sharpening of the saw, and a recap of the week.

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