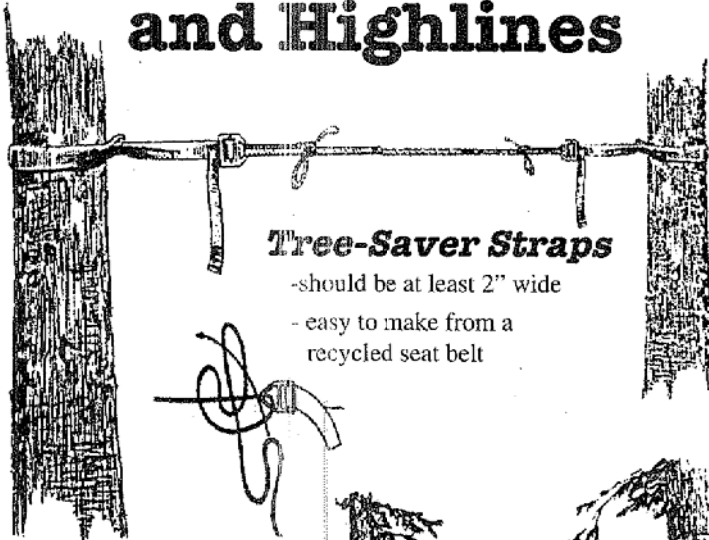


Stock:

Keeping Them With You

Tree-Saver Straps and Highlines



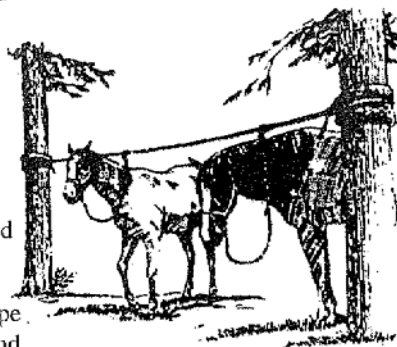
Tree-Saver Straps

- should be at least 2" wide
- easy to make from a recycled seat belt

Highlines

How to use:

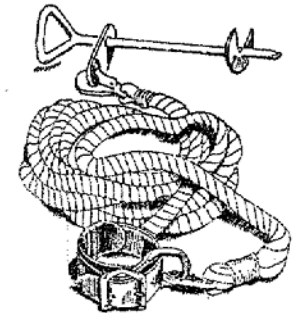
1. Choose a durable spot. Hard and rocky ground is best.
2. Place the tree-savers and rope about 7 feet above the ground.
3. Stretch the line tautly between two trees using adjustable, nylon, tree-saver straps.
4. Run the rope between the straps, tie with a quick-release knot, and pull tight.
5. Tie stock to the highline about 7 feet apart and at least six feet from the trees.



Where to put Stock: Keep pack animals at least 200 feet from streams, lake shores, trails, and camping areas. This helps keep water clean, protects the soil and plants, and keeps trails and campsites clear of loose stock. Rotate stock throughout the area to reduce trampling and prevent overgrazing.

Picket Ropes and Pins:

Bring an easy-to-move picket pin—such as a lightweight aluminum one. Avoid areas with obstacles so the rope doesn't get hung up. If you walk your animal to the end of the rope before turning it loose, it's less likely to injure itself by running past the end of the rope. Move the picket pin frequently, to prevent trampling and reduce overgrazing. When you break camp, be sure to take your picket pin with you.



Hobbles:

Wandering horse? Hobbles work for some animals, but others can move fast while wearing them. Again, get your stock used to them before going into the backcountry. Hobbles can reduce pawing by tethered stock.

Temporary Fences and Corrals:

When you plan to spend several days in one place, a temporary corral or fence is a good way to keep your stock in camp. **Make sure your stock are trained to stay in temporary corrals before leaving home.** If you find permanent corrals at trailheads or designated horse camps, use them!