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Get to Know Your Local National Forest

Purpose: Today's activity is designed to familiarize you with your local national forest and the resources within it, and introduce you to map reading and interpretation skills.

Directions: In your groups you will work together to answer the following questions about your local national forest. Be sure to use both sides of the map to research the answers to your questions.

Getting to Know Your Local National Forest:

1. What is the difference between national forest lands and wilderness areas?
2. If you have questions about your local national forest, which website could you visit to get more information?
3. List and describe three points of interest within your national forest that you would like to visit in person.
4. Describe the "Leave No Trace" ethic. Why do you think this is important?

5. In a paragraph, please describe the diversity of wildlife in your local national forest. Which animal(s) would you be most interested in observing in person and why?
6. Describe the geology of your national forest. How did it form?

Map Survey and Interpretation:

1. On the map, how are the national forest lands, national forest wilderness, and adjacent national forest lands differentiated from one another?
2. How many primary highways run through your national forest? Which ones are they?
3. List the largest body of water within your national forest. Using the scale, calculate an approximate area of this body of water.
4. What activities can be enjoyed if you visit this body of water?
5. Is your national forest bordered by any others? If so, please list them.
6. Where is the forest headquarters located?

7. Locate the ranger district office closest to where you live.

8. If you witnessed a fire in your national forest, where should you report it?

9. Find the lowest elevation and the highest elevation within your national forest. Use these numbers to calculate the elevation difference within the national forest.

10. Have been visited any parts of your national forest? If so where did you go and what did you do? Based on the above answer, why is your national forest important to you?

