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Proposal

**San Bernardino Mountains
AMERICORPS CAMP**

on the

San Bernardino National Forest

"A Federal Investment in Support of National Service..."

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The proposed San Bernardino Mountains AmeriCorps would be composed of a diverse group of members, 60 residential, 40 non-residential, who will earn the educational voucher of \$4725 after successful completion of a year's program. During a 40-hour week, corpsmembers will perform needed work on public lands such as rehabilitation of campgrounds, trails, and watershed rehabilitation. Two closed military bases in the area and a Forest Service camp will serve as residential facilities.

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Objectives

The program objective is to undertake meaningful service projects with visible long-term benefits to the public while instilling in the participant a work ethic and sense of public service.

Management

The camp would consist of a full-time administrative staff, including a camp director, administrative officer, residential program manager and a work project program manager.

The administrative staff would provide payroll, purchasing and other financial services. A recruitment officer would recruit and interview potential corpsmembers as well as provide educational and other assistance while they reside at the camp.

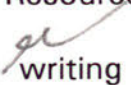
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The work project staff would consist of an orientation and training officer. All participants would receive formal classroom and field training before being placed on a crew. Crew supervisors will provide additional field training and stress job quality and safety.

DRAFT

March 23, 1994

Dear Urban Resource Partnership Committee Member:

I am  writing to inform you of the Administration's exciting new national service initiative -- AmeriCorps -- and to suggest ways that this initiative might be able to dovetail with projects you are already planning as part of the Urban Resource Partnership.

As you continue to collectively decide for yourself what kind of environmental projects make most sense for your cities, you may want to consider AmeriCorps as a cost-effective and efficient delivery mechanism for those projects.

AmeriCorps is a new program in which citizens will be able to provide service to their communities for a year or two while earning a small stipend and a large educational scholarship. At USDA, the Soil Conservation Service, the Forest Service, and the Extension Service are now working together to craft environmental service projects in many urban areas throughout America, including Atlanta, Chicago, New York, and Seattle. The U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are also planning similar projects. All federal projects must be finalized by April 29, 1994.

The USDA/AmeriCorps plan and the Urban Resource Partnership share much of the same vision, concept, and anticipated outcomes: reinventing government to be responsive to people's needs, using existing resources to improve and rehabilitate the nation's environment, and supporting community-based conservation projects.

The following are some urban AmeriCorps projects that USDA has been considering:

Urban Farming Projects- AmeriCorps team members can help low-income urban residents to grow their own food.

Water quality assessments- AmeriCorps team members can conduct samplings and provide technical help with delivery systems.

Education- AmeriCorps team members --- going door-to-door, working in schools, speaking at civic clubs, and sponsoring booths at street fairs --- can teach a wide variety of topics: preventing non-point source pollution, ecosystems management, how to recycle, forestry basics, energy conservation, watershed protection, how to make your household more eco-friendly, etc.

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Energy Conservation- AmeriCorps team members, possibly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy, can work in crews to provide physical assistance in weatherizing homes and generally making them more energy efficient.

River and Streams Protection- AmeriCorps team members can work to protect and re-nourish urban rivers and streams.

Tree Planting - As part of the Clinton Administration's initiative to combat global warming, AmeriCorps teams could play a role in expanding the number of trees planted in urban areas on both public and private lands.

Urban Conservation Projects- AmeriCorps team members can repair facilities in public parks, paint murals, fix playgrounds and other facilities at public schools, and run recycling programs.

Transportation Right-of-Ways- Possibly in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation or individual state departments of transportation, AmeriCorps team members can engage on tree-planting, flower gardening, or other greening projects on highway, rail, or bike path right-of-ways.

It is clear that AmeriCorps programs could provide one structure to help get the Urban Partnership off the ground in a relatively short time period in your cities. Your partnership could either sponsor specific AmeriCorps projects, recruit part-time volunteers to aid AmeriCorps projects, or determine some other innovative way for collaboration that you determine would be beneficial to your area.

Since AmeriCorps is a top priority of President Clinton, Secretary Espy, and myself, the program may be able to provide significant additional financial and staff resources to your partnerships' projects. In short, AmeriCorps could provide a well-structured yet non-bureaucratic vehicle to help jump-start your programs.

Joel Berg (202-720-6350), who is coordinating AmeriCorps for USDA, or Jenny Cohn (202) 720-1847), who is serving as my liaison to your partnership, will provide you further information about AmeriCorps. It will be up to you to decide if there is a need for collaboration before the Department's April 29 deadline.

Thank you once again for your cooperation in building an exiting new framework for tackling America's urban environmental problems. I look forward to seeing you again shortly.

Yours very truly,

Jim Lyons

AmeriCorps

Executive Summary

AmeriCorps is the President's new national service program which engages the energy of the American people, especially its young people, in meeting the most critical education, public safety, human, and environmental needs of our communities. AmeriCorps programs are operated under the authority of Public Law 103-82, National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

AmeriCorps offers opportunities for Americans age 16 and older to make a substantial commitment to serving their country and to earn money for college in return. Grants will be awarded to not-for-profit organizations, to local, State, and Federal agencies, to Indian tribes, to institutions of higher education, to local school and police districts, and to partnerships among any of the above.

Like the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps, which offered unemployed men work in caring for the nation's parks, roads and bridges, corps of today are geared toward youth who, unemployed and not in school, are looking for opportunities to build a bright future.

The San Bernardino National Forest in collaboration with the San Bernardino National Forest Association proposes to sponsor a new AmeriCorps Camp in or adjacent to the San Bernardino Mountains. The U.S. Forest Service has a rich history in the management and protection of America's National Forest lands. The camp would provide vast opportunities for young Americans as well as enhance the natural resources within the forest.

In conjunction with the San Bernardino National Forest is the USDA Soil Conservation Service and the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management - California Desert District, and the Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Monuments of the National Park Service. California State Parks, San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation, and San Bernardino City Parks are also strong supporters of a local youth camp. Combined, the above agencies manage over 33 million acres of public lands in Southern California.

Concept

The proposed San Bernardino Mountains AmeriCorps would be a year-round residential facility providing employment opportunities for up to 60 citizens. The residential setting would provide all the logistical services needed by its residents. Additionally, the program proposes to provide opportunities for an additional 40 youth through a non-residential program.

Program members would be recruited from the ranks of the unemployed, and those recently out of high school. After serving in the program for one year, a program participant would be entitled to a \$4725 credit toward continuing their education.

Participants will work a 40 hour week and will be expected to take part in the entire program, both work and non-work related aspects.

Objectives

The program objective is to undertake meaningful service projects with visible long-term benefits to the public while instilling in the participant a work ethic and sense of public service.

Management

The camp would consist of a full-time administrative staff, including a camp director, administrative officer, residential program manager and a work project program manager.

The administrative staff would provide payroll, purchasing and other financial services. A recruitment officer would recruit and interview potential corpmembers as well as provide educational and other assistance while they reside at the camp.

The residential program staff would provide residential housing and food services, personal safety and personal health awareness.

The work project staff would consist of an orientation and training officer. All participants would receive formal classroom and field training before being placed on a crew. Crew supervisors will provide additional field training and stress job quality and safety.

Recruitment

Primary recruitment for corpmembers would be from high school graduates from throughout Southern California, especially San Bernardino County. San Bernardino County has the highest unemployment rate in California. (And California's unemployment rate is higher than most states!) Southern California has suffered loss of major industry (including defense and aerospace), a steady stream of new immigrants from Central and South America, riots, fires, and most recently, earthquakes.

Conclusion

The San Bernardino National Forest enjoys an established track-record of excellent support, service, and safety in the management of natural resource crews. With one of the largest wildland fire organizations in the nation, it looks forward to taking on the new challenge of an AmeriCorps Center in or adjacent to the San Bernardino Mountains.

Program Management

The following organization be manage the day to day activities of the camp program:

Camp Director

The Camp Director would have overall responsibility for the management of the camp, including all personnel and administrative matters, community and inter-agency relations, and public affairs.

The director will supervise a management team who's responsibilities fall into three primary areas; administration, residential activities, and project work activities.

Administrative Officer

The Administrative Officer oversees individual personnel actions and payroll. Purchasing activities would be approved by this individual. Management of the camp records system, employees health and benefits, and cost accountability.

This position would supervise a payroll clerk as well as a receptionist. Some program participants may spend time working in this area during their year at the camp.

Residential Program Manager

The Residential Program Manager has responsibility for the non-work activities of the participants. These include food and housing, safety and security, recreational and educational activities, and participant personal needs.

Program recruitment and participant orientation would also fall into this area of responsibility.

The Residential Manager would have one assistant. This function would also include a food service manager and assistant, as well as three residential housing associates.

Work Project Program Manager

The Work Project Program Manager would supervise those activities where the participants are earning a salary. Overall project scheduling, training, participant safety, and coordination with project sponsors would be required of this position.

The four **Project Crew Leaders** would be supervised by the Work Projects Program Manager. Each project crew leader would be responsible for the day to day supervision and leadership of up to 12 participants.

A **Training and Safety Officer** would manage in-camp participants as well as supervise the mandatory training program that each participant would receive prior to being assigned to a crew. Specialized training, such as chain saw use, or fire fighting would be provided by subject matter specialist from the participating agencies.

Environmental Education Leaders would be provide from the community and participant agencies. The participants would assist in program organization, preparation and implementation, under the supervision of a subject matter specialist.

Description of Program

The San Bernardino program would consist of residential and non-residential corpmembers. The members would be recruited. The goal for participant enrollment would be an equal number of females and males, of which 40 percent should be minorities.

Participants will work a 40 hour work week and will be expected to take part in the entire program, both work and non-work related aspects. Each participant will furnish their own work clothing, including long-sleeve shirts, pants, and work boots that lace above the ankle, sleeping bag or bedding, as well as personal items.

Work to be Preformed

Work to be preformed on public lands includes the following non-inclusive list. It is estimated that their currently exist a backlog of work that could keep a 100 person camp busy for the next five to ten years. In most cases a cost-share agreement or services-in-kind agreement will be enacted to provide 25% of the AmeriCorps cost for each project.

BDF	=	San Bernardino National Forest, USDA
CDD	=	California Desert District, Bureau of Land Management, USDI
JTP	=	Joshua Tree National Monument, National Park Service, USDI
SCS	=	Soil Conservation Service, USDA
DVP	=	Death Valley National Monument, USDI
OTH	=	Other, including, California State Parks, San Bernardino County and City Parks, and other local agencies.

	BDF	CDD	JTP	SCS	DVP	OTH
Campgrounds:						
Major overhaul and rehabilitation of campgrounds. There is currently a backlog of recreational infrastructure work needed.	X	X	X		X	X

Trails:						
The agencies combined have over 1000 miles of trails that are in constant need of rehabilitation including retread, erosion control and re-routing. There are currently four effected wilderness areas and more anticipated if the California Wilderness Bill (Desert Act) passes.	X	X	X		X	X

	BDF	CDD	JTP	SCS	DVP	OTH
Interpretive Areas, trail heads, signs:						
A sign shop and sign crew is necessary to provide directional, safety and informational signs for trails, facilities and travel ways.	X	X	X		X	X
Trail heads and public parking areas need rehabilitation and construction.						
Erosion control, fuels management, and watershed rehabilitation:						
Erosion control and stream and fisheries enhancement projects are available. Numerous watershed protection projects are in need of maintenance and new projects are ready for construction. Many of the projects include the protection of the watersheds from wildfire.	X	X		X		X
Hazard Reduction, Fire Protection:						
Hazard reduction projects for fire protection are on-going in Southern California. Crews trained in these projects will also be available for fire suppression activities. <i>Note: It is expected that 10-20 percent of the program salary cost could be covered through corpmembers ability to respond to wildfires.</i>	X	X	X		X	X
Public Education:						
One crew could be devoted year-round to public education in the areas of environmental awareness, Smokey Bear fire prevention programs, Hug-A-Tree, and like activities. The San Bernardino mountains have over 100 youth summer camps, and the surrounding communities and the Los Angeles Basin contain thousands of classrooms in need of such programs.	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ecosystem management projects:						
All agencies have numerous projects available to enhance ecosystem management, including streambed and bank stabilization, forest stand improvement, tree planting (urban, rural & forest), gabion baskets, wildlife habitat boxes, and wildlife water developments.	X	X	X	X	X	X

Location / Facilities

Numerous facilities exist on the forest for a residential camp. Non-residential facilities are also available.

Facility Options

Norton AFB, adjacent to San Bernardino City:

Norton AFB has closed, and the record of decision includes some land for the San Bernardino National Forest. A site is available that could be used in conjunction with other forest uses. The available site would meet the needs of a non-residential component of the program. The remaining portion of the base has been earmarked for other commercial uses. Projects would be 30-90 minutes driving time from the Norton site.

George AFB, adjacent to the City of Victorville:

George AFB has closed. Not all of the site has been earmarked for specific programs. Discussion is on-going for facilities such as kitchens, residential barracks and office space. The George AFB facility would be central to all the agencies but would require a 30 -120 minute commute to most projects.

Camp San Bernardino, within the San Bernardino National Forest:

Numerous organized camps exist within the San Bernardino N.F., as well as more than 28 developed administrative sites. Most sites have an existing infrastructure that could serve the purposes of a new residential facility.

The preferred option of this proposal in the long-term is to construct a new facility that would include the following :

Administration Building:

The administration building would provide a greeting area for the general public as well as prospective AmeriCorps members. It would include a reception area. All the offices needed for the Administrative Officer and staff would be included in this building.

The office of the Camp Director would be located in the administration building, as well as a small meeting/conference room (9-12 people).

The administrative building could initially be a modular building, mobile trailer, rented office space in the local community or other facility until a new building or alternative site is selected.

Community Center:

The community center would include the community dining facility and kitchen. The dining room would be capable of seating up to 100 individuals.

A common area would include mailboxes, vending machines, and a television room.

Office space for the Residential Program Manager and associated staff would be included in this facility. A staff member would be available 24 hours a day to meet the needs of the community members.

A recreation room would be included in this facility. The room would include an area for a ping pong table, and other similar table games. Outside, adjacent to the community center would be a basketball court, tennis court, picnic area, and possibly a swimming pool*.

* The pool would serve as a water source for wildfire fire protection, as well as a training area for a number of activities.

A community laundry facility would be provided in the community center area.

This facility would be a high priority to meet the needs of the residential community. This could be three to four portable or modular buildings that are joined together by a common area or patio.

Cabins or Dormitory Units:

The cabin/dormitory units would house the corpmembers.

Housing for corpmembers would be required. A modular concept with individual rooms for every two to four corpmembers, and four modular rooms connected to a common area, including shower and bath facilities would be ideal.

Wash and dry facilities could be incorporated into the housing units, eliminating the need for a laundry facility in the community center.

Housing for 60-100 corpmembers may be required.

Warehouse/Work Shops:

A warehouse to store supplies and equipment will be necessary. Additionally, work areas, such as a sign shop and carpentry shop may be required. As the program gains support and the corpmembers gain special skills the program supporters may require other special skill work areas.

Secure/Fenced Areas:

Areas will be required to park vehicles, and store project supplies. This would require a 1/3 to 1/2 acre fenced off area. The warehouse/work shop may be located within this area.

Camp Infrastructure:

All facilities will require electricity. Most facilities will require plumbing for water and sewer. All facilities will also require plumbing for gas lines. Telephone lines will be required in most facilities. Cable TV wiring or satellite dish hookups may be required for the community center or individual housing units.

The camp location could require paved roads and the ability to plow snow during the winter months. Year-round access is required.

Construction and Maintenance Experience:

The San Bernardino National Forest, because of its location and generally mild climate for most of the year, enjoys the skills of a highly trained professional year round fire-fighting force. This group of men and women possess many of the skills required to get a camp on-line and construct new facilities where necessary. Almost all construction cost would be for materials only.

Program Requirements

The following provides standards to be included for the residential and non-residential program.

1. The camp will provide a qualified and diverse staff to provide all residential supervision of AmeriCorps participants on a 24 hour day schedule, year-round. All staff will have a current Red Cross standard first aid card, or equivalent.
2. Qualified drivers and vehicles capable of safely transporting participants, tools, and equipment on a variety of road standards in support of all camp activities. Crews will be transported in accordance with state law. Separation will be maintained between tools and passengers.
3. A planned education program of 80 hours will be provided each participant prior to being assigned to a project crew. The program will give participants a broad understanding of the environment, natural resources, their use, and management for each participant agency of the camp. Tool and equipment use, safety, project quality and performance quality will be stressed. Additional training will be provided participants throughout the year, as well as weekly safety sessions and camp team meetings.
4. A variety of planned and organized evening activities will be provided participants. Activities may include transportation to local colleges for continuing education, youth recreational leagues (soccer/basketball/softball), games, presentations by outside speakers, and planned weekend activities.
5. An on-the-ground representative will be on the grounds of the camp at all times to represent the camp director where necessary.
6. Community relations will be a high priority, with the camp director taking the lead. One-on-one relations will be maintained with local civic leaders, law enforcement agencies, and other interest community leaders.
7. All project work will be completed within the specifications and guidelines of the sponsor agency.
8. A detailed outreach and recruitment plan based on the desired participant profile will be prepared prior to participant recruitment.

9. An annual written report of the programs operations will be available no later than September 30 of each year, for the previous 12 month period. This report will include evaluations from staff, participants, camp/agency relations, health and safety matters, food service, physical facilities, education, work projects (including a summary of participant time spent on each project), the evening programs, and vehicles.

10. Liability and medical insurance coverage will be provided to all participants, as well as camp staff.

11. Published rules and procedures that camp participants must adhere to will be presented to participants prior to being employed, and will be reviewed at employee orientation. As a minimum the rules and procedures shall prohibit the following:

- * Alcoholic beverages.
- * Drugs or narcotics, except as authorized by a licensed physician.
- * Firearms.
- * Private vehicles, except as authorized by the camp director.

Discipline will be consistent and in keeping with the overall AmeriCorps program. Prior to participants being discharged from the program for disciplinary, medical, or administrative reasons, the lead agency (Forest Service) as well as parents or guardians where appropriate will be notified.

12. A procedure for tracking participants after they leave the program will be developed.

13. A safety and emergency plan to cover all camp activities, including work projects and off-hours will be developed prior to participants being hired. The camp will form a safety committee consisting of staff and participants.

14. Pre-camp orientation for participants and parents will be available.

15. A means of measuring the impact the program had on participants, relating to such things as knowledge gained and changes in behavior will be developed.

16. Food service will be provide all participants. Meals will furnish at least 3,500 calories per day.

17. One staff person will be certified as EMT, and the training will be available to other staff members.

18. A job hazard analysis will be prepared for each project and reviewed with the participants prior to project initiation.
19. The camp will provide hard hats, gloves, water bottles, and other safety equipment for participants as identified in each projects job hazard analysis.
20. Radio communication will be available at all project sites. Participants will be trained in radio use and procedures.
21. When projects are located more that two hours from the camp, consideration will be given to setting up a spike camp or other temporary housing and facilities for all staff and participants.

Financial Needs Assessment

The following worksheets display staffing requirements and cost, as well as supply and vehicle cost for start-up. In all cases where possible, cost-share or service-in-kind agreements will be enacted. As an example, vehicle rent or lease cost may be an expense of the program, where the daily vehicle use cost (fuel, oil) will be shared by the agency or projects that benefit from the work being preformed.

The program will work in conjunction with the San Bernardino National Forest Association, and where ever possible and necessary the association will provide the lead on many activities. It is proposed that the camp will actually be managed by the association, whereby the typical overhead and associated cost that the government agencies tend to take off the top of the budget may be utilized more efficiently. Payroll services, as an example, will be provided by a local financial institution, where participants payroll may be processed for as little as \$.25 per check. Purchasing activities would also be completed by the association. An independent accounting firm, hired by the association will manage and audit all financial activities.

The figures on the following pages should give an estimate of the total cost of camp operation. The estimates represent only the residential component of the proposal.

Worksheet-Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	OPERATIONS COST		50 PERSON CAMP			
2				UNIT COST	NUMBER UNITS	TOTAL COST
3						
4	EXECUTIVE STAFF					
5	Camp Director, GS-11/12			40000	1	40000
6	Administrative Officer, GS-9			37000	1	37000
7	Residential Program Manager, GS-9			37000	1	37000
8	Work Project Program Manager, GS-9/11			37000	1	37000
9					sub-total	151000
10	ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF					
11	Payroll Clerk, GS-6			30000	1	30000
12	Receptionist/Typist, GS-5			28000	1	28000
13					sub-total	58000
14	RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM STAFF					
15	Residential Housing Manager, GS-7			33000	1	33000
16	Food Service Manager, GS-7			33000	1	33000
17	Food Service Assistant, GS-6			30000	1	30000
18	Residential Living Assistant, GS-6			30000	1	30000
19	Residential Living Assistant, GS-6			30000	1	30000
20	Residential Living Assistant, GS-6			30000	1	30000
21					sub-total	186000
22	WORK PROJECTS STAFF					
23	Orientation & Training Officer, GS-7			33000	1	33000
24	Crew Supervisor, GS-7			33000	1	33000
25	Crew Supervisor, GS-7			33000	1	33000
26	Crew Supervisor, GS-7			33000	1	33000
27	Crew Supervisor, GS-7			33000	1	33000
28					sub-total	165000
29	CORPMEMBERS					
30	Administrative Crew (2)			15000	2	30000
31	Project Crews (4 Crews of 12)			15000	48	720000
32					sub-total	750000
33					TOTAL COST	1,310,000.00
34						

Worksheet-Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E	F
71						
72	VEHICLES		# VEHICLES	MONTHLY RATE	MONTHS	
73	4X4 JEEP (255)		2	197	12	4728
74	4X2 1/2 TON PICKUP (250)		2	182	12	4368
75	4X4 SUBURBAN (257)		4	280	12	13440
76	4X4 1/2 TON PICKUP (260)		4	143	12	6864
77					Total	29,400.00
78						
79	VEHICLES		# VEHICLES	MILAGE RATE	MILES	
80	4X4 JEEP (255)		2	0.251	12000	6024
81	4X2 1/2 TON PICKUP (250)		2	0.263	12000	6312
82	4X4 SUBURBAN (257)		4	0.267	12000	12816
83	4X4 1/2 TON PICKUP (260)		4	0.308	12000	14784
84					Total	39,936.00
85				TOTAL F.O.R. & MILAGE		69,336.00
86						

Worksheet-Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E	F
87	Materials to build new facilities, estimate.					
88	FACILITIES				Sq.Footage	Const.Cost
89	Administrative Building				3000	60000
90	Community Center				5000	90000
91	Cabins/Dorms		4 @ 6000		2000	200000
92	Warehouse/Shops				50000	90000
93	Fenced Areas				1/2 acre	20000
94	Infrastructure					90000
95					Total	550,000.00
96						
97						
98	HOUSING					
99	Furniture Units, Bed room			1000	60	60000
100	Linen, set			100	120	12000
101	Lamps			30	60	1800
102	Living Room			3000	6	18000
103					TOTAL	91,800.00
104						
105						

Worksheet-Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E	F
106						
107	Total Program Estimate Cost - 50 Person Camp					
108				New Camp	Existing Facility	
109	Staff Salary			560000	560000	
110	Corpperson Salary			750000	750000	
111	Supplies, start-up			50000	50000	
112	Vehicle, rental			30000	30000	
113	Vehicle, use			40000	40000	
114	Facilities, one-time			550000	100000	
115	Furniture, one-time			90000	45000	
116	Utilities, power, heat, tele.	estimate		120000	120000	
117			Total	2190000	1695000	

Participant Agency Involvement

Agency support for the AmeriCorps Camp is strong.

San Bernardino National Forest

Forest Supervisor Gene Zimmerman is the strongest advocate for the camp. "In addition to providing each participant with meaningful community service experience, the program will enhance a participants respect for the public lands and ecosystems."

The San Bernardino N.F. would be the lead agency. The forest currently is very active in cost-share and service-in-kind agreements. The forest currently works together with the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service in the management and operation of the Federal Interagency Communication Center in San Bernardino.

California Desert District - Bureau of Land Management

Associate District Manager Jean Rivers-Council is excited about the possibility of an AmeriCorps facility. "Community service can play an important role in accomplishing some of our important natural resource work."

Joshua Tree National Monument - National Park Service

Acting Park Superintendent, Kirt Mossestad has many projects that would provide diversity to the participants role in the AmeriCorps program. "In addition to the rich heritage of the National Park Service, the women and men involved in this program will leave with a greater understanding of the role the major public land management agencies play and how they interact and work together."

Death Valley National Monument - National Park Service

Death Valley would be a one-half day drive from potential camp sites but provides spike camp facilities, and opportunities for winter work sites that may not be available at the higher elevation of the San Bernardino Mountains. Chief Ranger Chris Ward believes that "crews such as AmeriCorps are necessary for us to keep up with the increasing demands placed upon the monument."

San Bernardino National Forest Association

Throughout the 102-year history of the Forest Service, partnerships have been offered and accepted, many times on an informal basis. Today, in the era of "reinventing government," a much more structured approach to philanthropic partnerships is being developed.

The San Bernardino National Forest Association (a non-profit corporation) was established as an innovative way to assist the San Bernardino National Forest achieve its mission of caring for the land and serving people. The Association works to establish and nurture partnerships with the private sector. The association has spectacular examples of the achievement of partnerships between a federal agency, a non-profit, corporate sponsors, and communities.

Kristine Komar, full-time Executive Director of the association is committed to "pulling together the public agency with project sponsors from the private and public sector to accomplish valuable resource work."

The association recently assisted the Southern California Forest's in providing the Capitol Christmas Tree. The project was funded through support from Mack Trucks, Inc.; Hughes Communications, Inc.; Poulan/Weed Eater. Inc.; and American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

The association is also responsible for generating funds to provide a off-highway vehicle coordinator on the forest. The coordinators salary is provided through corporate sources, no government funding is involved.

The support of the association is key to providing cost-share and other agreements to assist in community service resource work on the public lands.

Soil Conservation Service - USDA

The Soil Conservation Service currently enters into agreements with the forest for watershed protection and rehabilitation. Public service will enhance the ability of both agencies to complete valuable resource work.

San Bernardino County Parks and Recreation, San Bernardino City Parks and Recreation, and California State Park System

City, county and state park lands are adjacent to and within the confines of national public lands. As good neighbors, the AmeriCorps crews will preform community service work for local entities.

Summary

An AmeriCorps Camp in the San Bernardino Mountain will provide work for youth from throughout the country, especially Southern California. The community service work performed will instill a pride of country, a positive work ethic, and a new found respect for public lands and natural resources in each corpsmember.

The support for a camp from the interagency government community is strong. It is anticipated that the demand for community service work will be greater than the camp can provide, resulting in only those projects with the greatest value being selected. This competition for quality resource work will provide greater opportunities for cost-share projects, allowing the camp to increase its numbers to 100 participants.

Successful participants will leave the program with an educational bonus and a desire to meet their personal objectives. They will have learned the value of working as a team to accomplish an objective and task.

AmeriCorps participants will be the lobbyist for community service programs of the future.