

Briefing Points

This is a list of points to hit on when talking with the crews at morning and evening briefings. Keep issues short and to the point. You don't have to hit on all of these points at every briefing. Feel free to add anything else you think is important

Safety

- There are over 700 known open mines in this park. These mine shafts are incredibly hazardous as they range from 5 to over 200 feet deep. Be aware of where you're walking. Look before you step!

Arch

- This park is heavy with archeological sites. If you believe you've happened to find something that may be a historic or prehistoric artifact please take a GPS point and get that info to the READ.
- Also, artifacts are to be left where they are seen – they're not souvenirs!

LNT

- Please use Leave No Trace Techniques. Pack it In, Pack it Out. Trash attracts ravens, which predate upon tortoises. Tortoises will be easier to see now that veg cover is gone. See more LNT tips in the IAP.

Wildlife

- Tortoises – this is their active season therefore they may be moving around. Be aware that they occur all over the park. Check under your vehicles before leaving the parking/staging area for tortoises that may be seeking shade underneath. Also watch for tortoises on and near the road on all park roadways. In the IAP there are photos of tortoises to familiarize yourself with what they and their burrows look like. Please look this over before heading into the field.
- There are other animals out and about – please drive the speed limit posted in the park. This will help minimize killing animals that may be on the roads, especially at dawn and dusk times.
- Keep water bottles covered. Bees are out and they WILL find all water sources. This may be a problem with the Engines as they tend to leak some water. If you're allergic notify your supervisor.
- There are 6 different species of rattlesnakes in JOTR. Look before placing your hands under any rocks or trees to move them. If you see one, just let it be. They're more afraid of you than you are of them.

Weeds/Veg

- Please visually inspect your boots, socks, clothing, tools, equipment and personal belongings for plant propagules (seeds) and soil before heading out on the fireline. This will help us keep exotic plants from moving into that area.

MIST

- Desert ecosystem is fragile – please use light touch when mopping-up = minimizing impact to the area. Please refer to MIST guidelines in IAP.