

Public Lands *for ALL*

*ICE: Hands
off our public
lands!*

Community Action Toolkit



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U.S. forests are public lands for public good.



Our forests are beloved by people throughout the country and across the world. They are, quite literally, common ground where any one of us can go for hiking, star-gazing, relaxation, and making beautiful family memories. Forest Service staff are there to help the public stay safe and informed—not to participate in ICE raids. What took place in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie runs directly counter to the USFS motto, “Caring for the land and serving people.”

Who this toolkit is for: This toolkit is for community-based and advocacy organizations, grassroots organizers, faith leaders, and anyone and everyone sharing a message to tell the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations, and our Federal Government to tell ICE: Hands off our public lands!

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Key Messages

Our message is focused on interrupting the authoritarian consolidation of power to separate immigrant families:

The Forest Service's job is to care for our parks and national forests, and keep us safe as we enjoy the great outdoors. It is not their job to serve as an extension of ICE.

Utilizing federal agencies to separate and terrorize families erodes trust with the communities they serve and makes us all less safe. Collaborations like this misuse power and resources and threaten our entire democracy.

We call on this administration and our local, state, and national leaders to demand an end to this overreach by the U.S. Forest Service and get back to doing their jobs instead of tearing families apart.

Say it with us:

ICE: Hands off our public lands!

Sample Social Copy

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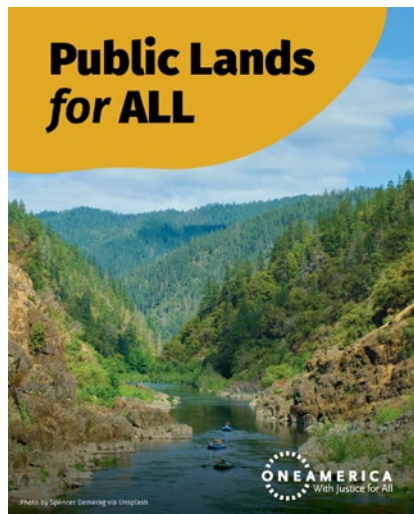
Use this sample copy as is, or as inspiration—applying your own voice and tone!



Sample Post 1

Caption

Our public lands are for the public good—a place for hiking, stargazing, connecting with nature and making memories with our loved ones—for ALL of US. The U.S. Forest Service’s job is to keep our public lands safe. Tell ICE: Hands off our public lands! [link to your organization’s take action page]



Sample Post 2

Caption

The U.S. Forest Service’s motto is, “Caring for the land and serving people.” Let’s hold them to it. Our public lands are for public good. They should be safe for ALL. Tell Tom Schultz, Chief of U.S. Forest Service and Tracy Perry, Director of Law Enforcement and Investigations, U.S. Forest Service to tell ICE: Hands off our public lands. [link to your organization’s take action page]

Sample Action Alert Email Copy

Friend,

As we are sure you're aware, employees in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest over Labor Day weekend assisted ICE agents in the detention of five men—fathers, uncles, godfathers—tearing apart their families in the process.

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Let's hold them to it. Tell Tom Schultz, Chief of U.S. Forest Service and Tracy Perry, Director of Law Enforcement and Investigations, U.S. Forest Service to tell ICE: Hands off our public lands.

[button to your organization's
take action page]

Sample phone script

Tom Schultz, Chief of U.S. Forest Service
202.205.1661 | tom.schultz@usda.gov

Tracy Perry, Director of Law Enforcement and Investigations, U.S. Forest Service
202.202.8333 | tracy.perry@usda.gov

Tell them:

- I'm calling to express outrage at the recent dangerous behavior of Region 6 forest staff—and to demand they stay focused on their jobs of supporting safety and enjoyment in our natural spaces.
- As we are sure you're aware, employees in the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest over Labor Day weekend assisted ICE agents in the detention of five men—fathers, uncles, godfathers—tearing apart their families in the process.
- U.S. forests are public lands for public good.
- Forest Service staff are there to help the public stay safe and informed.
- USFS employees in campgrounds are not there to participate in ICE raids.
- What took place in Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie runs directly counter to the USFS motto, "Caring for the land and serving people."
- Public lands in the United States are for everyone. It is imperative that you keep them safe for each and every visitor.
- This is a red line for the Forest Service. You and other regional foresters must ensure that it is never again crossed.