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Summary of Departmental Service Initiatives:
Department of the Interior

A. Agency Sponsored Programs -- Highlights

Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers

The Department of the Interior operates 12 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers by way of Interagency Agreements with the Department of Labor. Job Corps is for economically disadvantaged youth who voluntarily participate in the program. These young people participate in an intensive program of education, vocational skills training, work experience and group living. The day-to-day operations are administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Reclamation. Whereas policy and program oversight is provided by the Office of Historically Black College and University Programs and Job Corps.

Youth Conservation Corps

A Youth Conservation Corps program is funded and operated by both the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15 through 18, who work learn and earn together by doing work projects that further the development and conservation of natural resources e.g. construction of fencing, trail maintenance, erosion control, etc.

Student Conservation Association

The Student Conservation Association links with three DOI bureaus, NPS, FWS, and BLM to recruit and place students in a special natural resources oriented 12 week summer work program. Approximately 1500 students (18-23) are placed as resource assistants in 250 projects conducted in areas managed by the participating bureaus.

Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students (RAPS)

RAPS, which is operated by BLM, encourages students to complete high school and to go on to college while offering practical work and educational experiences. Overall, RAPS provides minority and disadvantaged student with field and/or laboratory experiences designed to develop critical thinking skills and enhance interest in science, math, written and verbal communications. Specific training components include natural resource skill, basic education curriculum, leadership development, family/community involvement, mentorship and education and job placement. The 1992 program provided

positive work experience for 75 students.

Funds for students stipends, transportation and housing come from outside sources (Job training Partnership Act, BIA, and the private sector, etc.).

B. Employee Voluntary Programs -- Highlights

Volunteers in the Park Program (V.I.P.) - NPS

Congress authorized the Volunteers in the Parks program in 1970. The authorization officially sanctioned comprehensive volunteer assistance in managing and operating the parks and included provisions for liability protection and medical coverage of volunteers. NPS provided interpretive services, perform back country patrols, help with wildlife and timber management activities. More recently, volunteer work has been expanded to include maintenance activities that help keep the parks clean, safe, and attractive for visitors.

C. Total Amount Spent on Services Initiatives

Total funding for the Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers including student pay, construction and rehabilitation, and recruitment and out placement for Fiscal Year 1992 was approximately \$54 million dollars.

Total funds expended by the Department for the Youth Conservation Corps in Fiscal Year 1992 was \$2,861,768.00 dollars.

Total funds requested from participating DOI bureaus by the Student Conservation Association for Fiscal Year 1993 is \$829,000.00 dollars.

Total funds expended in FY 1992 by BLM for administration of the Resource Apprenticeship Program for Students is estimated at \$133,000. Funds from outside sources for students stipends, transportation and housing is estimated at \$240,000.

Total funds expended by the Department during Fiscal Year 1992 for the NPS Volunteer In Parks Program was \$1.6 million dollars (food/transportation).

D. Ideas for Program Development

Secretary Babbitt is committed to enhancing and supplementing the Summer of Service activities being directed out of the Office of National Service. The Department of the Interior is moving ahead with contingency plans to have youth conservation corps from Pacific Northwest States participate in the work scheduled to begin on Interior public lands in the Northwest under the President's Stimulus Package. This plan will put young adults from needy communities to work in service to

their Nation improving the quality of our public lands.

The Department of the Interior is also in the process of building a relationship with the Environmentors Project, which will recruit Interior employees to become environmental issues mentors to young students in the District of Columbia. This will be one more opportunity for Interior employees to volunteer their services and will also enable the Department to reach out to populations not ordinarily exposed to environmental issues.

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Agency Sponsored Year-round Programs

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AGENCY MISSION: Encourages and provides for the appropriate management, preservation, and development of the nation's public lands and natural resources for use and enjoyment now and in the future; carries out related scientific research in support of these objectives; carries out trust responsibilities of the U.S. Government with respect to Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Name of Program and Contact Person	Program Description	Program Time Line	FY 1993 Service Funding Level	Number of Participants	Age of Participants	Stipend Amount	Post Service Benefit Amount	Cooperative Programs with External Entities
Jobs Corps <u>Contact:</u> Ira J. Hutchinson	In conjunction with the Department of Labor's larger job corps program, DOI operates twelve Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (JCCCC). The Bureau of Reclamation administers five, the Fish and Wildlife Federation administers three, and the National Park Service administers four. The Jobs Corps targets economically disadvantaged youth to participate in an intensive program of education, vocational training, work experience and group living. Participants are provided with residential housing, an opportunity which distinguishes the Job Corps from other programs. Students live, work, and study in the centers.	Permanent-Year-round program	Estimated at \$54 million from the Department of Labor	2530+ annually	16-21 years old	Student base pay is \$23-\$37 bi-weekly	Program includes education, employment, and financial assistance (average \$1,000)	Department of Labor
Project Leader	Fish and Wildlife program to help women, minorities, and disabled people move into management level Interior jobs.							
Miscellaneous Volunteer Projects	A committee of DOI employees from every Bureau meets monthly to plan volunteer activities							

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Voluntary Programs Which Enforce the Department's Mission

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The Youth Conservation Corps <u>Contact:</u> Ira J. Hutchinson	National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife jointly administer this program	8 week summer program	\$2 million minimum	NPS: 732 FWS: 567	15-18 years old	Minimum wage	Education and training	Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service
Student Conservation Corps <u>Contact:</u> Ira J. Hutchinson	Corps members are place in an estimated 255 locations: National Park Service (95) Fish and Wildlife (50) Bureau of Land Management (110) SCC's new demonstration project is the Career Conservation Development Project. This project is designed to encourage young people (particularly young women and people of color), to pursue careers in conservation work. With the help of the Department of Labor's Job Training Partnership Act, students are recruited for jobs in which they are exposed to a variety of conservation activities and receive access to work professionals.	12 week summer work projects	\$829,000 requested for 1993 The Department of Justice has already given the demonstration project a \$45,000 grant. The average cost per student was \$1825. Conservation agencies using SCC students provide approximately 60% of the costs.	500 field workers in 1993 150 participants	18-23 years old	\$50 food and transportation allowance		Departments of Labor and Justice