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	UNIT	#	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	%
		MEMBERS	COST	FEDERAL	NON-FED.	FEDERAL
	Region 1					
9	Greater Yellowstone	60 FTE	\$1,300,000	1050000	250,000	81%
	Region 2					
high cost	San Juan/Rio Grande	25 FTE	\$1,100,000	810,000	290,000	74%
	Region 3					
10	NFs in AZ	55	\$1,283,400	1090800	192,600	85%
	Region 4					
5	Ashley NF	20	\$460,000	230,000	230,000	50%
	Region 5					
3	Six Rivers NF	26	\$685,200	605,800	79,400	88%
2/4	Sequoia NF	20	\$390,000	265,000	125,000	68%
	San Bernardino NF	138 FTE	\$2,633,750	2218750	415,000	84%
	Shasta Trinity NF	58 FTE	\$1,800,000	1451000	349,000	81%
	Lassen NF	24	\$443,480	308,480	135,000	70%
	Region 6					
	Ochoco	5	\$158,000	120,000	38,000	76%
	Deschutes NF CNF	6	\$78,450	????	?????	???
7	Olympic NF	38	\$987,000	807,000	180,000	82%
8	Roque River NF	35	\$960,000	800,000	160,000	83%
1	NW Ser. Ac.	130 40 NFS	\$3,310,000	320,000		9%
	Tribal Youth	12	\$151,900	126,900	25,000	83%
	Region 8					
13	Daniel Boone NF	20	\$453,200	453,000	????	100%
12	Chattahoochee NF	25	\$689,375	569,022	120,353	82%
4/5	Kisatchie NF	10	\$145,500	125,000	20,500	86%
	NFs in Mississippi	20	\$413,325	323,925	89,400	78%
11	NFs in N. Carolina	100	\$983,770	983,770	??????	100%
	Ozark-St. Francis	3/1 f/pt	\$83,500	81,000	2,500	97%
	Region 9					
6	White Mountain NF	32	\$1,048,406	964,830	83,576	92%
	Green Mountain NF	20	\$516,222	368,513	147,709	71%
	TOTAL		17,084,478	14151240	2933038	85%

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United States
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Forest
Service

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Reply to: 1800

Date: November 18, 1994

Subject: AmeriCorps FY 96 - Concept Papers

To: Chief

Enclosed are 6 proposals from Region 6. Three are totally new non-residential and are from Forests in Central Oregon. The other three are to fund the two existing AmeriCorps programs (Ft. Worden and Star Gulch), as well as lending support to the Northwest Service Academy which is housed at Mt. Adams Ranger District of the Gifford Pinchot Forest. The support to the Service Academy will allow continued operation of the Residential Component in a remote rural Ranger District in a heavily impacted timber dependent community. This also will provide the important function of including an extremely diverse population of Members.

The total dollar request for FY 96 is \$2,132,500. We are very enthusiastic about AmeriCorps and look forward to continuing current programs, as well as beginning programs in areas not currently served in this Region.

If you have questions, please contact Drinda Lombardi at 503-326-3816.

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Enclosure

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Comments:

Enclosed are the 6 proposals from Region 6. Please don't hesitate to contact us further if you have questions or need clarification about any one of the proposals.

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE TEAM OF CENTRAL OREGON

Ochoco National Forest
3160 E. Third
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Congressional District # 2
Rural Location

Project Start Date of September 5, 1995

Project Completion Date of September 1, 1996

Project serving five full time members

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COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE TEAM OF CENTRAL OREGON
Ochoco National Forest

The Ochoco National Forest proposes to recruit five young adults for a non-residential Americorps program. The participants will work on projects that will provide a direct environmental and social benefit to the youth of our communities, the recreational users of the forest and will serve to protect the environment. The program will be called the Community and Environmental Service Team of Central Oregon.

Conservation Education training will be provided to team members while they work on projects and activities which embrace the concepts of ecosystem management. They will also learn about Wilderness and the value of recreational opportunities and how they relate to the management of the forest and the social benefits of these opportunities. They will then take the knowledge they gain from their hands on and classroom training and provide field trips and real life work experiences for youth interested in natural resource management careers.

This ties in directly with the Crook County School District's pilot role in the statewide Education Reform Act (HB3536) in which the transition from school to work is of greater focus and students are required to gain experiences in a variety of career options and real life work experiences. Team members will go into the classroom to prepare students for a project and then take an active role in implementing the project on the ground. Through the leadership efforts of the AmeriCorps members approximately 300 high school students will learn about the environment, gain an historical perspective of the role of humans on the local environment and have the opportunity to participate in a hands on project that can be monitored for years to come.

AmeriCorps team members would also use their training to provide interpretive programs and visitor information services at recreational sites on the Ochoco National Forest, as well as providing this service to neighboring State and City Parks, and BLM sites.

AmeriCorps team members will accomplish work in a variety of natural resource management areas with the majority of work focusing on Recreation, Wildlife, Fisheries, Range and Silviculture. Types of projects will include, but are not limited to, such activities as Wilderness use surveys and signing, interpretive and visitor information service programs in campgrounds and on trails, riparian planting, raptor nest and habitat surveys, rehabilitation of ATV trails, modifying fence in antelope winter range areas, stream rehabilitation projects, archaeological and historical restoration projects and data input projects utilizing GPS, GIS and surveying techniques.

Team members will serve the communities in the following ways:

- A community clean up effort will take place each month in communities surrounding the Ochoco National Forest.

- One week of time will be donated to a Habitat for Humanity project in the local area.

-Team members will assist in the planning and implementation of a community Fish Festival which provides environmental educational activities related to preserving and enhancing fish habitat in Central Oregon. This event will be attended by over 700 local middle school youth.

-Team members will assist in the planning and implementation of a community based celebration honoring cultural diversity. The event will target youth and families.

-Team members will provide leadership to high school students participating in Forest Service/School District sponsored projects. More than two hundred students will be given the opportunity to learn about the environment through a hands on approach under the guidance of Americorps team members.

Team Members will participate in service projects for state and city parks.

-Team Members will participate in local Hospital or Hospice activities

The accomplishments of the Americorps team will be measured through an interactive process with Americorps Team Members and Staff, USFS Staff and other partners. Goals and objectives will be identified by the participating agencies and partners for each specific project. Americorps staff and team members may develop some additional more personal goals and objectives they feel they will need in order to be successful. Agencies, partners and Americorps staff and members will meet at the end of each quarter to discuss the quality of the projects or experiences.

The standard of success can be measured by meeting the objectives outlined in each project in a safe, timely and positive manner, and the feedback from the parties involved as to whether the experience was one of quality and beneficial to the environment and/or the community. The Program Manager will be monitoring the activities of the Team and will serve as a trouble shooter should situations arise that are potentially disruptive to the team, partners or agency personnel.

The key benefits that the Americorps program will provide to the small communities and users of the Ochoco National Forest are:

- to develop in our local youth a sense of connection to the natural environment and a chance for them to begin discovering and developing their own land stewardship ethics;
- to provide education about ecosystems and land management issues;
- to give the users of public lands an opportunity to participate in a projects that are of interest to them, and;
- accomplish projects that are not funded and would not be accomplished without the Americorps Team on National Forest lands

The key benefits for the AmeriCorps members are to:

-Learn about the natural environment and the issues facing natural resource managers;

-Stretch their own limitations in a safe and supportive environment, do new things and learn how to share their skills and knowledge in creative and innovative ways;

-Learn how to work as part of a team for a common goal and cause; and know that they made a difference in the education of a young person, in the recreational experience and opportunity of a forest user or in the quality of the habitat for fish and wildlife on public lands.

PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS, OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND PARTNERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
Bureau of Land Management	Federal	\$\$, In-Kind
Oregon Dept Fish/Wildlife	State	\$\$, In-Kind
Oregon State Parks	State	\$\$, In-kind
Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation	Non-Profit	\$\$, In-Kind
Crook County School District	State	In-kind
Commission on Families & Children	State	\$\$
Prineville City Parks	City	\$\$, In-Kind
Prineville Chamber of Commerce	Non-Profit	In-Kind
Quail Unlimited	Non-Profit	In-Kind
Trout Unlimited	Non-Profit	\$\$, in-Kind
Oregon Hunters Association	Private	In-Kind
CREEC	Non-Profit	\$\$, In-Kind
Soil Conservation Service	State	\$\$
Private Foundations	Non-Profit	\$\$

PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

Partners Matching Funds	Partners Matching In-Kind	Federal Funds Needed	TOTAL
<u>\$18,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$158,000</u>

TIMELINE

June 1995	Recruitment for Program Coordinator
July	Program Coordinator begins Recruitment process begins mid July
August	Candidates are interviewed and selected
September	Start date following Labor Day One week training and orientation Field projects begin with special emphasis on environmental educational training/focus on wilderness and recreation One service project in local community
October	Field Projects Focus on Fisheries Project Learning Tree training Serve as assistants (under USFS guidance) for conservation education projects with high school students Teams work on cultural diversity celebration for community
November	Field Projects/Small Teams Field projects will focus on Wildlife with special interest in riparian rehabilitation in low elevation areas Specialized programs developed for small teams to split to work on monitoring, research and computer based projects (using personal computers, DG, GPS, GIS) and public affairs and archaeological projects Training period for special projects and interests Serve as principal leaders for high school conservation education project(s). USFS personnel will serve as assistants Perform community service project through Kwanis Club Quarterly Meeting with Team and Partners
December	Field Projects/Small Teams

Riparian Rehabilitation, ATV closed trail
rehabilitation work, small teams continue

Hospital and Hospice community service projects
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January 1996 Field Projects/Small Teams

BLM John Day River Plan project begins for small team

Raptor surveys begin/special wildlife training

Small Teams continue

February Field Projects/Small Teams

Quarterly meeting with Team and Partners

Community Service projects

Finish up small teams/team building session/training

March Field Projects

Main focus of serving as leaders for conservation
education projects for high school students in
ecosystem management and restoration projects

Community Service projects

BLM projects

Intensive wilderness and recreation training including
living history and interpretation methods and techniques

April Field Projects

Main focus of serving as leaders for conservation
education projects for high school students in
ecosystem management, restoration and recreation
projects for both BLM and USFS

Community Service projects

State Parks projects

Interpretation projects for State Parks (John Day River
project)

May Field Projects

All resource areas

Conservation Education projects

Participation in special projects for local Boy/Girl
Scouts

Fisheries Festival/Community Service

Quarterly meeting for Team and Partners

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June Field Projects

Community Service projects

Special events for school closure

July Field Projects

One week Habitat for Humanity project

August Field Projects

Presentation of program accomplishments to partners (video,
slide show, etc; planned and implemented by team members)

Close of program celebration

September 9/2/96 last day

THE CENTRAL OREGON STRATEGIC TRAINING AND EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIP

CO-STEP

Project Location:

Bend, Oregon
COTEF (Central Oregon Testing and Evaluation Facility)
(Closed military facility)
and

USDA Forest Service
Deschutes National Forest
Bend, Oregon

Congressional District:

2nd District, Oregon
Rep. Bob Smith (present)
Rep. Wes Cooley (newly elected)

US Senators:

Mark O. Hatfield and Bob Packwood

Project is rural

The tri-county area involved, Deschutes, Klamath and Jefferson counties, meets the definition of rural community in terms of eligibility for rural community assistance through economic recovery funds associated with Subtitle G, Chapter 2, "National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act of 1990."

The project is utilizing a closed military facility for the residential component now being operated by the Oregon National Guard's Youth Conservation Corps.

Project start and completion dates:

A component of the program, the Oregon National Guard's Youth Conservation Corps, is operational at present and it is anticipated to be a continuing program.

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November, 1994

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The Central Oregon Strategic Training and Education Partnership (CO-STEP) will be a program providing education, vocational/technical training, job readiness and intervention and support services for young men and women. The program will be administered through a residential and non-residential program. The target population will be students who are challenging the "traditional" educational systems or have dropped out but still need education and/or training in order to be productive and self-supporting.

This partnership of business, education and government in Central Oregon represents a major, broad-based community initiated program directed at creating a national center of excellence for education technology, youth and workforce development.

The Deschutes National Forest has been very involved in this endeavor. The Forest is recognized as a leader and participant in many already existing and successful partnerships in the community. Particularly in the arena of youth/student environmental education, employment and training programs.

Another component of the program will be task-oriented projects associated with natural resource restoration and enhancement work on public lands. The intent of this program is to instill a sense of good work ethic and public land awareness and stewardship. Also the students will receive an understanding of the role of public land and natural resource management agencies and career opportunities associated. This component will also stress service to community since the majority of the lands in Central Oregon are publicly owned. The public lands provide the economic and quality of life backdrop for the residents and visitors to this area.

The final component is associated with the development of a regional technology training center. This project reinforces Central Oregon's regional economic strategy action plan. Also supported will be the school-to-work transition component of the Oregon Education Reform Act. Technologies to be targeted will consist of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), satellite distance learning and microwave retransmission learning, video production and other information system designs.

Americorps members would participate in this program as mentors, role models and supervisors for the public land field projects. Members could be housed at the residential facility.

It is estimated that in one year 300 youth could be serviced through the residential program and more than 600 youth through the non-residential.

The residential component administered by the Oregon National Guard, Youth Conservation Corps began 9/30/94 and graduated 17 youth November 10, 1994. A second session is now operational with 26 youth enrolled. Youth are male and female 15 years to 18 years old.

The Deschutes National Forest is presently participating through an agreement with CO-STEP, Inc. and providing a minimum stipend to the youth. Each youth receives \$3.00 per hour for the 72 hours of conservation "service" they perform during the 6 week session.

Success in terms of work accomplishment this first session has been tremendous. Over \$35,000 of project work was accomplished. Success in terms of the experience of the youth in working in a respectful, collaborative endeavor can be measured by a statement made graduation night by one of the youth. "I feel like I have made a difference and that I am worth something."

PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS, OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER PARTNERS

The Central Oregon Strategic Training and Education Partnership (CO-STEP) has representatives from the Bend-LaPine, Sisters and Redmond School Districts, Education Services Department (ESD), Central Oregon Community College, Deschutes County Department of Community Corrections, Bend and Redmond Chamber of Commerces, Central Oregon Electric Coop, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, J Bar J Youth Services, USDA Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management.

The program/project and partnership has also received endorsement from Oregon State Representatives, Bev Clarno and Dennis Luke, State Senator, Neil Bryant and US Senators, Mark Hatfield and Bob Packwood.

On November 18, 1993, the US Senate passed a resolution to engage the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, Justice, Labor and Military in a partnership to launch Youth Environmental Service (YES) initiatives at several sites across the nation. The CO-STEP facility was selected as one of those sites and YES is planned to be hosted as a component. Representatives from Departments of Agriculture, Interior and Justice visited the site. No funding has been awarded for implementation.

****NOTE**** CO-STEP, Inc. has produced a 6 minute video explaining the partnership and project componants. Included is the role of the Forest Service. A copy is available upon request.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

At present, the project is being supported by the Oregon National Guard, the Bend-LaPine and Redmond School Districts and fund raising efforts by CO-STEP, Inc. The USDA Forest Service, Deschutes National Forest contributed \$15,000 during FY94 and has \$15,000 obligated for FY95 for youth stipends. Due to budget reductions, it is anticipated Forest participation in the future will be limited to in-kind contributions for materials and supplies, items of recognition for participants and salaries of Forest Service personnel associated with the administration of the partnership and technical and educational support. The award of Americorps monies to support members to participate in the program would enable this Forest to continue in this tremendously important partnership in a very meaningful way.

CO-STEP, Inc. has a suggested budget of \$250,000 per year to administered the partnership. The major source of funding targeting businesses, grants and other private sector fund raising. The Oregon National Guard has committed approximately \$600,000 for FY95 for implementation of the residential Youth Conservation Corps. Local school districts are also contributing \$35.00 per day for students now enrolled in the residential Youth Conservation Corps.

This proposal is requesting funds to support 6 Americorps members:

Stipend:	\$8075	1700 hours x \$4.75 (OR minimum wage)
Administrative costs:	\$5000	Project planning/implementation/ and oversight

Total per Member:	\$13075
TOTAL FOR PROJECT:	\$78450

PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE

The residential component of CO-STEP, the Oregon National Guard's Youth Conservation Corps, is currently operational. The non-residential component and YES are anticipated to be operational by 1996.

The Americorps Members could be assigned within the timeframes identified.

Key work projects will be as mentors, roles models and supervisors of youth while they are performing community service participating in enhancement and restoration projects on public lands, primarily the Deschutes National Forest.

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TRIBAL YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Project Location:

Reservation lands of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
and
Former reservation lands of the Klamath Tribes
and
The Deschutes National Forest

Congressional District:

2nd District, Oregon
Rep. Bob Smith (present)
Rep. Wes Cooley (newly elected)

US Senators:

Mark O. Hatfield and Bob Packwood

Project is rural

The tri-county area involved, Deschutes, Klamath and Jefferson counties, meets the definition of rural community in terms of eligibility for rural community assistance through economic recovery funds associated with Subtitle G, Chapter 2, "National Forest-Dependent Rural Communities Economic Diversification Act of 1990."

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OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

Five wilderness areas are designated within the Deschutes National Forest. Of the 1,200 miles of trails located on the Forest, many are located in the wilderness areas. Some of the trails are heavily used and as a consequence are deteriorating as are the associated ecosystems, from the excessive use.

The Wilderness Act defines wilderness as:

"...as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

The Deschutes National Forest in its efforts to protect the health and integrity of the wilderness areas during times of budget and personnel reductions is seeking partnerships to assist with restoration and enhancement projects. In addition, the Forest is desirous of participating in conservation work programs as a means of providing job training and development for young Americans, along with conservation education, awareness of good public lands stewardship and exposure to career opportunities.

Informal discussions have begun between Deschutes National Forest, Tribal Liason Jim Coburn, and Tribal Councils of the Klamath Tribes and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm springs Reservation to enter into a partnership involving the development of Tribal Youth conservation work crews to be utilized in restoration, enhancement and cultural survey projects. The main focus of the projects would be wilderness but will also include opportunities outside the wilderness and on reservation lands.

Two key projects would focus on cultural resource inventories and surveys and seed collection of native plant species. Discussion has included the propagation of the native plant species so that stock would be available for the restoration projects. Cultivation could occur on reservation lands.

Education-based work experience program modeled after Northwest Youth Corps (NYC), Eugene, OR. NYC is modeled after the historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) of the 1930's.

Work experience in a challenging and supportive environment that stresses discipline and responsibility while promoting success, learning, personal growth and individual achievement.

Program would also promote Government to Government, Interagency Eco-System management, economic development/employment for Tribal youth and an increased cultural awareness for youth specifically in the Native American's cultural and spiritual kinship with the natural environment.

Youth 18 to 22 years of age and older. This age group allows for greater potential and flexibility in types of projects, including firefighting that carry age limitations.

Program could be developed and managed by Tribal youth. Would provide ownership, training in business management.

Participation could result in supporting continued education in terms of academic credit and/or scholarship awards, i.e., AmeriCorps.

Heighten awareness and sense of pride in Native American's knowledge, understanding and commitment to the natural environment.

Improve Tribal youth's understanding of natural environment through education and involvement.

Cultural transfer with Tribal elders involved.

PROSPECTIVE RECIPIENTS, OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES AND OTHER PARTNERS

At present discussions include representatives from USDA Forest Service, Deschutes National Forest, USDI Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Councils of Klamath Tribes and the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation.

In addition, the following agencies/organizations are targeted for inclusion:

Private Industry/Intergovernmental Councils of Deschutes, Klamath and Jefferson Counties, Northwest Youth Corps (non-profit) and some targeted private sector granting bodies and businesses.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN

This proposal is requesting funds to initially support 12 AmeriCorps members.
Format:

Two 6-person crews. One crew for each reservation involved. This format allows for good flexibility in terms of operating as single crews or one combined crew.

The project would be a non-residential program but would involve field-going campouts.

Stipend:	\$8075	1700 hours X \$4.75 (OR minimum wage)
Administrative costs:	\$2500	Project planning/implementation and oversight

Total per Member:	\$ 10,575
TOTAL FOR PROJECT:	\$126,900

Partner(s)	Federal	
Matching	Funds	
In-Kind	Needed	Total

\$151,900

PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE

Discussions have focused on starting program FY95 field season. The first field season crews may be less than the full complement but full program participation would be realized with FY96.

FY 1996 AmeriCorps Concept Paper

Project Title: Olympic Nation Forest
Fort Worden AmeriCorps Program

Address/Location: Olympic National Forestt
1835 Black Lake Blvd S.W.
Olympia, WA 98512-5623

Congressional District: 6th District, Washington State
Congressman Norm Dicks

Project Location: Rural

CNCS priority areas: Unknown

Project Start Date: October 01, 1995

Number of Full Time Members: 38

Number of Part Time Members: 0

Name of person submitting proposal: Dave Johnson

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Olympic National Forest
Fort Worden AmeriCorps

2.) OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

The program hosted on the Olympic National Forest will include 38 members, in a residential camp. The members will perform work on public lands to conserve, restore, and sustain natural habitats within various ecosystems; to maintain, improve, and construct recreational facilities including camp sites, trails, access points, and other significant projects to benefit the users of public lands (National Forest, National Parks, and city and county government public lands); to perform work that will improve habitat for Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species and improve Forest health and sustain Forest ecosystems through thinning, restoration, and planting; to assist in disaster relief and recovery efforts when requested in the areas of flood control, forest firefighting, and earthquake events; to provide environmental education opportunities and education to the public that reside within the Forest as well as those who live adjacent to or outside the National Forest; to provide technical assistance as para-professionals assisting resource technicians and professionals in data collection and document preparation for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Components of Objective Statement -

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

Construct/reconstruct and/or maintain hiking, mountain bike and motorcycle, and cross country ski trails throughout the Forest, meeting regional trail construction standards. Construction to occur throughout the year. Trail maintenance will be performed in partnership with local Backcountry Horse clubs, Boy Scouts of America and local volunteers.

Construct/reconstruct 48 miles of new trail within the Olympic National Forest.

Construct 5 miles of new trail as per A-15, Olympic National Forest Plan.

Maintain approximately 197 miles of hiking trails within the forest and wilderness areas on the Olympic National Forests, completing 50% of the trail maintenance by July 4, and the remainder by August 15, meeting regional trail standards. Maintenance would include the rehabilitation of trail structures including shelters, bridges, puncheon, turn pike, crib walls, gabion, information boards and signing.

Rehabilitate campgrounds, picnic areas and other developed recreation sites on the Olympic National Forest meeting guidelines set by project specialist at specific locations, and completing the projects by July 1, 1996, at the following (non-inclusive) locations;

Rehabilitate Coho Campground and day use area on the Hood Canal Ranger District.

Rehabilitate Klahowya Campground and day use area on the Soleduck Ranger District.

Rehabilitate East Crossing and Dungeness Forks Campgrounds on the Quilcene Ranger District.

Rehabilitate Big Creek, Hamma Hamma, and Lena Lake Campgrounds on the Hood Canal Ranger District.

Maintain recreational facilities, Forest wide;

Sand, replace parts for picnic and campground tables,

Move and rebuild campfire rings, and

Construct bulletin boards and signs.

Restoration, maintenance and enhancement of ecosystems for threatened and endangered sensitive species throughout the Olympic National Forest. Projects would include the construction and installation of 200 bird and bat nest boxes, construction and installation of 20 structures in streams to improve habitat for endangered salmon stocks. Projects would meet wildlife and fisheries specialist guidelines, and completing projects in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 1, 1996, at the following (non-inclusive) locations;

Habitat surveys for Marbled Murrelets would be completed forest wide.

Install bird boxes in snag-deficient areas.

Inspect and maintain bird and bat boxes.

Provide environmental and ecosystem management education programs to children in elementary schools on the North Olympic Peninsula, targeting 10 classrooms, or 1,500 students, providing 80% of the programs by June 10, 1996, and meeting course standards set forth in nationally identified training courses such as;

Investigating Your Environment,

Project Learning Tree, and

Adopt-A-Watershed.

Watershed restoration projects including placement of erosion control matting, willow and grass seed planting and fertilization for protection of municipal watersheds and salmon bearing streams on over two miles of stream bed. Community development projects in cooperation with State of Washington and local counties with the aim of reducing the potential for listing of threatened salmon species would be completed. 80% of the projects would be completed in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 1, 1996.

Guidelines would be developed by fisheries specialist and monitored for one year following completion.

Construct or improve 25 in-stream structures essential for restoring critical salmon habitat.

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

We hope to improve the safety and quality of recreational visitors' experiences while on the National Forest. Many existing facilities are over 25 years old and AmeriCorps work to rehabilitate them will provide a much needed face lift.

In the area of environmental education, we plan on changing attitudes about the National Forest in particular, and public lands in general, through education and information. We propose to change, through hands on opportunity, the value that youth place on the environment around them, while explaining the impacts that millions of residents and visitors have on public lands.

We hope to foster good working relationships and partnerships with the private sector, non-profit clubs and organizations, and special interest groups, by working together as teams to accomplish agreed upon objectives.

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

The majority of these activities will be measured against established and approved standards within the Olympic National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, handbooks and project work plans. Line Officers will be responsible for accepting the quality of work accomplished and will hold Members and 3rd parties accountable as part of their performance expectations. Project sponsors will have the responsibility to provide clear, understandable instructions and guidance to team supervisors and leaders. A pre-project meeting will occur during the project application process, as well as a post-project review of work accomplished.

Educational professionals and topic area specialists will be invited to review all educational material. The program will constantly review all activities, focus on our mission and objectives, and re-direct our activities as necessary.

4) By what standard will you gage success?

A number of areas will be focused on to measure success:

AmeriCorps member experience will be measured. We intend to provide open opportunities for members to reflect upon the program and the experiences they have gained. We hope to be in a position where we are begging for additional educational awards, as a result of a better member retention than originally planned. We desire that members will continue to provide service, either through an additional year in the program or through volunteer service.

Customer satisfaction will be considered. We will constantly communicate with our customers to ensure we are meeting their goals. Are we completing their projects in a timely manner? Are they pleased with the quality and quantity of our work?

Our ability to leverage our AmeriCorps budget to work with other funding sources to increase our flexibility to "get things done...", while meeting the goals of our diverse group of project sponsors.

A major success would be a program that would serve as a model for public and community activity on public lands. The assurance that the program funding continued in the future, and that our program becomes stronger and larger as a result.

Support among the Forest Service community, a feeling among our peers that AmeriCorps really does "get things done...".

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

In the short term; hundreds of forest users, local communities, children and young adults. In the long term; thousands, through the use of the recreational infrastructure, including campgrounds, visitor centers, hiking trails, historical sites and more.

Additional benefits will be to the AmeriCorps members and staff who ten years down the road will return to project sites with their spouses and children and have a sense of pride about their ability to "get thing done..." during their service in AmeriCorps.

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

The 1995 Fort Worden AmeriCorps Camp was operated under a Financial Assistance Agreement with Northwest Youth Corps. Northwest Youth Corps has operated residential youth camps and programs for the past 11 years. The use of 3rd party agreements has proven to be successful and may be used in the future.

EMTA Emergency Medical Training Associates provides First Aid and CPR training at a greatly reduced cost. EMTA is a private company. Est.contribution \$500.

Jefferson and Clallam County received \$100,000 Rural Community Assistance grants to utilize AmeriCorps crews. This program may be continued and expanded in FY 96. The Counties are State Agency. Est \$100,000 funding.

U.S. Navy, Indian Island Detachment are interested in a partnership to accomplish needed work at Indian Island. The U.S. Navy is a Federal Agency and could contribute funding for program. Est. \$40,000 funding.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center will partnership to provide education to members. The Marine Science Center is a non profit organization. Est contribution \$2000.

U.S. Navy, Whidbey Island Naval Air Station will provide furniture and appliances for the facility. Est. value \$10,000.

Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni Association will provide training in primitive tool care and use and CCC era construction methods. Est. Value \$2000.

Mt Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest is located in a close enough proximity to provide work site. A partnership agreement may be arranged to utilize Fort Worden AmeriCorps crews on both forests in the future.

Olympic National Park is located immediately adjacent to the Olympic National Forest and may be interested in a partnership agreement to accomplish needed work in the future.

The Olympic National Forest operated a Youth Forest Camp at the Fort Worden site during the summer of 1994. This program was sponsored by the National Forest Foundation. The National Forest Foundation may be very interested in a partnership to operate the AmeriCorps program in 1996.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's new Olympic Coast Marine Sanctuary is adjacent to the Olympic Peninsula and may be interested in a partnership to accomplish sanctuary and environmental clean up projects.

4.) PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

Partner (s) Matching Funds	Partner (s) Matching In-kind	Federal Funds Needed	Total
\$140,000*	\$40,000*	\$807,000	
\$987,000			

We plan to work with Jefferson and Clallam Counties (and potentially Mason and Grays Harbor) to develop requests for Rural Community Assistance grants to do work within the counties to strengthen infra-structure within the county. These would be projects which could be accomplished with AmeriCorps crews in support of the county.

5.) PRELIMINARY MILESTONE SCHEDULE

May 01, 1995 - Determine program operations method
June 05, 1995 - Begin project planning and proposals
July 06, 1995 - Select Camp operators if 3rd party
July 15, 1995 - Begin recruitment
August 30, 1995 - Participant selection
September 01, 1995 - Select projects for first quarter work
September 15, 1995 - Staff Training begins
October 01, 1995 - Program begins, participants show up
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 - Camp ends

ROGUE RIVER AMERICORPS

Rogue River National Forest
Star Gulch Facility, Applegate, OR

Congressional District #2

Project area includes most of southern Oregon,
including the city of Medford and all surrounding
timber dependent communities in the area.

Start Date: September 15, 1995
Completion Date: September 1, 1996

35 Full-time AmeriCorps Members

Respectively Submitted By:

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ROGUE RIVER AMERICORPS

The Rogue River National Forest AmeriCorps program is a residential camp accommodating 35 full-time male and female participants. The camp is located at the Star Gulch facility on Applegate Ranger District near Medford, Oregon. The Rogue River National Forest (RRNF) has invested a considerable amount of time, money, and resources to update and expand the facility to accommodate the current and future AmeriCorps programs. AmeriCorps is a top forest priority, and the RRNF plans to continue the program on a year-round, full-time basis.

The primary purpose of Rogue River AmeriCorps is to "get things done" by continuing to complete resource projects identified to improve forest and watershed health and enhance fish and wildlife habitat. In addition, five components are considered as requirements for all participants. These include safety, education, meaningful work experiences, with recreation and personal growth and development woven into all facets of camp operation. RR AmeriCorps addresses a wide spectrum of objectives designed to foster the growth and development of today's young people. The objectives include:

- * Create a sense of public and community service,
- * Provide employment training to young men and women,
- * Help young people develop sound work habits, and
- * Increase basic understanding of society's use of natural resources.

In addition to the important skills that members gain during work projects, a focus on education and team work are stressed. Intensive initial orientation and weekly training sessions include topics such as First Aid/CPR, cultural diversity, sexual harassment, conflict resolution, group dynamics, local history and ecology, forest health and other pertinent subjects. Members are required to attend all training sessions.

The declining timber industry in our region has redirected the focus of the local communities. Over the last several years, the Forest Service has worked with a wide variety of individuals, agencies and local governments' to identify needs and solutions to help offset the declining economies. This process involved numerous working groups of agency and community members and responses from over 6,000 questionnaires. Of primary concern was the need to provide jobs, training, skills and counselling to the local young people. Another primary concern was the need to provide more recreational facilities and better maintenance of existing facilities to enhance the local tourism opportunities. The AmeriCorps project was identified as a "Top Priority" solution by the joint Jackson and Josephine County Commissioners to help address these concerns.

Although most of the proposed project work will be performed on the Rogue River National Forest, adjoining federal, state and local governments have expressed interest in AmeriCorps. The Bureau of Land Management has a strong commitment to AmeriCorps and has provided several months of projects to be completed during the current fiscal year. The National Park Service, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon State Parks have expressed a keen interest in the program and have already contacted the RRNF with proposed projects for the upcoming months. Local community partnerships are strong and projects are already underway with plans to continue with community revitalization during the next year.

The resource projects identified will integrate the President's Forest Plan with the forest priorities as outlined in the RRNF Plan. In many cases, the work that will be performed by AmeriCorps members will accomplish forest priorities that may not otherwise be completed in a timely manner. These are projects that would normally not be completed due to budgetary and time constraints facing the current organization. The greatest needs to be met involve completion of resource projects that will improve forest and watershed health, enhance fish and wildlife habitats, and provide improved accessibility in area recreation sites. In addition, many projects will strengthen community ties through the development of effective partnerships. The integration of forest projects with community projects will continue to strengthen the local economies by developing mutual respect and technical skills of the local young people.

The success of the AmeriCorps program has already been observed. The young people that have been selected as members have a renewed sense of accomplishment and pride in the service that is being performed. The importance of community service, education, and the understanding of the role of natural resources in our society is evident in the "can do" attitude of the participants. A sense of pride in the local communities is growing as the accomplishments of the members become evident. The local newspaper and television media are actively involved in the program and support it by reporting on the weekly activities and accomplishments. The Forest Service is energized as project coordinators are seeing their projects being completed, often times before the anticipated completion dates! Project leaders have been impressed with the quality of work being provided by the AmeriCorps members and are planning projects for next year. The completion of an interpretive trail at a local elementary school has already provided valuable educational experiences for children in the area.

The partnerships that have evolved from the 1994-1995 AmeriCorps project have been extremely successful. The Medford BLM has been the most active partner contributing over \$200,000 in projects to be accomplished by AmeriCorps members. The BLM is excited about working with the program, and has requested additional funds in order to have future projects for AmeriCorps volunteers. Additional BLM districts in southern Oregon have also expressed an interest in getting involved in the program.

The Northwest Youth Corps (NYC), a non-profit organization, has contributed their expertise in organizing and staffing the day to day activities of the AmeriCorps members. NYC has been awarded the contract for administering the program, and the staff has proved to be extremely capable of running a program of this magnitude. In addition, NYC will contribute at least 15% of the total program cost as a full partner in this endeavor.

The RRNF is also working with Jackson county and the communities of Butte Falls and Prospect on several Rural Community Assistance Projects to be accomplished this year. In addition, the forest is working with the National Park Service, Oregon State Parks and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to secure future projects and partnership opportunities.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

Partner Matching Funds	Partner Matching In-kind	Federal Funds Needed	TOTAL
\$120,000	\$40,000	\$800,000	\$960,000

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FY 1996

1. COVER PAGE.

- a. Project Title: Northwest Service Academy
- b. Located at two centers:
 Metro: c/o Columbia Gorge Ranger Station
 31520 SE Woodard Road
 Troutdale, OR 97019
 Mt. Adams: c/o Mt. Adams Ranger Station
 Trout Lake, Washington 98650
- c. Congressional District of central project site
 Metro: State of Oregon: Third District: Ron Wyden
 Mt. Adams: State of Washington: Fourth District: Linda Smith
- d. Additional Congressional Districts in which service will be performed:
 Metro: State of Oregon: First District: Elizabeth Furse
 Second District: Wes Cooley
 State of Washington: Fourth District: Linda Smith
 Mt. Adams: State of Oregon: Second District: Bob Smith
 State of Washington: Fifth District: George Nethercutt
- e. CNCS priority area: Areas of high poverty are targeted in Klickitat and Skamania Counties in the State of Washington. Unemployment rates are very high due to the transition from a timber based economy to a tourism based economy.
- f. Project start date: The project started in August of 1994, but we are seeking funding for a project start date of September 4, 1995
- g. Project completion date: July 31, 1996
- i. Number of Full Time Members: 130 members
- j. Number of Part Time Members: Estimated at 10 members as fill in Jan96
- k. Name of person submitting proposal: Jon Stewart, Academy Director
- i. Address: c/o Columbia Gorge Ranger District
 31520 SE Woodard Road
 Troutdale, Oregon 97060
- j. Telephone number; (503) 695-2276, Fax number; (503) 695-2296

2. OBJECTIVE STATEMENT.

1. Brief narrative of proposed project: The NWSA Academy was funded for a planning grant and operational grant as a subtitle D program from the Commission for National and Community Service from 1993 through 1995. Initiated in August 1994, the Academy now has 27 AmeriCorps members working from a residential site on the Mt. Adams Ranger District and 63 non residential AmeriCorps members working in the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area.

Based on our successful experience this year, we hope to expand the number of AmeriCorps members from 90 this year to 130 next year with a start up date of September 4, 1995. To do so, we need the support of the Forest Service NFF funds to continue operating the residential center at Mt. Adams Ranger District and make up the difference in funding costs between a non residential program and a residential program for 40 AmeriCorps members. The Mt Adams residential center was developed by a coalition of community groups to focus specifically on NW forest and rural community issues. Without NFF support TO MAKE UP THE

DIFFERENCE IN COST BETWEEN A NON-RESIDENTIAL AND RESIDENTIAL program (based at \$8,000 per participant) we will be forced to close the residential center, reduce the number of participants and develop a non residential program in geographically diverse rural communities. Klickitat County, in which the residential center is located, has the highest unemployment rates and lowest per capita incomes in the Pacific Northwest.

Diversity is a hallmark of the NW Service Academy. Cultural diversity is at 27% for Academy members in two states that are only 10-12% culturally diverse. Ages range from a low of 17 to a high of 72 and over half the participants have either completed college or been in college while 8% are working on their GED. We have developed partnerships with local colleges from which members receive 8 credit hours of transferable credit while in service and we hope to increase that to 36 credit hours next year when a new natural resources curriculum is fully implemented.

a. Designed as a team based program focusing on both natural and community environments in the Pacific Northwest, service projects focus on both natural and community environmental projects. Natural resource projects range from stream restoration to natural resource surveys. Service projects are selected by the AmeriCorps members according to priority needs as outlined in the AmeriCorps grant proposal. Projects on Forest Service land range from restoring sacred tribal huckleberry fields to rehabilitating and revegetating abandoned Forest roads.

b. The mission of the NW Service Academy is to "learn civic responsibility by providing service to the community and the environment." We are committed to educating the leadership of the next generation while meeting the critical environmental needs, such as salmon restoration and identifying and mapping critical spotted owl habitat in the Pacific Northwest. In addition we are revitalizing rural neighborhoods by building community schools and rehabilitating shelters for battered women.

c. The quality of the activities will be measured by the positive attention these projects receive in the local media and the continued expansion of local partnerships. In addition they are measured by feedback forms provided by project managers and team stewards. The final evaluation of quality comes from the members themselves as they assess their impacts both in the natural and community environments.

d. Standards of success will be measurable and demonstrable. They will include both social categories, like number of seasonal farmworkers trained in how to reduce exposure to pesticides, and natural categories like the number of miles of forest roads restored to a natural condition or the number of miles of fence built to preserve riparian areas along Northwest streams. We are working with Dick Gale, a University of Oregon sociologist, to build in qualitative measures of success focused on changes in local rural communities and the Academy member lives during and after their year of service.

e. Based upon early projections from this year's program, we estimate Academy members will impact over 4,000 students and untold numbers of community members through hands on service learning projects.

3. Prospective partners: At this time signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding supporting the Academy include:

State: The State of Oregon
Washington Service Corps
Oregon State University
Educational Service District 112 (that serves SW Washington)

Federal Agencies:
R-6 USDA Forest Service
Bonneville Power Administration

City and County Governments:
Mid-Columbia Council of Governments
City of Gresham
Hood River School District
Trout Lake School District

Tribal Governments:
The Yakama Tribal Nation

Community based non-profits
Urban League of Portland
Human Resources Consortium

Many of the key organizations in this coalition are linked with Special Use Permits, Cooperative Agreements and Interagency Personnel Agreements that were developed over the past year and half in the planning and operational grant phase. In addition fee for service support and private donations have come from:

NIKE, Inc.
Bank of Tokyo
Thompson-Mc Dougall Corporation
City of Portland
Klickitat County
Marquam Park Association
The National Forest Foundation
Mt. Hood Meadows Corporation
Mt. Hood Community College
And many others....

4. Preliminary budget breakdown:

		<u>FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED</u>		
PARTNER(S)	PARTNER(S)	NFF	CNS FEDERAL	TOTAL
MATCHING	MATCHING	FUNDS	FUNDS	
FUNDS	IN-KIND	NEEDED	NEEDED	
\$230,000	\$280,000	\$320,000	\$2,480,000*	\$3,310,000

* The NW Service Academy is seeking \$320,000 or \$8,000 per participant from the USDA Forest Service. This will be matched with a national direct grant to the Corporation for National Service for \$2,480,000 and used to make up the difference in cost between a non residential AmeriCorps member (at \$19,500 per year) and a residential AmeriCorps member (at \$27,500 per year). Based on our first successful operational year, we hope to increase our member base to 130, with 40 members at the residential center and 90 members at the non residential center. This funding would be used to support Forest Service projects at the non-residential center on lands managed by the Gifford Pinchot and Mt. Hood National Forests plus those in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

5. Detailed work plan:

a. Recruitment timeline: Recruitment is on going using Academy participants and staff. At present, we are filling in with part time participants with applications due December 15th for positions opening on January 9th. Once that is competed, the next recruitment timeline will be developed based on last year's experience. Active recruitment is already taking place at college fairs and high schools with up to 20% being targeted on a national basis this coming year. The peak recruitment period is April through June as we try to target this critical student population. Hour long interviews based upon Peace Corps recruitment criteria start in May and continue through August as we select potential participants. Orientation begins in August with members sworn in after three weeks of training starting on September 4, 1995.

b. Training is ongoing and focused on a natural resources curriculum that includes the history and ethics of national service, team building exercises, conflict resolution, fire training, CPR, first aid, chainsaw certification and a wide scope of environmental education activities.

c. Work projects will be developed in "strands" where AmeriCorps members are organized into teams that rotate through a variety of project activities designed to encourage their growth and development. For projects already completed or being worked on this year, please request the first quarterly report developed for the Corporation for National Service. Lou Woltering at the WO has a copy of this document.