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Good afternoon all. I may have already sent this out. If so, my apologies. Will give you an idea of what we did Forest Service wide in the RDT program in our first quarter. We're expecting even greater and grander things in the 2nd.

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 I've heard from 3 of you in reference to my note a few days ago as to amount of info I'm sending. So far I've learned that overall, this is your only source of info from the WO. I've passed that on to Joel Berg, USDA and hopefully things will improve. Thanks for your input.
 v/r
 Lou

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AmeriCorps First Quarter Report
 USDA Forest Service

The following is a brief summary of the Rural Development Corps (RDT) accomplishments of 71 AmeriCorps Members working in rural communities and counties in 16 states across the nation through November 30, 1994. Most of the sites weren't fully operational until early October. A great deal of the initial work in the RDT program includes Member training and seeking out and developing relationships and partnerships with local agency, county, and community organizations, leaders, and officials. Members spent a great deal of their time initiating the early stages of rural development projects including doing research, conducting surveys, and gathering and distributing information that can be used for strategic and short-term project planning and project implementation. In many cases, direct on-the-ground results won't be evident until the 4th quarter and possibly not for 2-3 years.

A total of 71 AmeriCorps Members were on board by November 30. They completed 20,600 hours of service and 4,600 hours (18%) of training. They accomplished the following work:

- MN & WV--six community forest inventories, 25 environmental education programs, and 2 leadership training courses were completed---WV--developed a survey for the technical assistance, technology, and training needs for the West Virginia University Appalachia Hardwood Center; assisted with implementation of a business retention and expansion program including the production and distribution of a monthly newsletter that is intended to improve dialogue, link communities together, and provide funding opportunities; developed a computer program for WV Division of Forestry that allows small business owners to calculate costs of producing various materials for long term investment strategies---MN--developed a public access TV show that explains a project

being

conducted by the RC&Ds to promote the development of a bio-fuels program in cooperation with the US Dept. of Energy; and worked with the Central

Minnesota

Initiative Fund and two regional economic development groups to assess what must

be done by foundations, state/local/federal governments and educational institutions, industry, and financial institutions to encourage the sustainable

development of Minnesota's forest products industry.

- 4-Corners (UT, CO, AZ, NM)--primarily training, obtaining facilities, and establishment of relationships in communities and with other participating agencies. One Community Action Plan completed in CO.

- Pacific Northwest (OR)--researched and disseminated information and examples

of strategic planning for a Strategic Planning Task Force; developed a data base

for funding sources; completed preliminary planning stages for a riparian regulation workshop, water quality projects, and preliminary research on a nitrate project; established a grant writing team; updated a comprehensive plan;

and promoted a recycling effort for the holidays.

- Appalachia (GA, KY, NC, TN, VA,)--GA--developed a recreation opportunity guide for the Chattahoochee-Oconee NF; conducted wilderness rehabilitation activities; and completed environmental education in the Blood Mountain Wilderness and local communities,---KY--developed an infrastructure database;

served as project manager for the historic Stearns building renovation project;

and administered the Folk Life Study on historical buildings, people, and local

folklore in KY,---NC--completed a needs analysis of parks and recreation centers; worked with city of Asheville on Adaptive Programs; completed an inventory of parks and recreation facilities and developed a Parks and Recreation Department proposal on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in NC.

---TN--Member developed a marketing program for recyclable materials; a program called "Garbage Busters" was developed for second graders; grants were written for various proposals and one was approved for a "Learn and Service America" program that focuses on recycling management for elementary students in a five-county area; prepared articles for local newspapers entitled "Trashy Talk"; and completed a presentation for a public education program on oil recycling in TN,---VA--developed a video program showing natural resources on the National Forest, State and private lands to promote recreation resources, and tourism in the region and worked with Fire Departments on Dry Hydrant (drafting hydrants at ponds) program in VA.

- Mississippi Delta (LA, MS, AR)--LA--worked with parishes to develop an Area Festival Brochure for Northeast Louisiana; worked on a tourism project with Rymans Library; assisted with a Grant Writing Workshop; contributed to the RC&D's "Rural community Giving" project; worked on an "Elder Care project for senior citizens; worked on a beautification project for roads and highways in one parish; developed a draft tourism brochure for another parish; assumed responsibility on the Area Demonstration Project on Shiitake Mushrooms; assisted with the development of a children's playground; worked with the Outreach Project in Lake Providence; assisted with the development of a tutoring program for individuals to obtain their GED and improve ACT test scores and an education program for adults; and worked on a bridge information summary for Mississippi Delta counties to prepare a bridge infrastructure report for possible timber bridge construction projects in LA---MS--completed 1 timber bridge application; assisted people in joining and developing a Rural Water Association; distributed recycling literature to individuals and schools; and assisted 2 small communities with 2 leadership programs in MS---AR--motivated Volunteers to assist with the "Educate the Children Project" which distributes educational material to school districts and some non-profit organizations; completed an inventory of families willing to move out of a flood plain; compiled a list of organizations that could provide assistance to communities in AR.

- South Carolina--conducted 1 Jr. Palmetto Leadership training course for high school students; conducted Arbor Day tree planting demonstrations; worked with Head Start program; worked on the Greelyville Nature trail reconstruction project; worked on the Black River Bridge Beautification Project and a 12 mile highway beautification project; worked with NRCS on a flood prevention project; initiated a wetland delineation project for NRCS; and researched background

information for the Pocotaligo Swamp restoration project.

As you can see, our AmeriCorps Members are implementing the AmeriCorps motto of "Getting Things Done" to the fullest. Most RDT Members are college graduates and in many cases, this is the first opportunity (sometimes first job) to utilize their training and skills. The Members, AmeriCorps program, and the Forest Service have received considerable praise and publicity for all of the work that's been accomplished. The second quarter promises to be even more impressive.

I have not visited any of the Rural Development sites at this time. However, I continue to be very impressed by the diversity, quality and quantity of work being initiated and reported, but more importantly, by the enthusiasm and dedication of the Members that's described by the supervisors of these people. When it's all said and done, the real accomplishments may be measured in the direct and indirect benefits to local communities and America as a result of the positive changes in Members lives. Our partners, regional directors, and Member supervisors are to be commended for the outstanding work they're doing with these people. My thanks for a job very well done! v/r Lou Woltering, (202) 205-1784

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FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTION
TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

The Forest Service, as an integral member of Team USDA, supports President Clinton's national service initiative known as AmeriCorps. The following Forest Service proposal focuses on the Rural Development Team portion of AmeriCorps, as part of the larger USDA program application to the Corporation for National Community Service.

SUMMARY

The Forest Service pledges a total of \$2,599,700, which includes both direct funding and agency in-kind contributions. This level of funding creates 74 AmeriCorps positions. The \$2,599,700 consists of \$1,775,000 from the agency's Rural Community Assistance efforts, \$337,000 from Urban and Community Forestry's recycling efforts, \$275,000 from the Wood In Transportation program, and \$213,000 from the Forest Products Conservation and Recycling program. The particular projects selected for AmeriCorps are described in the following section.

ASSUMPTIONS

The following are a list of assumptions used throughout this proposal:

- (1) All funding dollars include Forest Service in-kind contributions.
- (2) An AmeriCorps person would cost a minimum of \$20,000.
- (3) A strong political need exists to link AmeriCorps projects with Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities (EZ/EC Zones)
- (4) The Forest Service will work within its existing authorities and initial PBMI for Fiscal Year 1995 and will not reallocate funds from one Region to another.
- (5) The Forest Service proposal is an integral part of the overall USDA strategy and should not be separated from the Department's efforts.

PROJECT PROPOSALS

Within each of the projects, objectives, number of AmeriCorps members, skills, and funding levels are addressed. The number of AmeriCorps members and associated funding by Forest Service program appropriation is provided on the attached table.

South Carolina

South Carolina has the second highest minority population in the Southern region, composed primarily of African Americans. Current program efforts have had difficulty reaching these communities due to cultural differences. Leadership and sustainable economic development skills are essential for these communities. Developing and identifying community leaders in disenfranchised areas is the first step towards building capacity and enabling the community to set it's own vision and attain their goals. Models of this type of training

are available from the Extension Service and state agencies to accomplish this objective.

Persons with a diverse background and understanding of African American culture would be desirable candidates. Interpersonal skills, ability to listen and facilitation skills would be required. Some of these skills can be developed through mentoring with agency personnel. A series of Economic Development Specialists could be assigned to rural sites throughout the state.

The Forest Service commits \$132,000 of its Rural Community Assistance (RCA) dollars to fund 5 AmeriCorps members, with college degrees, who are specialists in either leadership or economic development.

Mississippi Delta

This area includes the following counties: MS Counties: Desoto, Tunica, Panola, Coahoma, Bolivar, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Leflore, Washington, Sunflower, Carrol, Charkey, Holmes, Humphreys, Yazoo, Wassren, Issaquena, Claiborne, and Jefferson. AR Counties: Crittenden, Lee, Phillips, Desha, and Chicot. LA Counties: East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia.

The Governor of Mississippi recently signed legislation to authorize replacement of over 6,000 unsafe bridges. Opportunities exist to promote "Wood in Transportation" by having qualified Engineering students working through AmeriCorps to provide technical assistance to communities wanting to install timber bridges. These AmeriCorp participants could also transfer the bridge technology to areas where potential projects could be duplicated and demonstrate the advantages of wooden bridges.

An opportunity exists to transfer recycling technology from the Franklin County Recycling Project to other sites. Development of recycling programs following this model could be duplicated in other areas of the Delta region in order to create jobs for disabled persons.

By working with partnerships developed from ongoing RCA activities, the Forest Service could provide AmeriCorps participants to work with local community leaders in meeting specific community needs, particularly with ongoing social programs, education and infrastructure needs. For example, local leaders developed from the Copiah County leadership development workshops may be able to utilize a Business major to assist citizens in establishing small businesses. In addition other federal agencies, such as the Small Business Administration, could provide technical and financial assistance, furthering agency efforts.

Ongoing outreach efforts can be enhanced by collaborating with 1890 institutions and black colleges. Alcorn State has capacity grants for education programs from day care kindergarden through high school. Future needs for these programs could be identified in local areas, and local leaders could incorporate these social needs into their economic development plans. For example, many persons are unable to work due to child care needs. An AmeriCorp participant would work with community leaders to develop practical solutions.

Other predominately black colleges such as Rust have provided leadership workshops for minority communities to build capacity. AmeriCorp participants could work side by side with rural sociologists and other experts in these fields to develop and disseminate this information. Additionally a study could start which addresses the social changes needed to improve the economy of the region and implementations plans for practical solutions begun.

The Forest Service allocates \$384,000 to fund 15 AmeriCorps positions in the Mississippi Delta as follows: (1) \$73,000 of Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) funds for 3 AmeriCorps positions requiring college degrees to transfer recycling technology regarding urban forest residual management, (2) \$73,000 of Wood In Transportation (WIT) dollars funding 3 AmeriCorps positions, two of which are graduate degrees and one undergraduate, to assist communities address their timber bridge needs, and (3) \$238,000 of RCA funds, creating 9 AmeriCorps undergraduate degreed positions to perform outreach to 1890 schools, conduct leadership and economic development, and begin a "Delta Social Changes" study.

Alaska

The objectives listed for AmeriCorps participants are need and feasibility. Additionally, these activities are complementary to the activities planned by the Alaska Community Services Commission, the Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs, and of equal importance our sister agencies in TEAM USDA.

The Forest Service allocates \$155,000 to fund 5 positions in Alaska. The dollars are distributed as follows: (1) \$62,000 of U&CF funds, creating 2 positions, requiring undergraduate degrees, to assist selected communities throughout the State of Alaska in developing U&CF recycling plans and/or produce prototypes, (2) \$31,000 of RCA program dollars for 1 AmeriCorps member, with a graduate degree, to provide rural community assistance to timber-dependent Southeastern Alaska communities for economic diversification, (3) \$31,000 of RCA program dollars for 1 AmeriCorps member, requiring an undergraduate degree, to provide rural community assistance to help forest and farm owners in South-Central Alaska develop markets and/or cooperatives, and (4) \$31,000 of RCA program dollars for 1 AmeriCorps member, a college graduate, to provide rural community assistance to help Alaska Native Villages by delivering program opportunities to remote Native communities.

Appalachia

(1) Southern Region Component:

This includes the following States: TN, KY, GA, VA, and NC.

Rural tourism efforts are underway in this region and feature recreational and aesthetic opportunities. Local partners have needs for tour guides with interpretive skills. Recreation planners, tourism surveys, and marketing are needed. AmeriCorps participants could work with the Appalachian Regional Commission and other partners to develop regional tourism plans.

Another identified need is hiring professional Economic Development Coordinators who would seek business development opportunities for this area. Business students could work with these professionals and local communities.

Environmental students could work in these areas to identify issues of environmental concern with related new business ventures.

Working with state forestry organizations can provide opportunities for AmeriCorps participants to work with professional Wood Utilization Foresters. The objective would be to promote alternative wood products and value added manufacturing technologies.

The Black Belt studies initiated at North Carolina State University could provide opportunities to implement social changes needed to improve the economy of the region.

The Forest Service targets \$450,000 to the Appalachian States of TN, KY, GA, VA, and NC to fund 20 AmeriCorps positions as follows: (1) \$113,000 from Forest Products Conservation and Recycling (FPC&R) for 5 AmeriCorps members with undergraduate degrees to perform wood utilization activities, and (2) \$337,000 of RCA dollars, creating 15 AmeriCorps positions, three requiring graduate and the rest undergraduate degrees, to engage in rural tourism, economic development, and Black Belt Studies.

(2) Northeastern Area Component:

This section addresses the needs of the State of WV.

Initial Forest Service efforts are directed to those counties eligible for participation in the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community program. Corps members will carry out sustainable natural resource-based economic development activities identified by local communities and planned cooperatively by the communities, the West Virginia Division of Forestry, the West Virginia University Appalachian Hardwood Center, and the Northeastern Area's Economic Action Program. This concept is supported by the West Virginia Rural Development Council.

The program's objective is to assist communities in planning for and implementing sustainable economic development strategies based on forest resources with an emphasis on value-added enterprises. Value-added forest based enterprises include, but are not limited to:

- Secondary Wood Products Manufacturing
- Tourism Development
- Gathering and Marketing Special Forest Products
- Manufacturing Recycled Products Based on Wood Fiber

The Forest Service commits \$380,000 (including funds for project related activities) to this section of Appalachia to fund 6 AmeriCorps positions as follows: (1) \$102,000 from U&CF funds for 1 AmeriCorps member, a wood processing specialist with a graduate degree, (2) \$176,000 of RCA program dollars for 3 AmeriCorps people, one a business development specialist with a graduate degree, one a travel and tourism specialist with a graduate degree, and one a marketing specialist with an undergraduate degree, and (3) \$102,000 of WIT money for 2 AmeriCorps positions, an environmental engineer with a graduate degree and one a civil engineer with an undergraduate degree.

Four Corners

Greetings everyone! Guess what???? The bumpkin is going back to the land!!!!!! About 355pm yesterday I accepted a GS 14 DFS job on the National Forests of North Carolina. Praise the good Lord for many answered prayers!!! Thanks to several of you on these lists for your encouragement and support while I've been waiting for decisions on the certs I was on. I'm not sure what will happen with this position but will let you know what our strategy is as soon as I learn it. What a greaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaat day!!!

v/r

Lou

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From: Lou Woltering:WO
Date: ## 03/07/95 15:39 ##
Hi Joel. Do you suppose you could get the White Mountain NF
AmeriCorps camp some AmeriCorps hats. I expect they didn't get any
because they started in Jan. Katherine has their address on the list
I gave her. Thanks.
v/r
Lou

Previous comments:
From: REBECCA E. ORESKES:R09F22D05A
Date: ## 03/06/95 16:07 ##
we never got hats...also we were thinking of buying more tshirts
since 1 just isn't enough. rebecca

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From: Lou Woltering:WO
Date: ## 03/06/95 15:16 ##
We continue to have problems getting our promised and paid for
uniform items from the Corporation. They are suppose to provide each
Member with a hat, T-shirt, lapel pin, and sweatjacket. So far I
believe most of you have received a hat and T-shirt. I have
submitted the number and sizes of the sweatjackets and it appears
they may have messed up something there as well. Anyways, many of
you may have received a letter from the Corporation that included an
order form for these items and an indication that you had to buy
them. DO NOT buy any of the items that the Corporation was suppose
to provide us. If you need extras for additional hires you've made
to deal with attrition, or replacements or new ones for new hires,
then you can order them. But DO NOT pay a dime for the initial ones
they promised us for each of the Members we originally were approved
for. Thanks. v/r
Lou

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Just heading out the door after a long day working on national strategy for AmeriCorps with other USDA agencies and Department. I just faxed out 3 pages of replacement examples that need to go with the package I sent out yesterday with Joel's review of the FY 96 RDT initial proposals. The ones he included got mixed up and were actually poor examples. The ones today are the right ones. Sorry about that.

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With any luck I'll not be bothering you (even though I'll probably sign on) until some time after March 21st. As I mentioned I HAVE to go to San Juan PR and help out with the ADM review of the IITF. Hey, someone's got to do it. Hope you all have a great and safe weekend. Thanks for all your patience, wisdom, and hard work. v/r
Lou

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From: Lou Woltering:WO
Date: ## 02/28/95 07:57 ##
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Previous comments:
From: John A. Sebelius:WO
Date: ## 02/27/95 20:19 ##
here's another reply.

Previous comments:
From: Larry Roybal:R03F10A
Date: ## 02/27/95 10:58 ##

For the types of things our facilitator is charged with, he is working out well. He has been responsive, open to new ideas and appears to be very flexible. He has been the one to coordinate training sessions and cluster meetings. If we had to pay for a facilitator out of our budget, he/she would do alot of the required administrative things including reporting, developing proposals, seeking out potential partners etc. for the three agencies involved in the Four Corners "Team USDA" effort.

There are probably alot of things that a facilitator could do but I don't that we have sat down to really think about it because we are too busy trying to keep up with all the administrative stuff.

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From: John A. Sebelius:WO
Date: ## 02/23/95 07:26 ##
this reminds me i promised to get a reading from you folks on how you think the facilitators are working out. Are you finding them helpful? useful? do you have any suggestions on how the system could work better? are they needed? in what ways would you change them to improve the way americorps rdt is functioning? if any? Think of how you'd set up the system if you had to pay for them out of your local budgets. I'd appreciate dg comments/remarks at your earliest convenience. thanks. (PS don't read anything into that last question, that option is not on table as far as i know, but is intended to help orient your perspective and stimulate your creativeness)

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Enclosed is the outline I followed for a presentation the Youth Corps Representatives at a national meeting sponsored by the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. No one threw anything so I guess it came off ok. Of course perhaps most were sleeping. A couple of things came out of their questions and comments: 1) We should jointly or as individual AmeriCorps units be looking at trying to complete at least one BIG TIME, remember AmeriCorps FOREVER project that AmeriCorps Members, their families, America, towns and communities can point to with pride in the far off future kind of like we do with the pyramids. With increased emphasis on downsizing, doing less with less, reduced organizations and budgets, we really need to start capturing the benefit/cost of AmeriCorps projects. How much dollar value are we getting back from each dollar we invest in AmeriCorps. That's about it for now. Have to return two metro transfer stops and 3 blocks to retrieve my top coat that I left there. All the excitement I guess. Thanks.

v/r
 Lou

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I. FY 95 & 96 Programs

In FY 1995, as part of AmeriCorps/Team USDA, the Forest Service enrolled 355 AmeriCorps members, 281 for work under the public lands and environment program and 74 under the rural development program. The process of planning for and implementing AmeriCorps has spawned countless new partnerships between Deputy Areas within the Forest Service, with other USDA agencies, NGOs and communities.

The FY 1995 Forest Service effort is a national commitment totalling \$10.3 million.

Funds have been allocated to Regions 2,3,4,6,8,9 and the Northeast Area. Public Lands and Environmental camps operate on the San Bernardino (So. CA), Olympic (WA), Six Rivers (No. CA), Rogue River (So. OR), Bienville (MS), Green Mountain (VT), White Mountain (NH), and National Forests in Arizona.

-6 of our 8 camps are operated by Youth Corps.

-Please see the handout on our 1st quarter PL&E accomplishments.

-Depending on the color of the money and the authorities we're operating under, most of our work is on NFS lands but some is off NFS lands

The Rural Development Team provides opportunities for college graduates to work on a variety of projects in: Appalachia (TN, KY, NC, GA, VA, and WV); South Carolina state-wide, Mississippi Delta (AR, LA, MS); Minnesota state-wide, the Four Corners (AZ, CO, NM, UT) and the Pacific Northwest (OR and WA).

-Please see the 2-page handout on 1st quarter RDT accomplishments.

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For FY 1996 the Forest Service plans to continue a \$10 million program, with \$9.5 million for Public Lands and Environment and \$0.5 million for the Rural Development Team. Field proposals are being developed for a March 10 deadline for submittal to the Department.

-Many of you have probably already received an RFP from the units that were tentatively selected for the FY 96 program.

-Please see the handout that shows the tentative PL&E sites, the unit contact person, and their phone number.

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II. Why and how partnerships with youth corps help to meet agency goals and objectives:

- With restructuring, downsizing, and declining budgets, our units often times don't have the personnel to manage or supervise these large programs.

- Often times we don't have sufficient number of personnel on our units with the skills and experience of working with young adults to carry out these programs in a quality manner, 24 hours a day.

- Youth Corps personnel thus far have brought us these trained personnel with these skills.

III. Goals, plans, and possible new direction for Corps partnerships with our agency.

- Continue to work and partner with youth corps. As you know, our 96 program by law has to be competitive if we're going to use a 3rd party to run our programs.

- Continue to communicate and coordinate with NASCC and the various state Corps to take advantage of any opportunities where we can work together to the benefit of both our programs.

IV. Advice to a Corps interested in developing a partnership for the first time, or in building upon an existing relationship.

- Contact the HRP coordinator on the units that are located in the area you're interested in working. See my handout. If there are other areas, please contact me (202) 205-1784 and I can get you the name of a contact.

- Work with the local Line Officers and HRP Staffs. Keep them informed with what you're doing. Remember, that you are working for them!

- Work with local units to cut costs, plan projects, develop more effective and efficient ways of doing things.

- Keep your crews neat, disaplined, proud, and cohesive, and make sure the AmeriCorps logo and program is the very first impression that people get when they see you working or on your way to or from work.

V. Summary

Response from all of our units that are working with youth Corps is very positive.

You're accomplishments are many and of high quality.

We've received lots of high praise for the work being completed by the AmeriCorps crews that you're running and that can be attributed to the high quality and skilled people you're hiring.

Your contributions go way beyond the widgets being produced and the displayed on the handouts. The positive impacts you're having on people's lives goes way beyond widgets and will benefit them Members, communities, and America indefinitely.

Thank you for this opportunity to talk to you at this meeting.



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To: Beverly Perths

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**NRCS
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Phone: _____

FAX: 202 720 4614

From: Jim Meisenheimer (Kansas)

Natural Resources Conservation Service
760 South Broadway
Salina, KS 67401-4642

Phone: _____

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FAX: 913-295-2890From: Jim Meisenheimer Americorps/USDA Regional FacilitatorNatural Resources Conservation Service
760 South Broadway
Salina, KS 67401-4642

Phone: _____

FAX: (913) 823-4540

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Message: We have worked with Joel Berg USDA/office of
Communications, A&T Service Division and Paula Jones
Program Manager Americorps/USCS, Washington, DC. We have
also worked with personnel from Arden's credit
union. This is a new program and this type of educational
loan, for whatever reason, was not covered in the law.

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January 27, 1995

Gary Kowalczyk
National Service Trust
1201 New York Ave. North West
Washington, D.C. 20525

Reference: Non-guaranteed student loan

Dear Mr. Kowalczyk:

I am seeking relief for AmeriCorps Member Arlen Flax on his student loan. The accompanying loan document shows that the purpose of his loan was "school." Due to the fact that the Member has a personnel loan, the Trust cannot honor his request for forbearance or pay off his loan at the end of his service. Neither I, the Project Director, or the Kansas AmeriCorps recruiters knew initially that student loans had to be federally guaranteed before the Trust could honor them.

Once we learned of the problem, we and our personnel in Washington have worked to resolve it. When I spoke to Diana Algra in Topeka, Kansas, on January 26, she suggested I contact you about this matter.

We and the AmeriCorps Member will appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,



Jim Meisenheimer
Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA Regional Facilitator
760 South Broadway
Salina, Kansas 67401

Telephone: 913 823 4539

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	WEEK OF	MON JAN 30	MON FEB 06	MON FEB 13	MON FEB 20
1	CREW 7	Pacific Crest	Pacific Crest	All crew	Chain Saw
2	BOB	Trail, BLM, CDD	Trail, BLM, CDD	members in	Training
3		Palm Springs	Palm Springs	training	FS, BDF
4		(Whitewater)	(Whitewater)	Lytle Creek	San Jacinto
5				Community	A.Torrez, Coord
6				Center,	
7	CREW 9	Chain Saw	Picnic Table	Mon-Thu,	Picnic Table
8	KRISTEL	Training	Rehab	0700-1730.	Rehab
9		FS, BDF	FS, BDF		FS, BDF
10		San Jacinto	San Gorgonio		San Gorgonio
11		A.Torrez, Coord			
12				All crew	
13	CREW 10	Morongo Canyon	Chain Saw	supervisors	Afton Canyon
14	JEFF	Preserve	Training	in Basic	Mojave River
15		BLM, CDD	FS, BDF	Supervision	BLM, CDD,
16		Palm Springs &	San Jacinto	Training,	Barstow
17		Nature Conserve	A.Torrez, Coord	Del Rosa	
18				Training	
19	CREW 11	Pacific Crest	Hiking Trail	Center.	Chain Saw
20	STEVE	Trail, BLM, CDD	Rehab	Mon-Fri,	Training
21		Palm Springs	FS, CNF	0800-1630.	FS, BDF
22		(Whitewater)	Trabuco		San Jacinto
23					A.Torrez, Coord
24					
25	CREW 12	OHV Pinyon	Chain Saw		Native Plant
26	MELANIE	Hills	Training		Garden
27		FS, BDF, Cajon	FS, BDF		FS, BDF
28			San Jacinto		Cajon
29			A.Torrez, Coord		
30					
31	CREW 13	Chain Saw	Pacific Crest		Wildlife Burn
32	OSCAR	Training	Trail, BLM, CDD		Prep
33		FS, BDF	Palm Springs		FS, BDF
34		San Jacinto	(Whitewater)		San Jacinto
35		A.Torrez, Coord			
36					
37	CREW 14	Native Plant	Native Plant		Chain Saw
38	JESSIE	Garden	Garden		Training
39		FS, BDF	FS, BDF		FS, BDF
40		Cajon	Cajon		San Jacinto
41					A.Torrez, Coord
42					
43	REMARKS...	Crew Supervisor	Crew 10 to work		
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Many of you have posed questions on the future of AmeriCorps. Believe me, I don't have a crystal ball. There is an article in the Washington Post this morning "House Panels Vote to Cut National Service, Housing" by Dan Morgan. Republicans in the House yesterday continued their assault on the spending programs of the former Democratic Congress..... "But the cruelest cut for the Clinton administration may have been the deletion of all \$210 million of NEW funding allowed last year for the president's national service corps, cutting it back to its 1994 level of \$370 million. Rep. J. Lewis (R-CA) said that the reduction will still allow the administration to make good on commitments to volunteers but "puts us on a very clear path toward incremental phaseout of the program"." Assuming that no other committee makes things worse, probably the worse that happen to us is that we'll get less than \$315/Member from the Corporation. No big deal. We'll be discussing at our USDA working group mtg. next week. Several have expressed a "My plate is so full, if we're not getting funded I don't want to waste my time on the final proposal". Good point, but, EVERYONE's plate is overflowing!! We're moving on till someone says STOP! If you don't want a 96 program, don't send in or send in a sloppy proposal. Your wish will come true. v/r Lou

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Greetings, tidings, and salutations this bright, windy, and brisk day in DC!!!! Some good news for you I hope:

1) The Corporation has extended their deadline for the final FY 96 proposals so the Department doesn't need our proposals until April 15. In view of that I am extending your deadline to March 31st. At a minimum this should help our tentative RDT program as we still haven't issued their formal letter with their list of selected projects. Hopefully it will go out today. I'm going to ask the members of the selection panel to come in the week of April 3rd to review the final packages, make the final selections, and put the final package together for the Department. Sorry for the changes but I want to give you as much time as possible on these final proposals while hopefully freeing up some time to do the rest of your jobs.

2) The 2nd quarter report is due to the department by April 10th. I'd like them in here by April 5th so they can be combined, summarized and forwarded to the department.

-- I'll be at a 2 week Management Policy Seminar so will be asking someone to take the helm and complete the final proposals and 2nd quarter report. Hope the rest of your day is mighty splendid or at least awful good. v/r Lou

We continue to have problems getting our promised and paid for uniform items from the Corporation. They are suppose to provide each Member with a hat, T-shirt, lapel pin, and sweatjacket. So far I believe most of you have received a hat and T-shirt. I have submitted the number and sizes of the sweatjackets and it appears they may have messed up something there as well. Anyways, many of you may have received a letter from the Corporation that included an order form for these items and an indication that you had to buy them. DO NOT buy any of the items that the Corporation was suppose to provide us. If you need extras for additional hires you've made to deal with attrition, or replacements or new ones for new hires, then you can order them. But DO NOT pay a dime for the initial ones they promised us for each of the Members we originally were approved for. Thanks. v/r
Lou

I told the person on Friday and would appreciate it if you would say it again, ONLY the list that I gave to Katherine Gibney which she in turn passed on to the Corporation should be used for names, addresses, phone numbers and sizes of Forest Service Members to receive sweatjackets. I'd still like to see them mail them direct but if we have to we have to. Thanks..

v/r

Lou

Good afternoon all. Wanted to get some clarification out to the RDT folks on Coop agreements with 3rd parties. PL&E people are well aware that they MUST have Coop agreements if they're going to use a 3rd party for both FY 95 and 96. This was true also for the RDT program but we didn't always do that. For FY 96 the any RDT program that uses a non-Federal 3rd party, we must use a Cooperative agreement or contract per the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, Public Law 103-82. We must use contracts or cooperative agreements in order to flow down from the Coop agreement between the corporation and USDA. Grants, participating agreements, AREN'T acceptable for non-Federal cooperators. The OIG and GAO auditors will be looking at this closely. As I've recommended before, select USDA cooperators whenever possible so you're covered for Tort and workers comp. If we use a non-Federal 3rd party, they MUST provide 15% of each Members Stipend in HARD CASH in order to be part of the program. Non-Federal will have to provide liability and workers comp. Please refer to the 12/15 1800/3500/2000 letter on Financial Assistance Announcements. It contains most of the items a good Coop Agreement should have in it. Use Interagency agreements if you can and use your Grants and agreements people if you go non-fed. v/r Lou

FOREST SERVICE ISSUES

June 15, 1994

AMERICORPS NATIONAL NETWORK OF PROGRAMS

Key Messages:

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service vision of directly and demonstrably addressing the nation's education, health and human, public safety, and environmental needs. During the launch in September, over 20,000 AmeriCorps members will fan out across America to serve in their communities while also earning education awards for college or student loans.

The Public Lands and Environment Team is one of the three AmeriCorps programs that the United States Department of Agriculture will start at pilot sites across the country in September of 1994; the other two programs are Anti-Hunger Team and a Rural Development Team. The Public Lands and Environment Team will run pilot projects at 32 rural and urban sites in 21 states. The Team will engage a socio-economic mix of participants in helping solve local environmental problems, repairing and upgrading community facilities, promoting sustainable farming, conducting environmental education seminars, and preserving and restoring national forests.

Participants will provide environmental and ecosystem management education programs to school children throughout designated AmeriCorps programs. Additionally, participants will rehabilitate campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, and other recreational sites on National Forest System lands.

AmeriCorps will be funded in part, by a 2.6 million dollar grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to USDA for running all three Department programs nationwide. Other funds will be provided by USDA and local sources.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Katherine Allen, HRP (Team Leader)
Greg Smith (PAO)
Thelma Strong (LA)
Don Greene (CF)
J Lamar Beasley (FS)
Jim Lyons (NRE)
Joel Berg (OC)
Katherine Gibney (OC)
Janet Sledge (NRE-CC)

The Americorps Action Plan is finalized, complete with check list. This checklist shows a portion of that Action Plan. All actions, coordination, and Department participation is in bold italics. The Program will be kicked with an announcement from President Clinton on Monday, June 20, 1994.

TASK	DUE DATE	WHOM
BRIEFINGS		
Congressional		
1. Coordinate Congressional briefings with Dept	June 17	<u>Strong & Allen</u>
2. Set up Congressional briefings for key Senate &	June 17	<u>Strong & Allen</u>
Appropriate House committee and personal staff. Appropriate Senate committee and personal Staff. State Governors and staff with designated Americorps program. State Congressional staff with designated Americorps program. Other appropriate local federal and state agencies. Interest groups and Individuals as appropriate.		
3. Provide key Senate and House committee & personal staff copies of the Forest Service Americorps programs.	June 20	Berg & Strong
4. Conduct Congressional briefings as indicated	June 20	Berg & Strong
Internal		
5. Briefing for Chief and Staff on Americorps	June 16	Berg & Allen
6. Conference Call with RF's, Regional PAO Directors, and Regional Personnel Directors.	June 17	Beasley
7. Contact National Forest chosen for 1994.	June 20	RO
8. Send out DG message to employees on Americorps	June 17	RO
MEDIA		
Washington, DC		
1. Coordinate development of media/communication	June 16	<u>Berg/Gibney and Smith</u>
package for distribution to Forest Service field, & media. Package to include: News Release with Lyons & Thomas quotes Talking Points Questions and Answers Description of Project Work Timeline for Americorps program implementation.		
2. Release media/communication pkg to FS field	June 20	Smith
3. Distribute final news release to all media	June 20	Berg & Smith
4. Answer national media calls on Americorps	June 20	Berg/Amontree
5. Information about Americorps on electronic bulletin board via INTERNET.	June 27	FS/OC

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- 1) I'm faxing out a copy of a Quarterly Report for the West Virginia USDA Rural Development Corps sent in by Rollin Swank, State Conservationist. Joel Berg and the Corporation feel this is an excellent example of what RDT quarterly reports should look like.
- 2) I've only received 1 response on the FY 94 (late August and September 1994) AmeriCorps agreements/letters/forms, (whatever you used) that I need for OIG. If you gave any 1994 money that we gave you for AmeriCorps in 1994 to a 3rd party in 1994, we need the documentation by tomorrow.
- 3) I'll be faxing a copy of the quarterly financial report form with the above RDT example.
- 4) I'll be hard copy mailing an "Operating Site Information Form" to the FS Regional Coordinators and the Camps. Coordinators please forward to all the RDT sites. I got one copy last Thursday and no one, including the Corporation has any more copies so I've xeroxed them. They were due Jan. 20th. They must be done in pencil and not faxed. Please complete them asap (they're easy) and return to me by March 3rd. They're not a big deal, so don't panic. Please MAIL hard copy to me by the 3rd. Thanks. v/r Lou

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Enclosed is the "new improved" quarterly report form from the Corporation. I typed it in last week. It includes the directions for filling out the report. It also includes the directions for filling out a financial report which is not included. I will fax and mail the financial report form separately. Start putting your thoughts together now. Your report will be due in here on April 5th PLEASE.

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 The Department and the Corporation continues to be very concerned about our RDT program and the way we're reporting accomplishments. Much of what we're reporting is still "process" versus results. This was true of the initial RDT FY 96 program proposals. We need to show more short term results. If you held a meeting, you probably trained a group of people, you developed an action plan.... etc. We NEED to show short term benefits that will lead to long term benefits, and not just process we're using or doing. See page 22 and 24 of the Operations Handbook. Also review the paper that Dave Gibson from RDA handed out at the training session here at the 4H center last year. We stand a good chance to loose the RDT program if we don't show more specific results. Meetings, hand holding, etc aren't enough. v/r Lou

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Dates and Definitions

The second quarter for the FY 95 program will include December of 1994, January, February, and March of 1995. The schedule for the remainder of 1995 is as follows:

Quarter	Dates of Reporting Period	Dates Reports Are Due to USDA
2nd	12/1/94-3/31/95	4/10/95
3rd	4/1/95-6/30/95	7/15/95
4th	7/1/95-9/30/95	10/15/95

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Definitions:

Corporation grantee: The organization that receives money directly from the Corporation. Generally, the grantee is also the legal applicant. State Commissions, national non-profits, Indian tribes, U.S. Territories, and federal agencies are generally the Corporation grantees. Grantees either can distribute AmeriCorps funds directly to operating sites, or can make sub-grants to AmeriCorps programs which in turn support operating sites. In the case of National Direct grantees, the Corporation grantee is often also the program.

Program: The organization that applies to the State Commissions, national non-profits, federal agencies, or directly to the Corporation for AmeriCorps funds and approved AmeriCorps positions. Generally, AmeriCorps programs have responsibility for administering a Corporation grant or sub-grant. Sometimes the legal applicant, the Corporation grantee and the AmeriCorps program are one and the same. Programs that are funded through State commissions, however, obviously receive sub-grants from the Commissions. If an AmeriCorps program

has only one operating site, it is also possible for the program and the operating site to be the same entity. Often, however, AmeriCorps programs distribute funds to a number of operating sites.

Operating site: The final unit that administers AmeriCorps grant money. An operating site has a budget and staff. It is responsible for AmeriCorps Member supervision, record keeping, site administration, etc. Operating sites can receive AmeriCorps funds either directly from a Corporation Grantee or from an AmeriCorps program that has received a sub-grant from a Corporation grantee.

Host organization: An organization through which AmeriCorps Members provide services. For example, an AmeriCorps tutoring program might place Members in schools, which would be the host organizations.

Operating Site ID #: A Corporation-issued identification number based on the grant number.

Full-time AmeriCorps Member: An AmeriCorps Member serving at least 1700 hours over the course of 9-12 months.

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Part-time AmeriCorps Member: An AmeriCorps Member serving at least 900 hours over the course of up to 2 years, or--if the Member is attending an institution of higher education during service--up to 3 years. (An AmeriCorps Members serving in a "reduced part-time terms of service" should be considered part-time.)

Non-AmeriCorps Members volunteers: Individuals who perform direct service in association with an AmeriCorps program but who are not AmeriCorps Members.

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Instructions

The following instructions correspond to questions 1 through 7 on the next page. Instructions for the remainder of the form are included with the appropriate sections. Please type or neatly print all responses.

1. List the name of your operating site.
2. List the name of your program. For programs funded through State Commissions, the program is generally the organization that applied to and received funding from the State Commission. Programs funded through the national direct competition are usually operated directly by the Corporation grantee, although sometimes are made.
3. List the name of your Corporation grantee. If you receive funding through a State Commission, the State Commission is your Corporation Grantee.
4. Mark the quarter to which this report applies. Please note that if your operating site received funding in the final 30 days of a given quarter, you do not need to file a quarterly report that quarter. Instead, you simply should include descriptions of any activities that took place during that time in the quarterly report for the following quarter. For example, an operating site that received funding on September 12, 1994 does not need to fill out a fourth quarter FY 1995 report, even though the quarter ends on the 30th of September. Instead, the activities that occurred between September 12 and September 30 should be described in the first quarter report for FY 1995.
5. Indicate the earliest date on which AmeriCorps Members began service or training (i.e. began completing the required hours of their terms of service).
6. Indicate the total number of both full and part-time Members that were enrolled on the final day of the reporting quarter. For both full and part-time Members, also indicate the total cumulative number of required service hours that they have completed as of the final day of the reporting quarter. Please note that this is a cumulative total; if your AmeriCorps Members began service during the first quarter, and you are reporting on the third quarter, you should indicate the total number of hours served in quarters one through three. The Corporation is requesting a cumulative total in order to help track progress toward completing the required terms of service.
7. Provide an estimate of the total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers that were involved in your AmeriCorps service activities at any time during the reporting quarter. Also, please indicate the total number of hours of AmeriCorps-related service they provided during the reporting quarter.

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Operating Site ID #

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name:

2. Program name:

3. Corporation grantee name:

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

First Quarter
(10/1-12/31)

Second Quarter
(1/1-3/31)

Third Quarter
(4/1-6/30)

Fourth Quarter
(7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training?

6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	Full-time
		Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities:

(b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers:

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Primary Accomplishments this Quarter: (In detail, describe your central activities, project milestones, and most important "things gotten done" this quarter.)

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Unique successes or "great stories": (Briefly describe unique and/or exceptional successes, program highlights, or "great stories" about AmeriCorps people, projects, or partnerships that occurred this quarter.)

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Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: (Briefly describe how accomplishments this quarter relate to achieving each of your three sets of annual outcome objectives: (1) Direct Service Objectives; (2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives, and (3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives. Where available, describe evaluation data that indicate progress during the past quarter toward achieving your annual outcomes. Summarize activities related to establishing an evaluation system or conducting your local evaluation (e.g., instruments developed, data collection plans established, etc.)).

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

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(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

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Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter: (Report on problems resolved and unresolved, obstacles to achieving program objectives, significant sources of delay, program elements not meeting expectations, events or incidents that caused concern.)

Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs this Quarter:

Attached to this quarterly report form is a separate Training and Assistance Request form. Should you have training or technical assistance needs, complete the attached form and submit it along with your quarterly report. It will be directed to the Training and Technical Assistance Office. Technical assistance is available in many program-related areas, including, among others, organizational development and management issues fundraising, diversity, and best practices in site-specific skills.

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National Identity Activities this Quarter: (Report on activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. Examples could include new uniforms, signage or publicity materials; projects with other AmeriCorps programs; training Members in national skill areas (communications/conflict resolution, or CPR/first aid); participation in national service projects (HIV/AIDS awareness training, environmental audits, or citizenship education); graduations or swearing-in ceremonies, use of national recruitment, use of AmeriCorps Member Handbook.)

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board memberships, etc.)

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Corporation for National Service
TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(T/TA) OPERATING SITE REQUEST FORM

Operating site name:

Corporation Grantee/State Commission name:

Operating site ID number:

I. T/TA REQUEST

1. Please briefly describe your need for T/TA. (What is the problem you are addressing? When do you need T/TA delivered?)

2. Indicate the category of T/TA that would best meet your need. Please number your first three choices in order of priority.

Regional/National Training/workshop
Regional/National Tele-video Conference
On-site training. If so, for whom?
On-site consultation
Suggested consultant(s)

Number of days:

Start date:

One-on-one telephone consultation

Resource Materials (curricula, readings, bibliographies, other)

Peer exchange

Not sure what is most suitable

Other

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II. CORPORATION GRANTEE RECOMMENDATION

Name:

Name of State Commission or National Organization:

Recommendation:

Date:

III. AMERICORPS*USA PROGRAM OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Name:

Recommendation:

Date:

IV. T/TA REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Name:

Recommendation:

Date:

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Financial Status Report Instructions

The following direction is provided for filling out Standard Form 269A (REV 4-88), Financial Status Report (Short Form) which will be faxed to your location:

- Block 1- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Block 2- Leave Blank
- Block 3- Put your unit name and address here.
- Blocks 4 & 5- Leave Blank
- Block 6- Check yes or no
- Block 7- Check Cash
- Block 8- Enter 7/01/94 to 8/01/95
- Block 9- Put dates for the quarter you're reporting (see earlier instructions for correct dates)
- Block 10-
 - 10a.- Enter sum of a + b
 - 10b.- Enter the Forest Service expenditures
 - 10c.- Enter the Corporations expenditures (what you've spent of their money)
 - 10d-f.- Leave Blank
 - 10g.- Enter cumulative total for line c
 - 10h.- Enter total Corporation funds authorized for this period
 - 10i.- Enter cumulative total of line h - g
- Block 12- Self explanatory
- Block 13- Enter name, title, phone number, signature, of person responsible for the program on your unit and date

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At least 4 of our PL&E camps are going to try and visit and work at each others sites. I encourage this effort as I think it's good for the Members and the program. I also encourage the RDT and PL&E groups to meet and exchange thoughts, ideas, programs, etc. A couple of issues have risen re: this issue: 1) For those using 3rd parties, remember, the 3rd party is working for us. They should not go off willy nilly and set up these work exchanges/visits without our concurrence. 2) There is no "extra" money for travel and per diem other than what you included in your budgets and negotiations with the 3rd party. 3) The 3rd party may wish to work with another AmeriCorps group off of NFS lands. We CANNOT use NFS appropriated dollars off of NFS lands. See the document that Jan McCluskey and Bernie Weingardt put together on use of funds. If these 3rd parties persist in trying to do so, they might very well result in not being able to participate in the program as we'll have to terminate our agreements. As you know, we're part of an OIG audit right now and I'm told that GAO is not far behind. These agreements must be signed, legal, maintained, and adhered to, so please administer them carefully. Thanks for your help. v/r Lou

Here's is the draft policy: "AmeriCorps Members are free to contact Members of Congress and other elected officials to express their support--- or --- opposition to --- AmeriCorps. The contact must be undertaken at his/her own initiative as a concerned private citizen and on his/her own time (not at the request of the AmeriCorps program or during AmeriCorps service hours). The AmeriCorps Member should be clear that s/he is speaking as a private citizen, but may reference the fact that s/he is part of AmeriCorps." Moreover, as long as Members are not specifically "lobbying" by asking others to specifically support or oppose AmeriCorps, Members should feel free to explain the AmeriCorps philosophy and the details of their own projects to anyone --- including the media, elected officials, family members, project sponsors, friends, and community residents.

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Please put this in your draft Operations manual notebook. Thanks.

v/r

Lou

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In a speech Tuesday, February 13, in San Bernardino, CA, President Clinton specifically praised the USDA AmeriCorps project on the San Bernardino National Forest. The ninety Members from the project attended the President's speech. Said Clinton: "If you look at what this national service project does--they're working in the San Bernardino National Forest; people who are helping clean up the forest, maintain it, strengthen it, keep it there for our children and our grandchildren, make sure it's an important resource... These are the kinds of things that are going on all over America, and I think it emphasizes what I'm saying. For a small amount of federal money we have increased opportunity with no bureaucracy. This is all done at the grass-roots level."

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Congratulations, well done and thanks to the San Bernardino employees and AmeriCorps staff and Members for bringing this recognition to the program and the Forest Service. Their work exemplifies what is happening on all of our AmeriCorps projects. My thanks to all of you for your fine programs. v/r Lou

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Good afternoon everyone. Couple of things for you this afternoon:

- 1) I just faxed out a copy of a 1 page policy memo from the department on the need to have all press releases approved by Joel Berg in the Department. It was sent to Under Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Agency Heads. FS RDT Coordinators please pass on to your field contacts.
- 2) Apparently I have not communicated properly nor written clear direction in our November 2, Concept paper letter from Lamar Beasley to the field units of which you should have all received a copy.
 - a) All units that are going to use a 3rd party were instructed to use the competitive process and we gave you the "how to package" in a Dec. 15 ltr. The concept paper instructed you NOT to make any commitments to the 3rd party that made the successful bid on your proposals until we have final approval by USDA and the Corporation for our final FY 96 FS AmeriCorps package. I also highly recommended at the Atlanta workshop, at the NASCC conference, and in several messages suggested that the 3rd party NOT write our proposals. That's our job. The final packages should be basic expansion of your DG concept papers per the direction in 11/2 ltr.
- 3) the final ranking might change based on quality & costs of your final pkg and we still need to cut back to a \$9.4 million prgm. v/r Lou

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MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR LOU WOLTERING

To Lou Woltering:WO
CC J.SEBELIUS:W01C

From: Alan Pigg:R8 Host: R08A
Postmark: Jan 13,95 6:34 AM Delivered: Jan 13,95 6:35 AM

Subject: Reply to: Recruitment

Reply text:

From: Alan Pigg:R8

Date: Jan 13,95 6:34 AM

WE HAVE LOST OUR CHEM. ENGINEER AMERICORPS PERSON IN TN TO A REAL JOB STARTING AT \$50,000+ TO ONE OF THE FIRMS THE COMMUNITY WAS WORKING WITH ON WOOD WASTE RECYLING. THIS IS A SUCCESS STORY IN ITSELF. HIS NAME IS STEVE KARNITZ. WE HAVE OTHERS THAT HAVE RECEIVED JOB OFFERS AS WELL. IF NOTHING ELSE, WE ARE A MENTORING FOR CAREER ADVANCEMENT FOR COLLEGE GRADS. ALL THEY NEEDED WAS A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT THEY CAN DO.

Preceding message:

From: Lou Woltering:WO

Date: Jan 11,95 12:32 PM

Hi Gang. Hope you are doing well this fine day! I say that and it's actually raining so you know that things are at least a little bit good here in the WO today. Been bouncing back and forth from the USDA RDT Facilitator Training/orientation meeting today and yesterday. Will get more notes later but one item of importance is:

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Per Joel Berg this date. The Corporation is going to be issuing new direction on the 6 week hiring restriction. Joel said to go ahead and implement the following: If you need to fill in, do in now, in January. The Corporation is going to fill in but they want to start a whole new class at one time and graduate them at the same time. If we fill in whenever we need to, the paperwork at all levels is going to be too crazy. So if you've lost some people and want to fill in, please do it this month. Additionally, I'd highly recommend and Joel was ok with it, that you only hire part time people (900 hour program) in case you don't get funded to carry a full time over into FY 96. That's it for now. v/r Lou

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MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR LOU WOLTERING

To S.WOLTERING:W01C
CC D.GENTRY
CC M.ARCHULETA
CC M.WITT

From: Micky Walker:R09A
Postmark: Jan 12,95 3:14 PM

Delivered: Jan 12,95 4:17 PM

Subject: Forwarded: Green Mt. AmeriCorps

Comments:

From: Micky Walker:R09A
Date: Jan 12,95 3:14 PM

Message:

From: JOAN M. MCCLOUD:R09F20D02A
Date: Jan 12,95 3:23 PM

Hi Micky! Quick note to let you know we've begun!!!! Green Mountain has 20 crew members, ranging in age from 18 to 53. The education range is high school to masters, breakout of group is half men half women. The first week started on Jan.8th and will consist of orientaion and training. We have a solid work plan set up through the end of March. Projects they will be working on are apple tree release, deer yard surveys, wood duck box maintenance and monitoring, 25 accessible picnic tables to build, work in a yellow birch progeny area, x-country ski trail clearing, environmental education training and school programs, archeology lab along with oral history work and basic fire fighter training for our spring burns. These folks are very enthusiastic and highly motivated. More to come later! Joan

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To L.Woltering:W01C
CC G.Zimmerman:R05F12A
CC P.Weeden:R05F12A
CC R.Johnson:R05F12A
CC T.Sensintaffar:R05F12A

From: Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A

Postmark: Jan 11,95 1:50 PM

Delivered: Jan 11,95 4:43 PM

Subject: AmeriCorps/FEMA

Message:

Just got off the phone with Karen Barnett (Regional FEMA coordinator). Karen has been in meetings with FEMA most of the morning. Curenly, the State of CA has made assistance requests to FEMA, but only for money and the establishment of loan processing centers. Some overhead has been requested to assist. More request are anticipated if the weather pattern continues. Karen is aware that we have 100 AmeriCorps members, but that only 60 or so would be available for any extended duty. Any request involving AmeriCorps will come through normal channels (OCC - FICC - AmeriCorps).
FYI, Randy.

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To Lou

From: Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A

Postmark: Jan 11,95 1:19 PM

Delivered: Jan 11,95 4:12 PM

Subject: Reply to a reply: floods

Reply text:

From: Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A

Date: Jan 11,95 1:19 PM

They are AmeriCorps crews helping out on the forest at some of our stations. Dealing with mud flows, leaks, some sandbagging. I'll get more info to you before I leave tonight, I have a call into our regional fema coordinator. RS

Preceding message:

From: Lou Woltering:WO

Date: Jan 11,95 4:05 PM

Are these AmeriCorps crews involved thus far or FS crews? I'll be in on Friday. Let me know how it evolves.

v/r

Lou

From: Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A

Date: Jan 11,95 1:10 PM

We have two crews involved in some flood activity on the forest. No involvement with CA Office of Emg Services or FEMA, although we're working on it. Not sure how to pay for it if we get called. In the past when the forest has been involved in FEMA type activity, the request comes from the Regional Office with a mgt code. Although with FEMA we generally pay base salary and FEMA pays overtime and per diem, so we still have some questions to be answered. Our folks are ready and willing to go if called. I'll keep you informed. Randy

From: Lou Woltering:WO

Date: Jan 11,95 2:55 PM

Hi guys. In my meeting with USDA facilitators, Joel asked if we're doing anything to get our AmeriCorps crews involved in the floods in CA? I had that same thought this am. Sure would make for some good PR, help people, FS, and AmeriCorps overall. Let me know if your crews get involved in any way.

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Tony, did they ever fill your DFS job and if so, who got it?

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Thanks to both of you for your excellent programs.

v/r

Lou

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To Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A
BC Lou Woltering

From: Lou Woltering Host: W01C
Postmark: Jan 11,95 2:52 PM Delivered: Jan 11,95 2:52 PM

Subject: Reply to: Child Care

Reply text:

From: Lou Woltering:WO
Date: Jan 11,95 2:52 PM
Thanks I'll pass on to Joel,
v/r
Lou

Preceding message:

From: Randy Scurry:R05F12D54A
Date: Jan 11,95 11:58 AM

Not sure if we already passed this along, but the child care system seems to be working, not perfect, but working. One of our members child care provider has been receiving payments. FYI

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MESSAGE SCAN FOR LOU WOLTERING

To S.MEJIA:R08A
To L.WOLTERING:W01C

From: RICHARD HEASLIP:R08F07A

Postmark: Jan 11,95 10:04 AM

Delivered: Jan 11,95 11:09 AM

Subject: Forwarded: Americorps

Comments:

From: RICHARD HEASLIP:R08F07A

Date: Jan 11,95 10:04 AM

FOR YOUR INFO ON THE JACKSON GREATER YOUTH SERVICE COUNCIL
ENVIROMENTAL CAMP.

Previous comments:

From: LAURA GARRISON:R08F07D01A

Date: Jan 11,95 9:00 AM

This is for your info.

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**Americorps Update
Bienville National Forest**

A planning meeting was held December 29, 1994 at the Bienville Ranger Station in Forest, Mississippi. Present at the meeting was Clint Floyd, District Ranger, Laura Garrison, Forester, and Richard Dolin, Americorps Representative. Laura Garrison asked Richard Dolin to express his views on the way the program was being implemented. Over all, Richard felt the program was going well. He expressed some ideas to improve the program. (1) Have some type of recognition award for individual performance (2) Develop a form to track accomplishments and give feed-back on project performance. Clint saw no problem with awarding a certificate of appreciation to members for performance (such as finding a new RCW colony), and he agreed with the development of a form for tracking accomplishments and giving feed-back. Richard suggested some possible future projects (1) Develop paths and rest areas near established waterholes/ponds on the Shockaloe Horse Trail (2) Develop and install educational signs along Shockaloe Horse Trail. Clint mentioned the possibility of refurbishing signs during wet weather.

The next item discussed was the projects Americorps would begin in January. This included pre-commercial thinning, RCW midstory injection work, and development of bridges and benches for the Bienville Pines Scenic area trail. Laura scheduled training for the pre-commercial thinning for January 4, 1995, and pesticide training for January 9, 1995, following the safety meeting. Work on the projects would begin once training was completed. Project work on the Bienville pines scenic area trail scheduled to begin January 20, 1995. Joel Bergs upcoming visit was discussed in conjunction with the Bienville pines scenic area project.

Clint had invited Richard to attend the district's bi-weekly staff meetings. This would enable him to become more familiar with on-going district work, and to facilitate Americorps project coordination with Forest Service personnel.

Laura told Richard that there were videos on the district and in the SO which could be available for Americorps use in supplementing training.

Some of the contents of Americorps last quarterly report were discussed. Richard said that he had not reviewed this report before it was submitted, and that the report did not accurately reflect his input to Greater Jackson about project implementation/education at the field level.

Follow-Up

Laura Garrison developed an accomplishment reporting form and discussed its use with Richard Dolin on January 5, 1995. The form would be completed on a quarterly basis to facilitate communication. Richard Dolin attended the last half of the district staff meeting held January 5, 1995.

Americorps Members have completed pre-commercial thinning and pesticide training, and begun pre-commercial thinning project work. The members attended the January safety meeting - Driving in Dangerous Situations. Richard Dolin informed Laura that Joel Berg's visit was postponed.

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CC C.Pytel:w01c

From: DAVID L. BURICH
Postmark: Oct 28,94 3:52 PM

Host: W01B
Delivered: Oct 28,94 3:50 PM

Subject: AmeriCorp Appropriations

Message:

Results of meeting with OGC today on question of use of FS funds.
OGC (Tom Fox) position is that the "necessary" costs in question are
"necessary expenses" as defined in the act.
This interpretation was discussed with Les Funderburk and Cathy Beaty
and we can support that conclusion of the living allowances, health
insurance, and child care as being "necessary expenses" of the NFS
and S&PF programs for AmeriCorp projects.
We need to look at the Rural Development projects to be sure they are
activities allowed under S&PF funding.
I will prepare a staff paper to document and support the "necessary
expense" rationale.

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CC l.woltering
CC j.sebelius
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From: Don Greene Host: W01C
Postmark: Oct 26,94 10:21 AM Delivered: Oct 26,94 10:21 AM
Status: Certified Previously read Urgent
Subject: Week in review-Americorps E. St. Louis

Message:

On October 26-27, 1994 State Community College in East St. Louis, Illinois held a two day meeting to discuss their environmental and Ecosystems Education Program for the community. The first day was dedicated to a career opportunity workshop for their 30 Americorp members. On the second day over thirty partners in the area and invited guest from around the country gathered at the College to discuss community improvement and development. The Meeting was chaired by Dr. Wilbur L. Campbell, Director of Vocational and Technical Programs. Dr. Campbell is leading the effort to revitalizing the community through education of the citizens. Both the federal, state, and local governments, along with the private sector and political leaders participated in the forum. The Forest Service was represented by John Currier, Assistant Director for Forest Resource Management, Mary Dee, Director of Community Relations TV Station WGN in Chicago and Stewart Pequin, State Forester for Illinois, who actively contributed to discussions.

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Natural Resource Conservation Education Program

Close-up



The Summer Service Program: Meeting a Challenge, Extending a Mission

This year, college graduates and students face a familiar challenge: finding jobs that enable them to use their hard-won knowledge and skills. Many will not succeed; instead, they will find themselves flipping burgers or waiting on tables.

However, 20 college students and graduates are meeting this challenge. This summer, they are fanning throughout the United States to help inner city children and teenagers learn about the environment and natural resources. In the process, they are developing their own capacities for leadership — and helping the Forest Service to reach new audiences.

These 20 highly talented young adults are carrying out the Forest Service's second Summer Service Program.

How the Program Started

This year's program builds on the success of a pilot project organized and implemented last year by the Forest Service's Northeastern Forest Experiment Station (NE) and Northeastern Area (NA) office, both headquartered in Radnor, PA. That project, the Environmental Education Outreach Program, was designed to expand environmental education initiatives.

From a nationwide recruitment effort, the NE and NA offices selected six students to become Forest Service summer interns. Their job: to design and implement an environmental education program for inner city children.

The six students were from all over the country, and represented a range of cultural and ethnic groups. The key to their success was their ability to work together as a team.

After an initial orientation period, the six students visited 35 locations as far west as Minnesota, north to Connecticut, and south to Washington, DC. The locations included day camps and summer recreation programs.

During their visits, the students would first greet the children individually, and then guide them through age-appropriate activities designed to heighten their awareness and understanding of conservation and the environment. These activities ranged from quiz shows patterned after popular television programs such as "Family Feud" to using "tree cookies" — thin cross-sections of tree stems — to help children understand how trees grow.

The ideas for the activities came from a variety of sources, including Project Learning Tree, personal interviews with environmental education experts, and literature on focus groups and social settings.

However, the interns served not only as leaders, but also as listeners and observers. In doing so, they learned more about what urban youngsters know about conservation and natural resources — and what they don't know.

What the Interns Learned

The interns did more than entertain and educate their young audiences; they also observed and recorded the reactions of those audiences.

For example, out of the 2,000 children reached through the project, the interns found that not one could



Intern Andrea Webster hard at work.

name a National Forest. However, all were aware of Smokey Bear and his message.

The interns discovered that most of the children were familiar with environmental concepts such as recycling, the definition of a natural resource, and pollution. However, with that familiarity came some misconceptions, such as a prevalent viewpoint that cutting down trees is bad under any circumstance.

One surprising finding was that the urban children often learned more when the presentations were conducted indoors rather than outdoors. Summer outdoor conditions such as insects, extreme heat, humidity, allergic reactions tended to reduce youngsters' attention spans. However, indoor settings such as gymnasiums presented challenges of their own, such as poor acoustics and high noise levels.

This program addresses major initiatives that are important to the Forest Service: serving diverse publics, encouraging community service, and providing future leaders with opportunities to serve in the Federal government.

Elaine McKinney-McNeal
Summer Service Coordinator

The interns also found that smaller groups generally got more out of the presentations than did larger groups, and that the adult counselors' levels of interest in the programs directly affected the children's levels of interest.

Finally, although the program was geared toward different age groups, children from 8 to 12 years of age appeared to be the most receptive to the presentations. Younger children were extremely enthusiastic but had shorter attention spans; teenagers sometimes succumbed to peer pressure and were reluctant to offer thoughts and opinions.

Based on what they recorded, the interns wrote a report that includes detailed recommendations on how to make future environmental education programs more effective. Among those recommendations were suggestions to create programs and materials related to the program for use throughout the school year. And, as the report noted, many of the adult counselors asked the interns to "do this again next summer."

The 1993 Summer Service Program

Thanks to a \$65,000 NRCEP grant and funding by the Northeastern Area and Northeastern Station, the program is back in 1993. This time it's known as the Summer Service Program — and it's been expanded considerably from last year's effort.

From last year's 6 interns, this year's corps of 20 college students and graduates will be stationed at 4 Forest Service offices. Eight of the interns will be stationed at the Northeastern Area and Station in Radnor, PA; four at the Southern Station in New Orleans, LA; four at the Southeast Station in Asheville, NC; and four at the Region 8 office in Atlanta. The students range from third year undergraduates through graduate level; their majors include environmental sciences, education, forestry, English, biology, mass media, plant sciences, wildlife resources, and environmental resource management — to name just a few.

Why It Works

According to the Northeastern Area and Station's Elaine McKinney-McNeal, the program manages to accomplish many goals simultaneously.

"This program addresses major initiatives that are important to the Forest Service," says McKinney-McNeal. "Those initiatives include serving diverse publics, encouraging community service, and providing future natural resource leaders with opportunities to serve in the Federal government."

"The program also gives the Forest Service the chance to reach out to inner city communities."

McKinney-McNeal also notes that the program reflects the spirit of President Clinton's call to establish a national service program. In announcing the program on March 1, the President challenged America's young adults "to change America forever and for the better" and promised that those who respond to that challenge "will learn lessons about life that you might not ever learn any other way."

The 20 young adults who are carrying out the Forest Service Summer Service program this summer are already learning those lessons. In the process, they are helping youngsters to care more about the world in which they live, and are enabling the Forest Service to bring to further extend its mission of "caring for the land and serving people."

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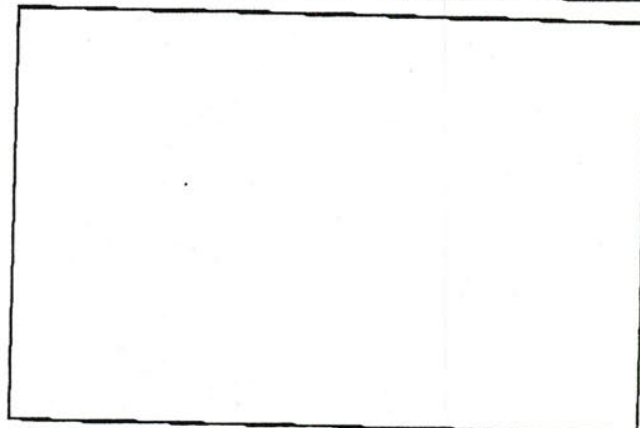
Work site: Areas of the Kootenai National Forest

Project Sponsor: Kootenai National Forest – Libby Ranger District

Crew Leader: Dean Thompson

Assistant Leader: Ryan Rumelhart

Dean led his crew through a variety of tasks, including refurbishing the Swede Mountain fire watch tower and picnic area – one of the most visited sites in the Kootenai – building a helicopter landing pad and stream rehabilitation. According to Cami Winslow and Terry Ego of the Libby District, this crew was a very positive group of young people with which to work. Kootenai staff also arranged transportation, field trips to various resource management sites within the forest and other educational opportunities.



The crew treated Steve Nelsen, Executive Director, and Steve Guettermann, Education Coordinator, to lunch during a work site visit to Swede Mountain.

[Photo courtesy of The Western News. Chuck Blair]

Libby is another area where MCC is positioned to have a positive and long term impact if sponsors can continue to meet the fee-for-service criteria. Rocked by a moody national economy, Libby has lost a number of employers, which adds to the difficulty many youth have in finding summer jobs. Only one of the young men who formed MCC's crew there said he would have had work if not for the Montana Conservation Corps. All also said they wanted to return next year, a comment we received from *every* leader and many corpsmembers from throughout the state.

Benefits to our sponsor

- 1600 hrs. of service from corpsmembers
- good pr from media for youth involvement
- cost-effective maintenance on high use areas
- improved wildlife habitat

Benefits to our members

- in-depth forest management education
- leadership training
- rare employment opportunity
- construction and life skills training

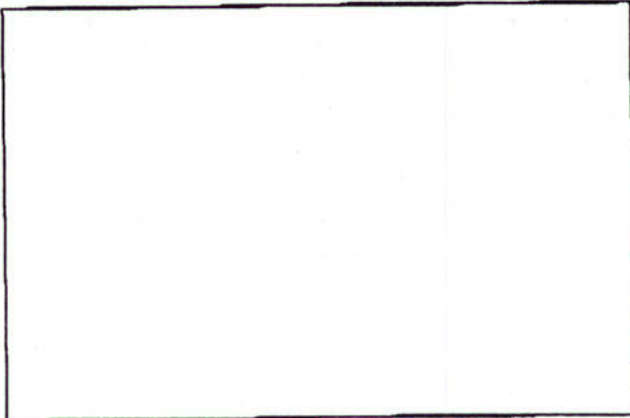
Work site: Areas of the Flathead National Forest

Project Sponsor: Flathead National Forest – Tally Lake Ranger District

Crew Leader: Ed Goerlich

Ed's crew worked on a variety of projects in the Tally Lake District of the Flathead Forest. Clearing brush, reseeding logged sites, stream rehabilitation and building a trail turnpike were among their tasks. Lois Sturgis and Deb Manley of the Flathead National Forest worked hard to get involved with MCC and to provide Ed's crew with field support.

One of the tasks with which MCC is charged is to create jobs for youth throughout the state. The Flathead Valley is a place where this need is acute. The conservation work the Flathead's MCC corpsmembers did was important to the land and wildlife, as well as important to the youth. The money earned and the direction Ed provided will pay dividends to them for years. Some of the work will also benefit international visitors, as the crew built trails through an experimental forest which will be the focus of a conference on forest rehabilitation projects.



Corpsmembers prepare a special mortar mix for the trail near Tally Lake.

Benefits to our sponsor

- 1600 hrs. of service from corpsmembers
- paved handicap trail near Tally Lake
- reseeding logged sites
- wildlife habitat enhancement

Benefits to our members

- learned more about forest ecology
- shared work day with Blackfeet
- income from newly created jobs
- trail and turnpike building skills

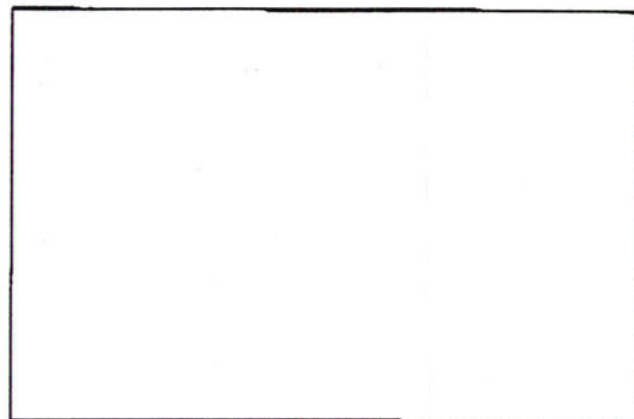
Work site: Areas of the Gallatin National Forest

Project Sponsor: Gallatin National Forest – Bozeman Ranger District

Crew Leader: Mark Dwyer

Assistant Leader: Laura Hammer

Coming to MCC with over eight years of California corps experience, including a tour in Australia, Mark led his crew through a variety of tasks – from back country trail work to helping reroof an old CCC building at Squaw Creek Ranger Station. Because most of the station is slated for National Historic Landmark Status if it is repaired using historic preservation techniques, the corpsmembers followed the building's original specifications. If the Gallatin Forest receives additional funding, another MCC crew will be sent to Squaw Creek in the summer of 1993.



While waiting for the proper shingles to arrive at Squaw Creek, corpsmembers rebuilt a corral and did other repair work at this historic site.

This crew was envied by others because of the several weeks it spent in the back country working on trails and bridges. The extra time out enabled the crew to experience what it takes to outfit, support and maintain a group in the field.

Jill Strelnek, Nancy Holstrom and Mike Clow of the Bozeman Ranger District ensured the corpsmembers were well-supported in the field and by the media.

Benefits to our sponsor

- 2030 hrs. of service from corpsmembers
- maintenance to CCC landmark site
- reclamation & maintenance of back country trails

Benefits to our members

- carpentry skills
- trail building skills
- back country outfitting & living skills
- learned forest natural history & archaeology

Daniel Lewis

Forest Service

Possible national service tasks:

One type of obvious work that team members can perform is trail maintenance. Team members can also engage in some of the following types of work, which are already performed by YCC participants: recreation management, fish and wildlife management, timber management, facility construction and maintenance, water and soil work, range and forage management, administration, protection, and research. More specifically, they can build barricades around restoration areas, replace old fire pits with new fire grates/stoves, maintain anti-bear food storage bins, build foot bridges, build campsites, make facilities wheelchair accessible, and construct leach fields for collecting graywater.

Watershed improvements - Projects to protect wetlands, reestablish vegetative cover in riparian zones, shape gullied land, revegetate denuded areas and to eliminate acid and other pollutant drainage from abandoned mines and oil and gas wells -- all in order to improve watershed conditions, fisheries and wildlife habitat and recreation opportunities.

Range vegetation management - Encompasses all activities associated with the management of NFS rangelands. Includes the description of baseline resource information for rangeland ecosystems, resource management planning, monitoring, administration of permitted livestock grazing, coordination of other land uses, and tracking compliance with forest plan and other management objectives. This is an interdisciplinary effort requiring significant coordination and commitment of resources by affected resource areas, user groups, and interested members of the public.

Construction and maintenance of structures and enhancement of habitat - Improvement activities include prescribed burning, opening construction and rehabilitation, wildlife stand improvement, seeding and planting, and water hole construction. Reservoir rejuvenation and enhancement, stream bank stabilization, construction of fish ponds and spawning riffles, access trails for the disabled, and fish viewing stations. Protection and enhancement of required habitats for endangered or threatened species, including breeding and nesting sites, feeding areas and escape cover, protection from adverse developments and disturbing human activities.

Recreation facility backlog - Rehabilitation, repair, and reconstruction of recreation facilities and sites to restore them to the established standard. Includes work to meet current legal, safety, or sanitation standards, restoration of soil and vegetation, and elimination of facilities and restoration of site.

Trail backlog - Maintenance and reconstruction to restore trails to assigned standards. This is one-time restoration and repair to correct maintenance that has been deferred in the past. Include realignment of segments, upgrading to accommodate different uses, and obliteration of unneeded trails.

Tree planting - As part of the Clinton Administration's initiative to combat global warming, the Public Lands and Environmental team could play a lead role in tremendously expanding the number of trees planted annually in America. Plantings could take place in urban and rural areas on both public and private lands.

Rural Development - The Rural Development Team would establish regional clusters of "professional" and "paraprofessional" participants who could assist communities in identifying needs and resources necessary for economic well-being. The participants would have diverse education and training and would be matched up with individual communities or regions that have specific needs that can be filled by someone with that specific background. Individuals will be placed in communities where their particular talents can be best utilized. Experts in connecting rural homes to municipal water systems will be matched up to areas with that need. Experts in tourism will be matched up with communities that want to develop their tourism. Experts in sustainable agriculture will be matched up with groups of farmers who need technical assistance in that area. Experts in grant writing will be matched up with communities that need grant writing. Experts in attracting small businesses will be matched up with communities that want to attract more small business. Experts in watershed protection will be matched up with areas that need such help. General planners would also be matched up with communities that need to develop overall economic plans.

Small Business Plan Developer and Information Broker - Assists in the assessment and development of markets for unique local products.

Regional Circuit Rider - Works part time in a number of towns in a region. Provides technical assistance to communities throughout a region in brokering, strategic planning, and community assessment.

Watershed Assistance Process Facilitator - Works to coordinate local watershed protection programs in order to save wetlands, guard drinking-water quality, and prevent flooding. The team member would explain watershed assistance programs, identify key potential participants in local watershed steering committees, arrange local organizational meetings, and facilitate the identification of watershed needs, problems, and concerns.

Recreation Specialist - The team member would provide technical assistance for all activities relating to recreation and tourism, including coordinating efforts among all government agencies, furnish recreation planning and design, and collect and disseminate information on what alternatives will best fit local needs.

Forest Service Volunteer Coordinators - The team member would recruit and supervise adult and youth volunteers from local communities to work on Forest Service volunteer projects.

Forest Service Resource Assistants - This position is outlined in the Public Lands Corps section of the National and Community Service Trust Act. In this position, Rural Development team participants could work with rangers to identify and manage service projects in the forest for the Public Lands and Environment Team.

Disaster Relief and Recovery - Existing youth corps have played a vital role in the recovery of the flooded Midwest. For most disasters, team members could provide physical labor so critical to short-term clean-up, as well as human services needed for long-term recovery. They could also assist in some of the long-term infrastructure repair such as levee re-building.

Potential budget sources:

**DESCRIPTION FROM FY 94 EXPLANATORY NOTES
POTENTIAL FUNDS (IN MILLIONS)**

Urban and Community Forestry

Provides for State Foresters and contracted private consulting foresters to give technical assistance to private landowners to develop plans for and ensure proper tree planting.

12.500

Trees for the Future

Provides for expanded tree planting and stewardship efforts on private forest lands and in urban and community areas. In addition to environmental benefits, urban forestry programs can provide productive seasonal jobs for inner city youth.

12.500

Maintenance of Facilities

Provides for Maintenance and minor renovation of facilities including roof replacements, siding, painting, floor coverings, and electrical and mechanical systems.

26.495

Forest Road Maintenance

Provides for maintenance planning, roadside brushing, surface grading, replace/repair bridges and other structures and obliteration of roads no longer needed.

82.198

Forest Trail Maintenance

Provides for maintenance work including clearing pathways of encroaching vegetation and fallen trees, repairing or improving trail signs, treadways, drainage facilities, and bridges.

31.332

Research Construction

Provides construction of research facilities.

3.572

Construction for Fire, Administrative, and other Purposes

Provides for replacement, construction and improvement of offices, employee housing, service and storage buildings, nursery buildings, airports, and heliports. Also provides water, waste, electrical and similar utility systems to provide quality facilities to support fire and general administrative purposes.

10.264

Recreation Construction

Provides for repair and rehabilitation of existing recreation facilities, to meet health and safety standards, protect soil and water resources and to construct new facilities to meet public recreation needs.

73.604

Forest Road Construction

Program finances for planning, management, project engineering, construction, and reconstruction of multipurpose road systems on and adjacent to NFS land. 133.218

Trail Construction

Provides for redevelopment and improvement of the trail system. Trail redevelopment emphasizes the reconstruction and relocation of substandard trails resulting from age, heavy use, location or lack of maintenance. Reconstruction includes facility work such as bridge replacement, tread replacement, drainage structures, and barrier removal.

33.510

Natural Resource Protection and Environmental Infrastructure Initiative Provides
for correcting resource damage and health and safety conditions by accomplishing heavy maintenance and repair of recreation facilities especially in counties with high unemployment.

79.000



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Ms. Becky Eklund, Program Director
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Dear Becky:

Thank you for inviting the Forest Service (FS) to participate in the December 18, 1992, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) planning meeting. We are excited about the prospect of working with you to see this vision of an expanded and possibly residential component for OYCC become a reality.

If I understood correctly there were two main topics discussed. The first focused on establishing a cooperative effort between the OYCC and the FS to develop a residential YCC program. The second concerned whether existing State youth and young adult employment authorities are adequate or in need of revision.

I will first respond to questions posed to participants at the December 18 meeting, and in your follow-up letter of December 21, regarding an OYCC residential program and then the issue of authorities.

Topic I OYCC/FS Residential Program

Are we interested?

The FS is very interested in helping you develop your program.

What role could we play?

Because we have had experience with residential YCC programs in the past, and currently the Mt. Hood National Forest operates the only FS residential YCC camp nationwide, we feel one role we could play would be in helping to plan and implement an expanded program.

What could we contribute?

The agency could make available facilities for residential programs as well as work projects, tools, and a limited amount of technical assistance.



Ms. Becky Eklund

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We can help seek financial support through a variety of partners like the National Forest Foundation which is currently exploring funding youth programs that perform work on National Forest lands.

We are open to creating a joint FS/Oregon YCC residential program at Camp Cody on the Mt. Hood National Forest. This has the advantage for you of getting a program running quickly, with minimum planning, while at the same time giving you some high visibility which would help in promoting the concept of a residential OYCC program.

We could also provide linkage to three existing FS Job Corps Centers in Oregon for out-of-school youth who qualify and are in need of further education and job training after completion of the OYCC residential program.

What components should a program contain?

The YCC residential program should be a work and learn experience. The work should be of a conservation nature primarily in the out-of-doors. The education component should focus on the understanding, management, and protection of the natural environment. In addition, other basic academic subjects such as reading, mathematics, and writing, could be incorporated in an education program.

We believe that the program should have three components. Two already exist at the Federal level--the Youth Conservation Corps for youth 15-18, and the Job Corps for youth 16-24. The third component we believe to be necessary, but which does not exist at this time, is a broad-based middle ground that would provide a work skills program for youth ages 17-24. This third kind of program would provide a spectrum of career training options including direct employment, Job Corps enrollment, or a means to higher education. It would also serve those who do not qualify for Job Corps.

Topic II Authorities

In addition to the question of whether the State's existing authorities allow for the operation of residential programs or are in need of revision, we must point out that our existing Federal authorities for operating youth and young adult programs have limitations as to age, plus restrictions as to spending FS appropriated funds on other public lands. If the FS were to participate in or supervise the full spectrum of programs envisioned by the Commission, we would need broader Federal authorities than presently exist. On the other hand, the FS can host programs on National Forest lands provided another agency or organization administers it.

Ms. Becky Sklund

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Any other ideas or thoughts?

We were pleased to see the large turnout at the meeting in December. There is apparent interest in this type of program across a broad spectrum of agencies and disciplines. Working together we can make it happen.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the meeting and to provide you this information about FS capabilities.

Sincerely,



RICHARD A. FERRARO
Deputy Regional Forester

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Honorable Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Becky:
this also went to Bobbi
Catherine Milton of NCSA, & all
7 members of our Congressional
delegation.

Oregon is working hard to find a balance between providing jobs and protecting the environment. A residential youth corps concept recently explored by Oregon officials is a bold idea which holds the potential to meet both needs simultaneously.

Oregon currently has a small youth corps program which serves 350 youth each year. These youth -- most of whom are at-risk of becoming societal dependents instead of contributors -- are gaining valuable job and learning skills while working to rebuild infrastructure, protect natural resources and develop local economies. With increasingly more Oregon communities suffering the decline of the timber industry, their service -- today and tomorrow -- is needed more than ever.

Federal, state and local officials are working to expand youth corps opportunities in Oregon. Last December, over 30 representatives of Oregon's resource agencies met to explore the need for a residential youth corps program. They came away convinced that an expanded program could accomplish great things for Oregon's youth, environment and economy.

I'm writing for three reasons. First, to urge you to support Oregon and Washington's Northwest Service Academy proposal now before the Commission on National and Community Service. The Academy aims to involve 100 young adults from both states' timber-dependent communities in a full time program of service, leadership and education. Next, to consider the residential youth corps concept at the upcoming Northwest Timber Summit as a viable tool for meeting the needs of timber-dependent communities. Finally, to be prepared to explore using federal land and facilities as residential youth corps sites.

I look forward to working with you to have a positive impact on Oregon's youth, environment and economy.

Best,

Phil Keisling



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Dear Becky:

It was a pleasure being involved in the initial stages of planning for a residential OYCC program.

This letter is to advise you of our interest in participating with you in successfully implementing a jobs/educational program for the youth of Oregon. Our involvement would be that of identifying and providing meaningful work projects such as riparian improvement, stream enhancement, wildlife/botany surveys, recreation site maintenance, hiking trail development, and other work related to improving the health of our forest on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

In the past the BLM's Salem District has operated both resident and non-resident YCC/YACC camps very successfully. Our resident camps were either facilities which we contracted for with educational institutions or they consisted of more primitive settings in a tent environment. In the event that Federal funding was again available for youth programs, we could easily initiate another camp in the Salem area.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me at 375-5646.

Sincerely,

Van W. Manning
District Manager