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Here is a concept paper jointly submitted by the Ashley National
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AMERICORPS CONCEPT PAPER

Fiscal Year 1996

1. COVER PAGE

a. Project Title

- * Uinta Mountains, Uintah Basin, and Tavaputs Plateau Environmental Service

b. Address/Location

- * Ute Indian Tribe, Administration Offices, Ft. Duchesne, Utah;

c. Congressional District of Central Project Site

- * Third Congressional District - Utah

d. Additional Congressional Districts In Which Service Will Be Performed

- * None

e. Population Classification (Urban, Rural, Other)

- * Rural

f. CNCS Priority Areas

- * Enterprise Communities

g. Project Start Date

- * October 1, 1995

h. Project Completion Date

- * August 30, 1996

i. Number of Full Time Members

- * 20

j. Number of Part Time Members

- * 0

k. Name(s) of Person(s) Submitting Proposal

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2. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

1. **Brief Narrative:** The focus of this project is to initiate an environmental service program where participants conserve, restore and sustain lands within the Uinta Mountains, Uintah Basin, and Tavaputs Plateau ecologically mapped sections. The project work for 20 participants would focus on sustaining and restoring ecosystem components that are currently impacted by recreationists, grazing, irrigation, and water diversions. The recruitment would focus strongly on members of the Ute Tribe with the intent of building upon Rural Community Assistance grants. Duchesne County has received a grant for Ute Tribe Resource Management Through Education and a grant for the establishment of a Leadership Academy in the Uintah Basin. The communities within Duchesne County and Uintah County recognize the importance of the government to government relationship with the Ute Tribe. The economic and social hardship experienced by the Ute Tribe far exceeds the average for the Uintah Basin as a whole. The Ute Tribe experiences 60% unemployment, one-half the area per capita income, 60% high-school drop-put rate, and 50% drop-out rate from those entering the first year of college. Other targeted minority participant groups (i.e. Hispanic, Black and Asian) reflect similar economic statistics.

The program would be oriented towards improving ecological conditions of lands and unifying the Tribal Government, Federal, State and County, and private entities in a collaborative effort to sustain the local environment and culture. Improving the intergovernmental relations builds upon a community need to leverage resources, and build an understanding of the value of living in a multi-cultural community.

The objectives of work to be accomplished by program participants includes:

- . To increase wetland habitat.
- . To increase production of waterfowl.
- . To provide an opportunity for wildlife viewing.
- . To provide a learning laboratory for aquatic and terrestrial ecology.
- . To develop projects that provide a home for special status species.
- . To increase biodiversity.
- . To restore watersheds impacted by recreation use.
- . To restore riparian habitat.
- . To maintain recreation facilities and trails.
- . To increase accessibility to facilities.

The work to be performed is conservation and rehabilitation work on lands owned by the Ute Tribe and public lands administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, State Parks and Recreation, Division of Wildlife Resources, Park and Recreation Association and the Forest Service. Visitors will benefit from a restored or enhanced outdoor experience, locals will benefit from lands demonstrating good stewardship, maintenance of local community and culture and the pride in working together. Improved community relationships and sustained relationships between State, Federal and local governments would be a benefit of this project.

The standards by which success will be measured:

1. The ratio of participants who successfully complete the program and who then utilize the credits for higher education.
2. The diversity of ethnic cultures successfully completing the programs compared to the population demographics for the area.
3. The ability of the participants to become field-educated in various facets of ecosystem management, and their accomplishments in a variety of wildland management work across different agency boundaries.
4. The practical benefits of the projects accomplished.

The benefits expected by the work accomplished by participants includes:

1. A variety of project accomplishments as described above across several agency boundaries within a major ecosystem. The projects accomplished will be those targeted by the participating agencies as necessary to accomplish established goals, standards and management objectives.
2. Increased customer service through improvement of facilities, trails, riparian areas, wildlife habitat and viewing areas, and
3. Specific accomplishments might include:
 - Bank stabilization/ protection and planting willows along a riparian area within a grazing allotment.
 - Creation or improvement of wetlands and waterfowl areas by repair or construction of retention structures.
 - Construction of wildlife viewing areas and interpretive signing.
 - Vegetation planting on sites to improve biodiversity.
 - Placing watershed improvement structures within heavily used recreation areas.
 - Clearing, relocating and stabilizing trails within the Wilderness System and along recreation areas.
 - Construction of accessible structures within agency infrastructure and other public use area to bring these areas to ADA standards.

3. PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS (THIRD PARTIES), OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND OTHER PARTNERS.

RECIPIENTS - This project focuses on diverse residents of the Uinta Basin in the approximate percentages of their population per average family income. Primarily these individuals would be Ute Tribal members (10) and would also include participants from the Hispanic (3), Black (2), Asian/Pacific Islander (2) and Anglo (3) populations within the area.

PARTNERS - The link of partnerships for this project includes government, private, and tribal organizations throughout the Uinta Basin. Following is the listing of organizations, type identification and anticipated contributions:

NAME	TYPE ID	CONTRIBUTION ANTICIPATED	
		CASH	IN KIND
		(all figures/participant) except for WO share.	
Forest Service	Federal Gov't	\$230,000	
FS Ashley NF	Federal Gov't	19,167	4,800
Ute Tribe	Tribal Gov't -	19,167	4,800
BIA	Federal Gov't	19,167	4,800
BLM	Federal Gov't	19,167	4,800
NPS	Federal Gov't	19,167	4,800
US F&WL	Federal Gov't	19,167	4,800
Ut. Div WL RES.	State Agency		11,775
State Job Service	State Agency		11,775
RC &D	State Agency		10,775
NRCS	Federal Gov't		10,775
Basin West 2000	County Coalition		11,775
USU/UBTC	Educational		11,775
Image De Utah	Private (Hispanic Org.)		5,775
State Parks/Rec.	State Agency		11,775
	TOTAL	115,000	115,000

4. PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

<u>PARTNER (S)</u> <u>MATCHING</u> <u>FUNDS</u>	<u>PARTNER (S)</u> <u>MATCHING</u> <u>IN-KIND</u>	<u>FEDE</u> <u>FUNDS</u> <u>NEEDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
\$115,000	\$115,000	\$230,000	\$460,000

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Daniel Boone NF

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Here is the AmeriCorps Concept Paper for the Daniel Boone National Forest.

BRADLEY E. POWELL
Forest Supervisor

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1. COVER PAGE

- A. AmeriCorps * USA
Public Lands and Environment Program
- B. Bald Rock Training Center
Daniel Boone National Forest
London Ranger District
London, Kentucky
- C. Fifth Congressional District
- D. Same
- E. Rural
- F. No
- G. September 5, 1995
- H. July 15, 1996
- I. 20
- J. 0
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2. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Our proposal is for a residential camp for approximately 20 enrollees, utilizing our Bald Rock Training Center, located near London, Kentucky. This is a modern facility with four new bunkhouses (capacity of 80 people), a renovated kitchen and dining facility, and a new classroom facility. Recreational facilities are available.

The members will be involved in ecosystem restoration work, specifically returning a portion of the forest to a yellow pine - Savannah condition that existed in the past. The work will consist of midstory removal work for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker, constructing fire lines for prescribed burning, marking sourwood trees to be protected, assist in conducting prescribed burns, and searching for woodpecker cavity trees.

By restoring the ecosystem, we will also restore the population of red-cockaded woodpeckers and several listed plant species to a condition of stability.

We will measure the quality of this work by assessing the quality of habitat created. Since we intend to augment our woodpecker population by bringing in birds from other states, the true measure of success will be how these birds prosper. We will also monitor the presence of rare plant species which we expect to show up in the areas to be burned.

Our standard for gauging success will be restoration of the former ecosystem, and thereby the restoration of the rare and endangered species that occupy the area.

The entire nation benefits when we restore endangered species. Certainly, the people of Kentucky will benefit.

Our plan is to recruit young people from eastern Kentucky, from some of the poorest counties in the nation. We would emphasize recruiting minorities and females. Although the focus of the project would be on restoring endangered species, there would also be some community service projects, as well as some work on restoring damaged streams and watersheds.

3. PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS

We anticipate that the following partners will contribute in-kind:

The Grouse Society
The League of Kentucky Sportsmen
East Kentucky Corporation
Eastern Kentucky University
Wild Turkey Federation
The Nature Conservancy

4. PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Federal Funds Needed - \$453,200

(Several agencies and groups will participate in-kind, but the specifics of their involvement is impossible to quantify at this time.)

5. PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Recruitment	August 1-30, 1995
Start-up	September 5, 1995
Training	September 5-15, 1995

Key Work Projects:

Mid-Story Removal	September 18-29, 1995
Prescribed Burning	October 2-20, 1995
Mid-Story Removal	October 23 - November 30, 1995
Woodpecker Colony Searches	December 4, 1995 - January 31, 1996
Marking and Protecting Sourwood Trees	February, 1996
Installing Fire Lines	March 3-29, 1996
Prescribed Burning	April 2-30, 1996
Mid-Story Removal	May 1 - July 12, 1996
End of Project	July, 1996

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Hi Lou...right to the wire but here is our second proposal and it's
definitely a "concept" paper at this point! Talk with you
later.....Peggy

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1. COVER PAGE

Project Title: Greater Yellowstone Restoration AmeriCorp Program

Address/	USDA, Forest Service	USDA, Forest Service	USDA, Forest Service
Location:	Northern Region	Rocky Mtn. Region	Intermountain Region
	200 E. Broadway	740 Simms St.	324 25th St.
	P.O. Box 7669	Lakewood, CO 80255	Ogden, UT 84401
	Missoula, MT 59807		

Congressional District of central project site: MT-#1, WY-#1, ID-#2

Area To Be Served: Rural

CNCS Priority Area: Environmentally distressed, concentrations of low-income people.

Project Start Date: September 5, 1995 (Contingent on available FY95 funding)

Project Completion Date: August 18, 1996

Number of Full Time Members: 24

Number of Part Time Members: 72

Name of Person Submitting the Proposal: Jim Arthur

DG: J.Arthur:R01A

Phone: 406-329-3500

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2. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT:

The proposal for a Greater Yellowstone Restoration AmeriCorps (GYRA) program represents a collaborative approach between the Forest Service, other Federal, state and local governments working with private agencies to address the critical problems identified in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The three state area (MT, ID, WO) includes seven National Forests, three Bureau of Land Management State Offices, eight Resource and Conservation Districts, US Fish & Wildlife refuges, and a multitude of state and county agencies with responsibilities for managing aspects of the ecosystem. A host of private agencies are also actively involved in efforts to protect this area.

The creation of a Greater Yellowstone Restoration AmeriCorp will provide a focal point that each of these agencies can use to attract additional resources to address the common goals of restoration. Through the AmeriCorps program the Forest Service can support the basic structure that will foster the development of additional programs. The GYRA will be an administrative umbrella that ties together the resources and programs from many agencies and directs these efforts to assure they address the priority needs of the ecosystem.

Conservation corps have played an important role in the long heritage of land management in Greater Yellowstone. The Civilian Conservation Corps created in the 1930's was active in the Yellowstone region building trails, constructing public land infrastructure and planting trees. In the 1960's and 70s the Youth Conservation Corps and the Job Corps rekindled interest in citizen conservation efforts.

A resurgence of these programs is taking place at the state and local level. In the Greater Yellowstone, the Yellowstone Youth Conservation Corps and Student Conservation Association have been providing crews for a number of years. The Montana Conservation Corps has grown into a program serving over 120 corpsmembers in just three years, and the ConServ stream restoration project of the Wyoming Outdoor Council is an innovative approach to implementing a National Service Act Learn and Serve program.

This multiagency approach will ensure the long term sustainability of the GYRA. While the program may evolve over the years, a basic structure with consistent goals will be created to continue the efforts toward restoration and offering community service opportunities.

In addition, a GYRA Program will fulfill the Corporation for National and Community Service's mission of conducting community-based service that will achieve real, measureable, on-the ground goals related to "getting things done".

The basic structure of the GYRA calls for three full-time AmeriCorps crews (one in each state) augmented with an additional twelve part-time crews operating primarily during the summer months. This model has been successfully implemented by the Montana Conservation Corps and will promote the development of corps programs in Idaho and Wyoming.

a) What work will be done? What service will your members engage in?

The conservation work performed by the GYRA will address unfunded priorities that have been identified as being important through previous planning efforts that involved collaboration with community members, local, state and other federal agencies and the comments of thousands of other Americans who may not live in the area but care deeply about the Greater Yellowstone's future well being. These conservation work projects will address several resource needs, as described in the following project descriptions:

Renovating campgrounds, picnic areas, and other facilities to make them accessible for people with disabilities, constructing interpretive signs and nature trails for visitors to the National Forest, managing trails and dispersed campsites to achieve a variety of goals including the preservation of designated Wilderness areas and minimizing potential conflicts with grizzly bears, constructing "bear poles" in grizzly bear recovery areas to minimize the possibility of confrontations in a camp between campers and bears, providing the public including schools with educational materials and interpretive talks to increase their understanding and concern for conservation issues, or patrolling wild lands to provide the public with information and improve safety.

Carry out projects to restore, enhance, and conserve sustainable wildlife habitats. These would include projects aimed at protecting the habitat of endangered species such as grizzly bears, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and other special emphasis species, as well as more common species of wildlife.

Support the enhanced coexistence of healthy plant communities: Evaluation of habitat components to set future actions, identifying the presence of threatened, endangered, or sensitive species, monitoring fuel loading in Wilderness areas to develop fire management strategies, re-seeding/re-planting disturbed areas, developing range improvements, conducting aspen cutting to regenerate decadent stands, collecting seeds from native plants to use in restoring disturbed sites to a natural condition, collecting the seeds of whitebark pines (if there is a good cone crop) to restore vital grizzly bear habitat, assisting with preparing and conducting prescribed burns, local culture, and local economies through reforestation and rangeland conservation projects.

Conduct stream surveys for sensitive fish species in streams. These surveys will serve as a benchmark for subsequent surveys, and will identify actual numbers of sensitive fish species by location in a effort to determine effectiveness of plantings and habitat improvement projects, and to measure population changes.

Renovate historic and volunteer infrastructure through the restoration, rehabilitation, and construction of the facilities used to house and support other community based volunteer service projects. Many of these sites are old enough to have a historic value, often having been built and/or used by the original Civilian Conservation Corps.

Minimize soil erosion, preserve water quality, preserve the security of wildlife habitat through the closure and rehabilitation of abandoned and closed roads and trails.

Mine reclamation - closing abandoned mines in the GYA.

b) What is the hoped for result of the activities described above?

The projects above will result in activities that will help to ensure the long term conservation and sustainability of the natural resources within the Greater Yellowstone Area. Each activity will have its own desired result, i.e. a fisheries habitat project would improve the spawning habitat of west slope cutthroat trout; trail maintenance provides the public with appropriate access while protecting soil and water quality in the area.

All projects are action projects that result in activities that produce direct, demonstrable results. Trails are built, habitat is replanted, watershed is protected and the needs identified in the Land and Resource Management Plans have been met. Other results of these projects will be the skills that participants gain: work ethic; understanding environments and ecosystems; marketable job skills; cultural diversity awareness and knowledge; outdoor skills and experiences; self confidence and a sense of responsibility to their communities, as well as an educational award.

c) How will you measure the quality of these activities?

While the exact "units" of quality measurement will vary according to the type of task, the same quality standards used by the Forest Service to perform similar types of resource work will be used to set the quality standard for tasks performed by the GYRA. Forest Service personnel will provide the in-kind contribution of training, oversight, and project inspection to ensure that all activities achieve a high level of quality. The quality of these activities will be monitored by utilizing the environmental needs and Desired Future conditions (DFC) identified through the forest planning process.

d) By what standard will you gauge success?

Success will be judged based on the quality and quantity of unfunded critical resource work completed by the GYRA and by the positive impact that these activities have on visitors to the National Forest, members of the surrounding communities, the GYRA members, and other people who share an interest in conserving the Greater Yellowstone area.

Gauging the success of the resource work is relatively straight-forward. Using extensive public input that has already been gathered, the Forest Service will provide leadership in identifying and planning the individual projects. As each project is implemented and completed Forest Service specialists will provide technical assistance and evaluation. This collaboration between members of the GYRA and other FS employees will ensure that all work performed by the GYRA will meet a high standard of quality.

The program as a whole will be evaluated based on specific program objectives. Each objective will be evaluated in quantitative and/or qualitative terms based on established criteria. The elements that will be measured include: youth recruitment, participant attendance and completion rates, evaluation of participant experience, job skills development, life skills development, educational development, project evaluations by Forest Service managers, customer satisfaction and total youth served.

Making this experience successful for the GYRA participants will be a high priority. The expectation will be that the AmeriCorp program will give them an opportunity of personal development and growth, a new appreciation for land stewardship and a life-long awareness of the value of "getting things done" through service to the community.

e) How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your members perform?

Because of the extremely heavy use of the Greater Yellowstone area by visitors from around the world the conservation work will be visible to, and potentially benefit, several million people every year. Since much of the work carried out by the GYRA will continue to provide benefits far into the future, the number of people benefited will likewise continue to increase long after specific projects have been completed. Putting an exact total on the number of people who will benefit is impossible, but current visitor data suggests that millions of people will benefit from the efforts of the GYRA. Every year approximately 4 million visitors pass through the Greater Yellowstone area.

In reality, the benefits from the achievements of the Greater Yellowstone Area Restoration Corps will reach far beyond the visitors to the area, program participants, surrounding communities, and improved or restored natural resources. The lessons learned through the collaboration of three Regions of the Forest Service, other various government agencies, private organizations, and individuals who all share a concern for the conservation of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem will improve future ecosystem-level conservation efforts. And, in the final analysis the contributions of the GYRA will be valued by all Americans who care about the protection and conservation of the unique natural resources that give the Greater Yellowstone Area it's magnificent yet fragile character.

3. PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS (THIRD PARTIES), OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND OTHER PARTNERS:

Federal Agencies: US Fish and Wildlife Service; National Park Service (Grand Teton/Yellowstone Nat'l Parks); Bureau of Land Mgt.; Soil Conservation Service; Fort Washakie Indian Reservation; DOL; DOT; JTPA; Abandoned Mines Bureau.

State Agencies: MT State Fish, Wildlife and Parks; MT. State Dept. of Lands. WY Dept. of Game and Fish; Montana Power; Idaho Fish & Game Dept.; Idaho Dept. of Water Resources.

County Agencies: Teton County Govt.; Teton County Pathways Task Force.

Non-Profit: MT Outfitters and Guides Assn.; Lions Clubs; Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; DREAM (Disabled Recreation & Environmental Access Movement, Inc.; Nature Conservancy; Recreational Trails, Inc.; PAAC (Preparing Adolescents for Achievement in the Community); Teton Science School; Jaycees, Rotary, Kiwanis; Trout Unlimited; Back Country Horsemen of America; American Hiking Assn.; Sierra Club; Appalachian Mountain Club; Safari Club Int'l; Buford Foundation; Ford Foundation; Gallatin Valley Land Trust; MT Trout Assn.

Other: University of Montana; Jackson Hole Ski Area; Whitewater Outfitters; MT. State Univ.; Various local businesses/schools in each regional area.

An estimated contribution from the listed sponsors is \$200,000.

4. PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

PARTNER(S)	PARTNER(S)	FEDERAL
MATCHING	MATCHING	FUNDS
FUNDS: 200,000	IN-KIND: 50,000	NEEDED: 1,050,000 TOTAL: 1,300,000

5. PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
May 01, 1995	Determine program operations method
June 05, 1995	Begin project planning and proposals
July 06, 1995	Select Camp operators
July 15, 1995	Begin recruitment
August 30, 1995	Participant selection
September 01, 1995	Select projects for program year
September 15, 1995	Staff Training begins
October 01, 1995	Program begins, participants in camp
October 01-14, 1995	Orientation and safety training
October 16, 1995	Project work begins
December 24-January 01	Camp closed for Christmas holiday
August 22, 1996	End of program year

Six Rivers National Forest

Concept Paper - FY 96 AMERICORPS

1. COVER PAGE

Project Title: USDA AmeriCorps - Six Rivers National Forest Environmental/Public Lands

Address Location: Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501

Congressional District: District 1, Senate District 2

Additional Congressional Districts in which Project will be Performed: Congressional District 2

Project type: Environmental/Public Lands

CNCS Priority Areas: The Six Rivers National Forest is located in the Pacific Northwest of California. This is an area which is economically depressed and significantly affected by the loss of the timber economy. The Six Rivers National Forest is part of a number of forests in the northwest that are responsible for implementing the President's Plan and working towards development of a coordinated ecosystem management plan.

Project Start Date: September 1, 1995 (or earliest August 1, 1995).

Number of full time members: 26 members.

Number of part time members:

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**Six Rivers National Forest
Northwest California Environmental and Public Lands Project**

2. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The Six Rivers National Forest, Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service, the California Conservation Corps (CCC), and the College of the Redwoods propose a **second year FY96 AmeriCorps program** for the purpose of meeting the following objectives:

1. Provide 26 high quality opportunities for young men and women to serve their country in national service for meeting the critical environmental needs of Northwestern California; an area impacted by the changes in federal land management policy; by the dramatic decline in wildlife and fisheries resources including the listing of the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet, and the presence of numerous stocks of salmon and steelhead that are at-risk of extinction including the Coho Salmon.
2. Build on the existing accredited curricula developed by the Forest Service, California Conservation Corps (CCC), and higher education to establish a model Natural Resources Training Program which will provide learning opportunities integrated with service projects for a diverse group of young adults recruited both locally and from throughout the nation's urban and rural areas.
3. Provide resources to assist in implementing a coordinated eco-system management plan for one of the most spectacular contiguous natural recreation areas in the country encompassing the Smith River National Recreation Areas, Redwood National Park, and the parks of California's North Coast Redwoods District.
4. Provide human resource support of the protection and restoration of endangered stocks and species through resource assessment and analysis, erosion control mapping, watershed/landscape based habitat restoration, maintenance and rehabilitation of road systems, maintenance and construction of recreational facilities, trail maintenance, rehabilitating wildfire areas and participation in prescribed burns.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

Work to be done:

Provide environmental and ecosystem management education programs to a minimum of 10 classes to students in the elementary, junior high and high school levels.

Inventory and evaluate the major capital investment structures, facilities and other major capital investment assets on the forest, to determine condition, and develop plan for rehabilitation, repair and/or scheduled maintenance.

Develop three Cultural Resource Inventory and two Environmental Impact Statements.

Develop three interpretive publications (exhibits/displays).

Participate in watershed analysis activities for three major watersheds on the forest.

Construct, redesign or improve approximately 30 instream structures essential for restoring critical salmon and steelhead fisheries habitat. 40 miles of streams will be improved.

Create conifer species recovery for improved canopy, long term wood supply and bank stabilization.

Stabilize and reduce erosion on landslides. Other activities would include channels restoration, planting and mulching in support of salmon and steelhead spawning and rearing streams.

Construction of wildlife structures.

Perform trail maintenance on approximately 40 miles of trails including recreation rivers access. Work will consist of brushing, erosion control, tread renovation, installation of signs and other informational items.

Other work associated with vegetation and public safety will be performed (i.e. prescribe burns, fuels treatment, fire rehabilitation, fire control).

What is hoped for result of the activities described above?

That critical resource based data be collected for improved evaluation and restoration implementation. That existing visitor facilities be properly designed for renovation, handicapped access and resource protection. That improved visitor information and natural/cultural resource interpretation opportunities be provided. That watershed restoration work wildlife habitat, reduce erosion, re-establish important anadromous and fisheries habitat and improve general forest health. That projects will be completed based on priority in a timely and quality manner to increase visitor satisfaction and safety. That school children will become more environmentally aware and that the members develop not only "natural resource technician" related skills and but increased citizenship and land use ethic/stewardship awareness.

AmeriCorps members as a team will have the opportunity to engage in an intensely integrated program of conservation work and experiential education. The program will be dedicated to the dual mission of public service conservation work and the development of young adults. The educational program is progressive and productive in achieving this mission. AmeriCorps members will learn the basic fundamental work ethics, learn how to live and work with others; the experience will enhance their educational opportunities and employ-ability, and further their understanding and appreciation of the earth and its natural resources. In addition, members will earn college level units of credit from the College of the Redwoods towards the Natural Resource Technician Certificate (30 semester hours).

How will you measure the quality of these activities?

The quality of the AmeriCorps activities will be measured through achievement and completion of projected goals. We will evaluate standards which meet the objectives of AmeriCorps, the Forest Service and our consortium which includes the California Conservation Corps, and the College of Redwoods. Each project will be inspected to ensure objectives are met and quality control is maintained. We will also do scheduled self assessments of our program components and will spend quality time interviewing the AmeriCorps participants and Program Leaders to ensure success.

By what standard will you measure success?

By meeting or exceeding identified program objectives, by project accomplishment, by meeting AmeriCorps Member goals, and minimal program attrition. In addition, AmeriCorps Member outplacement to colleges and other educational entities, work opportunities and other personal interests.

How many individuals will receive the benefit of the work your members perform?

Approximately 15 communities will be served. Approximately 300 to 400 children will receive environmental education. There is an expected increase of 5 to 10% of visitors to the Forest. The Six Rivers National Forest, other federal land management agencies, the contiguous public and others associated with Northwestern California will realize tangible and intangible contributions.

3. PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS/PARTNERS

PRIMARY PARTNERS:

California Conservation Corps (CCC) - State of California, - Full Partnership - Providing Residential Facility, tools and equipment, counseling, field and project coordination, 25% contribution in matching funds and in-kind contributions.

College of the Redwoods (CR) Community College - Natural Resource Conservation Technician Certificate, work/learn instruction and 33% or college instructors salary.

POTENTIAL PARTNERS:

National Park Service
Trinity River Basin Restoration Task force
Klamath River Basin Task force
California Fish and Game
Smith River Advisory Council
Trinity Recreation Area (Willow Creek Community Service District
Smith River National Recreation Area (Rural Human Services

4. Preliminary Budget

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Partners Matching In-Kind Contribution: _\$50,000__

Federal Funds Needed: _605,800.00__

Total: ____\$685,200.00

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Training/Orientation: July 1995

Start-up: August 1 or September 1, 1995

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KERN RIVER ECOLOGY COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Address/
Location:

SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST

GREENHORN RANGER DISTRICT

Kern County, California

Congressional:

21st District

Project Type:

Other

Start Date:

September 15, 1995

Completion
Date:

August 30, 1997

Full time Members:

Part time members:

Submitted by: Patty Bates, Resource Officer

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OBJECTIVE

The Kern River provides important riparian wetlands, wildlife habitat and public recreational opportunities, serving the communities of Kern County and providing the closest year round river to the Los Angeles Basin. Special attributes of the area including recreation and natural resources are influenced by the multiple use demands. The Kern River Ecology Management Program incorporates existing programs and community involvement to enhance the 30 mile stretch of the river from Lake Isabella to Bakersfield.

The multi-year project includes maintenance and construction of recreational facilities to serve the diverse publics (incorporating bilingual programs), management of the natural resources of the Kern River and a program for the community, especially youths of the communities. The biological and physical resources of the Kern River will be improved through tree planting, soil conservation, watershed protection and wildlife habitat improvement. The work will protect wetland areas and water quality of the Kern River. The community will be involved through youth programs that provide service work, outdoor education, options for para-professional assistance, empowering youths-at-risk and providing work training.

PROJECT COMPONENTS: A variety of programs and projects are proposed for the next 3 year period, ranging from daily projects, such as watershed protection and trail building, to broader work, such as river studies and field schools. The Kern River Ecology Community Program involves river management, community events, outreach to bilingual visitors, improvement of recreational facilities, white water rafting, interpretation, trails, natural resource management enhancement and wildlife habitat improvements. Members will engage in a wide variety of field and service work, including construction, education and habitat improvement. The goal of the project is to improve both the condition and the management of this river.

PARTNERS

Numerous partnerships are already in place and will be expanded through this program. The diversity of partnerships and the benefits received will be this program successful.

Kern County Joint Training Program Act
Employee Training Resource
Kern Valley Hiking Club
Arvin High School
South Sierra Fat Tire Association
Southern California Edison
California Department of Transportation
Friends of the River
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Kern County Sheriff's Office
Outdoor Adventures
White Water Voyages
Kern River Tours
Chuck Richards, Inc.
Student Conservation Association
USDI, Bureau of Land Management
Western Mining Council
United States Marines Corps Reserve, 6th Engineering Battalion
Kern County Board of Trade
Kern Valley Historical Society
Bakersfield College, Agriculture and Forestry Department
California Land Management
California Living Museum
Kern County Department of Parks and Recreation
California Department of Fish and Game
Kern County Wildlife Commission
Hooked on Fishing, International

California Trails Foundation
America Outdoors
California Conservation Corps

PRELIMINARY BUDGET: Federal, partners and matching funds include those for staffing (salaries for program coordination, field supervision, environmental specialists and clerical support), equipment, facilities, and construction.

Federal Funds:	\$265,000
Partners Funds:	\$ 75,000
Matching Funds:	\$ 50,000

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE:

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Training:	July
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Shasta-Trinity National Forests
Redding, California

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B. Select program of work	06/26/95
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D. Staff selection and training	08/07/95
E. Program publicity and refine cooperative relationships	08/10/95
F. Recruitment and selection of Corpsmembers	08/07/95
G. Corpsmember training and development	09/05/95
H. Start of Natural Environment project work	10/18/95
I. Start of Neighborhood Environment project work	12/04/95

(6) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Historically, community support and enthusiasm is strong for this type of volunteer effort. Letters of indorsement will be provided at the appropriate period in the selection process.

B. **Corpsmember Training:** Individual job and career counselling will be provided to enrollees. Development plans will stress internal and external training experiences.

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C. The achievement of cultural diversity, reflective of the demographic composition of the state, will become a paramount program objective. A cultural diversity plan will be written and implemented prior to the program publicity and staff/corpsmember recruitment phases.

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- E. Trinity Occupational Training (\$15,000 - in-kind)
- F. The Human Response Network (\$24,000 -in-kind)

(4) PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Partner(s) Matching Funds	Partner(s) Matching In-Kind	Federal Funds Needed	Total
\$100,000 *	\$249,000	\$1,451,000	\$1,800,000

* Grant application to be submitted by the Shasta-Trinity National Forests to the McConnell Foundation in support of the Americorps Program.

(5) PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE

A. Development of program guidelines, work process and training schedules	06/01/95
B. Select program of work	06/26/95
C. Secure program support services and supplies	07/03/95
D. Staff selection and training	08/07/95
E. Program publicity and refine cooperative relationships	08/10/95
F. Recruitment and selection of Corpsmembers	08/07/95
G. Corpsmember training and development	09/05/95
H. Start of Natural Environment project work	10/18/95
I. Start of Neighborhood Environment project work	12/04/95

(6) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

A. **Program Operator experience:** The Forest benefits from a long history of HRP involvement. Currently we host a 30 person YCC program, a 28 person SCSEP, a large volunteer program and a hosted program. Additionally, we have operated a 140 enrollee YACC program. The Forest will provide a positive and productive work/learn environment for the AMERICORPS. The Forest supervisor, in concert with the Forest Leadership Team, is fully committed to assuring the success of the program.

Historically, community support and enthusiasm is strong for this type of volunteer effort. Letters of indorsement will be provided at the appropriate period in the selection process.

B. **Corpsmember Training:** Individual job and career counselling will be provided to enrollees. Development plans will stress internal and external training experiences.

Resource Application Tours will be developed which encourage selected corpsmembers who have demonstrated a high level of interest and skill in a particular area to participate in an internship which would afford them the chance to "job shadow" and vocationally interact with subject matter experts.

Finally, it is proposed that a Comprehensive Mentorship Program be developed to accelerate the development of academic, occupational and social skill levels.

C. The achievement of cultural diversity, reflective of the demographic composition of the state, will become a paramount program objective. A cultural diversity plan will be written and implemented prior to the program publicity and staff/corpsmember recruitment phases.

FY '96
White Mountain National Forest Americorps
Bog Brook National Guard Training Center
White Mountain National Forest
Gilead, Maine

Congressional District at central site: Maine 02
Other Congressional Districts where work will be done: NH 01 and 02

The project is part of public lands/environment in a rural area

Proposed start day: October 1, 1995
Proposed end date: approximately September 1, 1996

Number of full-time members: 32
Number of part-time members: 0

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Project Narrative: The 1996 program will be based on the 1995 White Mountain National Forest Americorps. 32 men and women, recruited from the local area, urban areas in southern New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and based in a residential camp, will work on public service and conservation through restoration, management and maintenance of our national forest. The work will reduce the backlog of trail and facility maintenance; provide increased public information and safety and also meet human and education needs through greater environmental education and role-modeling.

Specific work to be done will include:

Reach at least 300 students and adults through "Forest As A Classroom" environmental education efforts;

Complete recreation facility construction, reconstruction and maintenance at determined sites;

Enhance and/or monitor the ecosystems for threatened and endangered sensitive species;

Build, maintain or improve hiking trail system to regional standards and guidelines; build bridges and replace/install trail signs;

Provide 200 hours of human-power during New Hampshire Trail's Day;

Provide interpretive programs at national forest campgrounds, Ranger Stations and cooperator visitor information centers;

Enhance wilderness management on the Forest's 114,000 acres of wilderness by providing wilderness education to visitors, maintaining trails to wilderness standards, restoring dispersed campsites and by removing non-conforming structures;

Reach thousands of the Forest's six million visitors through information, education and interpretation in the backcountry and alpine areas of the White Mountains, including spreading the national "Leave No Trace" message, mountain safety, protecting the alpine zone and wilderness ethics;

Participate in five natural resource-based community service days.

Projected results of work projects: These projects will be completed in a timely, quality and safe manner; that the visiting public will benefit from safer, more enjoyable recreation facilities, trails and education programs leaving them with greater appreciation and respect for our wild places; threatened, endangered and sensitive plant and animal species habitat will be maintained or improved to the point that someday they can be de-listed; youth in New Hampshire and Maine will become more environmentally aware and sensitive; Americorps participants will develop leadership, job and life skills.

How we will measure the quality of work: The majority of these projects will be measured against established and approved standards and guidelines already within the Forest Service system. Project specialists and line officers will

be asked to provide expertise in completion and evaluation of projects. In addition, Americorps members will keep logs of work accomplished and discuss group goals and objectives at weekly meetings.

By what standard will we gage success: We will measure success by completion of all work projects in a timely manner per established and agreed-to standards for quality; by completing work projects without any lost-time accidents; by retention of Americorps members and by the satisfaction and pride expressed by Americorps members. We will also work to develop a comprehensive evaluation and monitoring plan before the program begins.

How many individuals will benefit from the work performed: The six million annual visitors to the White Mountain National forest will all benefit from safer trails, improved recreation facilities and more access to educational activities. Local school children and thousands of people in our local communities will also benefit from the work. Finally, the Americorps members themselves and those they contact throughout their lives will benefit from having greater job, leadership and life skills.

Prospective Partners: The Student Conservation Association/New Hampshire Conservation Corps (private, non-profit) will be our primary partner and the day-to day administrators of the residential camp. They will also provide the required %15 match of funds.

The Maine Army National Guard (Department of Defense) will assist us with use of the Bog Brook Training Facility and provide training for Americorps members in outdoor skills such as orienteering and map reading.

Other partners will be based on project needs and will include the New Hampshire Americorps programs, various mountain and hiking clubs, historic societies and others.

Preliminary Budget Breakdown:

Partner(s) Matching Funds	Partner Matching In-Kind	Federal Funds Needed	Total
<u>\$51,026</u>	<u>\$32,550</u>	<u>\$964,830</u>	<u>\$1,048,406</u>

Preliminary Milestones:

June 1 1995	Begin recruitment and advertising for 'FY 1996 program
July 1	Begin internal line-up of '96 Americorps projects
July 15	Review applications and select finalists
Aug. 1	Begin interviewing finalists
Aug. 15	Make offers to final selectees
Sept. 1	Have all offers and acceptances finalized
Oct. 1	Begin 1996 program

FY 1996 AmeriCorps Project Workshop
Dec. 5-7, 1994
Atlanta, Georgia
Lenox Inn

The workshop will begin at 1:00 pm on December 5th and end by 2:30 pm on December 7th. The cost of the rooms including taxes (\$73.45) are within the per diem rate. Room reservations must be made before December 1, 1994. The telephone number is (404) 261-5500. A block of rooms has been set aside. I'd recommend that we keep the numbers of attendees limited to the project manager and the regional coordinator. There is a shuttle van (\$12 one way) to the Lenox Inn. You can also take the subway train (MARTA) to the Lenox Road stop, which is about 35 minutes from the airport. The cost is \$1.25 one way. The address is Lenox Inn, 3387 Lenox Road, Atlanta Georgia 30326. Sam Mejia at (404) 347-5219 in the regional office should also be able to answer any logistic questions you might have.

Objective: To help participating units understand and write final project proposals/applications for submission and approval by USDA and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Dec. 5

1:00	Welcome/House keeping	Betty Meyers, R8
1:15	Opening Remarks/agenda	Lou Woltering, WO
1:30	FY 1996 AmeriCorps Overview	Joel Berg, National Service, USDA
2:00	Brief Overview of selected projects & process	Lou Woltering
2:30	Break	
3:00	Review any new requirements from the Corporation	Joel Berg
3:15	Review FS requirements for final proposals	Lou Woltering
3:45	Review budget requirements	Sam Mejia
5:00	Adjourn	
Evening: Tentatively on your own.		

Dec. 6

8:00	Discussion of project objectives	Dave Johnson, Olympic NF
8:30	Partnerships	Randy Scurry, San Bernardino NF
9:00	Recruitment and Outreach	Tony Montana, Six Rivers NF
9:30	Break	
10:00	Health Care, Day Care, OWCP and Tort	Lou Woltering
10:30	Competitive Announcements, Contracts and Agreements	Jan McCluskey, WO
12:00	Lunch	
1:00	Competition & Areements cont.	Jan McCluskey
2:30	Break	
3:00	Operations Manual	Mindy Martin, Rogue River NF
4:00	Reporting	Mike Baca, Tonto NF
5:00	Adjourn	
Evening: Tentatively on your own.		

Dec. 7

8:00	Lessons Learned	Dave Johnson
10:00	Break	
Possibly adjourn		