

The National Park Service

OVER 290 MILLION VISITORS

407 UNITS AND STILL COUNTING...

OVER 30,000 EMPLOYEES

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PARK





THE AVERAGE
RESOURCE MANAGER
SPENDS OVER 40% OF
THEIR TIME OUTSIDE

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STUDY OF POTENTIAL ZOOONOTIC DISEASE
EXPOSURES AT WORK OF 141 EMPLOYEES:

81% REPORTED INSECT BITES

56% REPORTED ANIMAL CONTACT

77% TESTED POSITIVE FOR ONE OR MORE ZOOONOTIC DISEASES



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Why does this happen and what can we do about it?



Only 65% reported always washing their hands after handling animals

– Only 87% reported wearing gloves during necropsies



- Only 53% disinfected equipment after field use



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Familiarity breeds contempt? *those that handled wildlife at least weekly were less likely to follow safe work practices*



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92% SAID HAVING PPE STOCKED AND AVAILABLE

91% SAID HAVING MATERIALS
AVAILABLE IN REMOTE SETTINGS

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Concern about contracting a zoonotic disease was the greatest factor influencing safe work practice

A small, brown mouse is shown on a gravel surface. The mouse is facing left and is slightly hunched over. The gravel is composed of small, light-colored stones and pebbles. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**ONLY 38% REPORTED HAVING
ZOOONOTIC DISEASE TRAINING**

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- ZOO NOTIC DISEASE TRAINING PROVIDED TO RESOURCE MANAGERS, BIOLOGISTS



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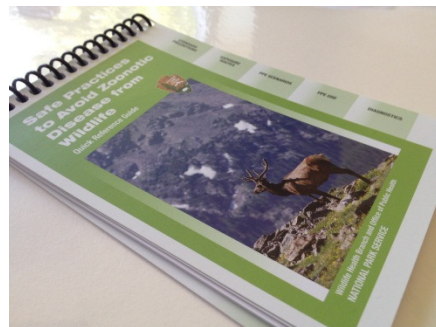
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DISTRIBUTED TO 100
PARKS WITH 100 MORE
IN TRANSIT



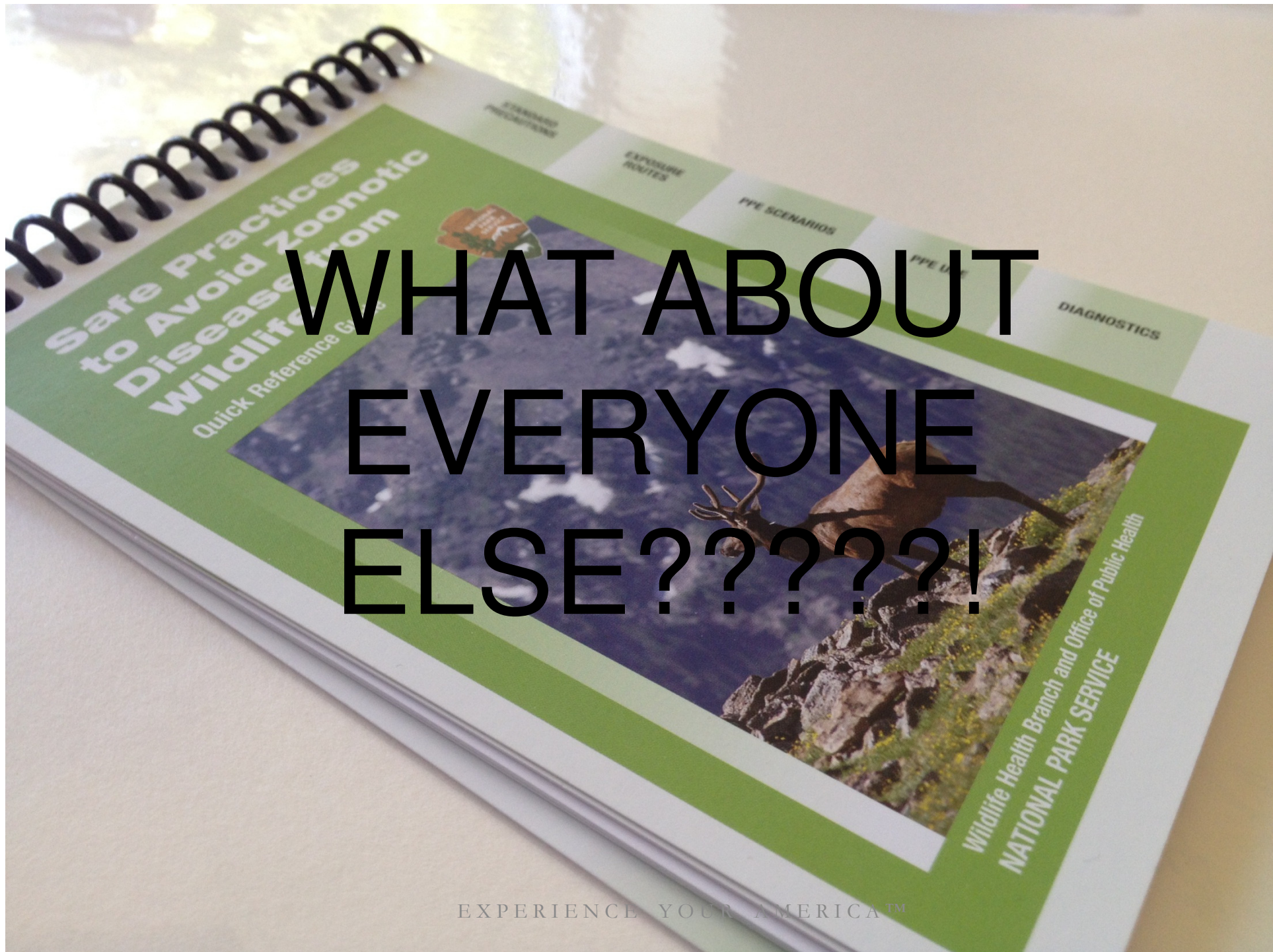


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POCKET GUIDES
DEVELOPED FOR QUICK
REFERENCE AND PPE
SELECTION



Safe Practices to Avoid Zoonotic Disease from Wildlife
Quick Reference Guide

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EXPOSURE ROUTES

PPE SCENARIOS

PPE USE

DIAGNOSTICS

WHAT ABOUT EVERYONE ELSE??????!

Wildlife Health Branch and Office of Public Health
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