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APRIL 1-JUNE 30, 1995  
ARKANSAS

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10
2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT THE END OF THE QUARTER  
10
3. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS OF DIRECT SERVICE PERFORMED  
4,528
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Subj: Third Quarter AmeriCorps Report

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This is the third quarter AmeriCorps report for the High Sierra RC&D Area cluster. The time period is April 1, 1995 to June 30, 1995.

1. Number of Members Enrolled at the Time of the Launch:

Five participants reported on October 17, 1994, and the sixth reported on November 21, 1994

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter (June 30, 1995)

Four members

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

1st Quarter	1392 hours
2nd Quarter	4020 hours
3rd Quarter	2956 hours

Total	8368 hours
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4. Total Number of Hours in Training for 3rd Quarter

Group training	280 hours
Individual training	620 hours

The cluster met with the Petaluma cluster for a three day training in Sonoma County. Two members attended the AmeriCorps leadership one day course in Oakland.

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives:

Watershed associations (Coordinated Resource Management Projects (CRMPs) have been formed in two watersheds. The third watershed had to be changed due to some political problems. A grant (319 Clean Water Grant) has been prepared and submitted for this new watershed and reactivation of a CRMP is underway.

The AmeriCorps members have identified a number of landowners and are developing conservation plans with an emphasis on fuel reduction.

6. Primary Accomplishments

- Two CRMPs formed and meeting on fuel reduction.
- Three workshops completed.
- Conservation/fuel management plans have been developed for five landowners with additional landowners identified.
- Grant requests have been prepared and submitted on three project watershed, one has been approved.

7. Projected Outcome for Next Quarter

- Conduct additional workshops.
- Complete conservation/fuel management plans.
- Develop implementation schedules for completed plans.

8. Primary Challenges

- There are concerns from some agencies that this program is competing with their responsibilities. Our challenge is to prove that we are there to support and help their programs. Also, some State laws require that fuel management plans be certified by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). We are working on a system of review to reduce paperwork and time on our plans.

We have applied for a one year extension of our project. We need prompt information on approval of that extension so we can begin the recruitment process.

9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs

- We could use an NRCS forester assigned to our area to assist AmeriCorps and an upcoming workload from approved grants.

10. Media Coverage

On June 14, Joel Berg, USDA AmeriCorps Director, toured our project area and met with AmeriCorps members. There was news coverage from the Sacramento Bee, Auburn Journal, Roseville Press Tribune and Georgetown Gazette (copies attached).

Volunteer Hours This Quarter: NONE

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# Reducing the fuel for killer fires

## Americorps volunteers set up model programs

BY CATHERINE BRIDGE  
Neighbors staff writer

Off Shoo Fly Road near Kelsey last week, two vanloads of Natural Resources Conservation Service officials and the Americorps volunteers working with them surveyed a four-county fuel reduction pilot program surveyed the lingering devastation from August's arson-set fire.

Despite recent salvage logging, crowded stands of thin blackened poles, looking like toothpick forest, still mark the site where a fire roared over 860 acres.

"Burns in the foothills easily get to 1,000 to 30,000 acres," Cliff Heitz, the conservation service district's conservator in Auburn told the group, which included Joel Berg, head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's contingent of Americorps volunteers. "It was just luck, a fluke that the fire didn't sweep on to Georgetown."

Bob Roan, head of the High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development team, said, "Because the fuel load is so heavy, these become killer fires, not just canopy fires, but the kind that fry



LEZLIE STERLING / NEIGHBORS

Jesse Haramati and Aleta Apgar are Americorps volunteers who educate people on how to clear a firebreak to keep their homes safe. They leave islands of manzanita

behind as habitat for birds and other animals. The volunteers demonstrated the technique in El Dorado County and several other foothills counties.

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That's why the USDA-funded conservation service has recruited six Americorps volunteers with science backgrounds to

help set up model fuel reduction programs on private land in Amador, Nevada, Placer and El Dorado counties. The conservation service, together with officials of area fire districts, the California Department of Forestry and the U.S. Forest Service, envisions a public-private partnership in which

landowners receive public agency help developing fuel reduction and defensible space plans for fires and up to \$200 per acre or 75 percent of the costs to clear the land.

In El Dorado County, volunteers Aleta  
SEE FIRE, PAGE 5

# Powerhouse theme charges Folsom historical conference

BY NICOLE MASSARA  
Neighbors staff writer

Folsom, billing itself as "the city on the

powerhouse, which made long-distance transmission of electric power possible.

Mary Otis, conference liaison with the Folsom Historical Society, said the Folsom

restaurants.

"It's not often that you get to host a state conference," said Claudia Cummings, president of the Folsom Historical Society

well. Some 40 hotel rooms have been reserved in Folsom for conferees and others have been booked in Rancho Cordova, said June Hoge, curator of the Folsom Hi-

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Apgar and Jesse Haramati are working under the supervision of conservation service officials to set model sites on the 40 square acre Traverse Creek watershed between Georgetown and Kelsey, the only area thus far eligible for cost sharing.

"At first we thought it was just an issue of getting people to clean up the forests," said Haramati, 20, who's taking a year off from his dual degree program in environmental studies and engineering in the University of California system.

"But we were naive. People knew. The fire districts — particularly (Fire Chief) Rick Todd at Georgetown — have done a good PR job. The issue is cost. So we're doing a cost-share plan, where we pay some and they pay some, and that saves their house."

One version of the ideal fire-proof forest is the Darling Ridge fuel break; another stop on last week's tour. It is a 20-mile stretch of U.S. Forest Service land to the northeast of Kelsey that has been turned into a sort of meadowland, with big old trees scattered across open space.

"There here would do almost nothing," said Apgar, a teacher who specialized in organic viticulture at her own Las Montanas Winery in Sonoma County for many years.

She pointed out that oily manzanita bushes have been cleared along with "fuel ladders" that take grass fires into the trees so that the recent prescribed burns have slackened the tough bark on the older, more resilient trees, but left them alive and healthy.

This "fire-safe" ridge top will stop fires racing uphill from the canyons that fall away on either side, protecting both the Forest Service land and Georgetown to the west. "We have a pretty sick forest in the Sierra," said Roan, "because of so many small trees competing for space. But this is the deal: It's parklike, and fires that come through here will stay on the ground."

The goal is to enlist property owners to start managing their land similarly. "But the biggest problem," said Apgar, "is that there's no labor force at a low rate to do the work. Loggers have the equipment they need, but if it's strictly fuel reduction, it's a minimum of

"Then what do you do with the slash? It's another \$40 an hour to chip what you've cut."

Property owners who try to recoup some of that expense by selling timber must pay an average of \$4,000 to \$5,000 to a registered forester for an official timber harvest plan, no matter how small the actual harvest. Currently, the only legal exemptions to that requirement include cutting 150 feet of defensible space around buildings for fire safety, one-time conversions of 3 acres to agriculture or a building site, a "sanitation cut" of no more than 10 percent of dying or dead trees, or harvesting Christmas trees.

Ultimately, conservation service officials hope to put in place timber management plans for a whole watershed, so that individual property owners could conduct limited cuts under its conditions without incurring the full expense of separate plans per parcel.

Meanwhile Apgar and Haramati are putting the finishing touches on a fuel reduction plan for a 40-acre site owned by Berton Threlkel, who sits on the board of the Georgetown Divide branch of the Resources Conservation District. Three more sites in the Traverse Creek Watershed have been targeted for demonstrations, once homeowners are enlisted. They include Hotchkiss Hill, the heart of the watershed near the intersection of Bear and Traverse creeks, and an area at the edge of the Kelsey burn.

Raising community awareness of the need for fuel reduction generally has also led to extensive work in the schools, with Apgar working to design a unit on the importance of watersheds with instructors at Sierra Ridge School in Pollock Pines, classes cleaning up stretches of the American River and both she and Haramati working with Debra Powers' environmental classes at El Dorado High School on projects along Hangtown Creek. Apgar hopes to start an "Adopt A Watershed" program in area schools next year.

The fuel reduction program employing Americorps volunteers is the only one of its kind among the USDA's contingent of 1,200 corps members at work on 42 sites across the nation since last fall. These volunteers are either older and/or have already specialized in the sciences. Because of the wildland-urban population

the foothill forests, this area was selected for special focus and effort, according to conservation service officials.

While most volunteers receive Vista-level salaries of \$7,900 annually, these volunteers earn \$12,000, paid by the USDA at the tune of \$22 million in the program's first year. The Corporation for National Service provides a voucher of \$4,725 per service year to a maximum of two years for each participant, applicable only to educational expenses within the next seven years.

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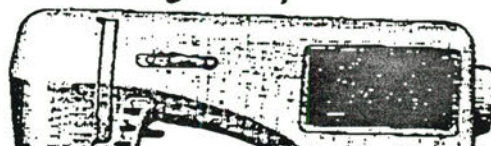
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# Volunteers help snuff the fuel for killer fires

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Synchronized swimming coach for the Auburn Mermaids Sheri Patton and her son Jeffrey, 4, take cover underneath an umbrella during the first meet of the Mermaids at the Recreation Park Pool in Auburn, which went ahead as planned Wednesday.

By Sharon McCullough  
Journal Staff

Local Americorps workers proudly showed off their Applegate wild-fire prevention project to the

group's national director Wednesday.

The director, Joel Berg, a Clinton appointee, visited the Waldorf School in Applegate and other area projects as part of a "whirlwind"

# Students 'fight' fires; earn dollars for college

By Linda DuBois  
Journal Staff

When Ed Koons found his 6-year-old daughter unconscious and not breathing, he knew exactly what to do — he ran to his son Adam.

Adam, then 14, cleared his choking sister's airway and performed rescue breathing, probably saving her life.

For his courage and clear-headed action during a life-threatening emergency, Adam was awarded the Heroism Award by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America. National representatives were present at a ceremony in the Newcastle Fire

cue training he learned in Boy Scouts Troop 13 in Newcastle.

"The training starts as soon as you get into Boy Scouts and they make you review it a heck of a lot," said Adam, who joined Cub Scouts in about the second grade. Scouts have to pass first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation tests before they can earn a new rank, added Adam, now a First Class Scout.

Until last November, the youth had never used his rescue training. "There was nothing serious before then," he said, "just small bleeding and things like that."

Adam recalls how everything he'd learned came back to him when it most counted. He was

base. "We're in training right now," DePietro said, noting that civil cases will be the first to be incorporated into the system, followed by small claims, criminal and traffic cases.

The change occurring on July 1 focuses mainly on consolidating the two court systems' administrations and staffs. DePietro said it required changing some staff assignments, reclassifying jobs, changing forms and procedures to have consistency in managing the people and the work.

Consolidation's goal is to make courts more efficient, but the public may not notice anything dramatic for many months.

"The public will see an increased efficiency and service at a court location," DePietro said. The key will be the computer system which links all courts together. The system, developed and marketed by the company SUSTAIN, is in operation in 17 California counties, and 250 court systems the nation. DePietro envisioned Placer County's system being available via computer to the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, Probation Department, all law enforcement agencies in the county and selected public access points, such as the Placer County Law Library.

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promotional tour.

Berg admired the work — a demonstration project aimed at educating area residents about fuel reduction strategies — and tried to reassure them in the face of potential

cuts in the program.

The federal Americorps program operated under the Agriculture Department, may be on the chopping block.

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block in Washington. Berg said funding has already been secured for next year, but funding for the following year is less certain.

The Americorps program is a pet project of President Clinton, but has come under attack by some who say it discourages volunteerism and promotes a liberal agenda, according to Berg.

The program began last September. Workers perform a variety of tasks for \$7 per hour and are eligible for \$4,700 to repay student loans or graduate school tuition. The minimum age is 17 and there is no maximum age.

Americorps has three categories of service: anti-hunger, rural development and environment.

Two Auburn Americorps workers are collaborating with staff from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's local office in an effort to promote brush and tree clearing to prevent massive fires that can destroy homes and vegetation.

The local Americorps project goal is to help prevent the out-of-control wildfires that level tens of thousands of acres of forest lands each year. Workers have been meeting with landowners in the Meadow Vista area to discuss ways of safeguarding their property.

The Waldorf School has donated land to be used as a demonstration site showing what can be done to prevent disastrous fires.

Besides protecting homes and natural vegetation, the project saves the cost of bailing out fire victims. One staff member said the 800-acre Kelsey fire destroyed 13 homes and cost \$4 million, but would have only required \$10,000 for prevention efforts.

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something had happened to Emily and she wasn't breathing," Adam recalls. "I told my dad to call 911."

Adam's dad had found Emily lying unconscious, face-down in vomit.

Adam hurried to his sister. "Her eyes were rolled back and she wouldn't respond to anything," he said.

He tried a mouth-to-mouth test breath, but the air would not go into her lungs. So he turned her onto her back and began performing the abdominal thrusts that are used to clear the airways of unconscious choking victims. She began to vomit again, and he turned her head to the side and cleared out her mouth.

Meanwhile, his dad had called for help and his brother, Brandon, now 13, had run outside to the street to guide the fire department paramedics into the proper driveway.

Adam's efforts opened Emily's airway, and he continued to help her breathe. About six minutes after his dad had called 911, the paramedics arrived and immediately gave Emily oxygen.

When the ambulance arrived, Adam rode with Emily to the hospital. About halfway there, she came to, and began to cry.

Throughout the whole incident, Adam says he was scared, but remembered what Scouts had taught him about the stages of panic to control his emotions. "I was breathing fast, but what I learned helped me to keep calm. I knew when I would start to panic, so I could control it," he said.

Resuscitating his sister, "was emotional, but also mechanical," Adam said, because he had practiced the procedure so many times.

Without his training, Adam says, "I don't think I would have known how to do anything."

He'd encourage anyone of any age to learn first aid and CPR techniques. "It's probably one of the most important things I've ever learned," he said. "I didn't think it would ever happen to me. But you just never know when you'll need it."

Emily's incident is a perfect example of unexpected disaster. The happy, healthy child had no signs of illness only an hour

before her dad became conscious. The father later what had led to her. She developed high fever — for a reason — which was a brille seizure, an induced seizure common in infants. Children Emily's mother, Carol, said.

Carol was surprised by the trauma, since she knew when Emily fell, she would find out about it the day when I got said. "It was a miss."

She wasn't sure of Adam's role. "Adam's the kind of person you're in a crisis around. He's got a head," she said.

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clining deficits in order to demonstrate that his hard-fought 1993 deficit-reduction package was part of a long-term strategy.

Unfortunately, Clinton was waylaid by political considerations -- a desire Republicans suffer the consequences, either of failing to deliver on the promises to balance the budget or of slashing so deeply that they offended masses of voters.

This tactic was gleefully taken up by most congressional Democrats, who have failed to offer any alternative programs of their own -- except for a Senate welfare plan derived from Clinton's -- and seemingly expected

That's OK. Clinton probably is a better prospect for re-election in 1996 if he separates himself from the "old" Democratic thinking that dominates Congress and follows a "new Democrat" strategy of moderate government downsizing.

Everything depends, however, on Clinton's being able to demonstrate sustained conviction. Right now, that's in doubt.

*Morton Kondracke is executive editor of Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill. Opinions are the writer's and not necessarily those of the Journal.*

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prepared," "poorly thought out," and "irresponsible."

Judy Cannedy, assistant superintendent for business of Placer Union High School District, says, "I'm really disappointed that somebody at the state level would strike a low blow like this."

Placer County Supervisor, Ron Lichau, picks up the pace by calling the report, "a knee jerk reaction," and "What you're seeing is job justification. I think they don't have anything to do down there."

Am I missing something here? In lieu of what happened recently in Orange County with its costly derivative speculation, I would think our county would pull back from its 60 percent (\$200,000 million!) investment.

As a taxpayer, I would appreciate, as the song in "Oliver" puts it, a "re-viewing of the situation."

Gail Wise  
Newcastle

**■ On Americorps.** As an AmeriCorps member in Auburn, thank you for the article in the Auburn Journal.

I would like the public to know that implementation of the wildfire prevention demonstration project at the Live Oak Waldorf School could not have been completed without the cooperation of the California Conservation Corp, County of Placer, Placer Hills Fire Protection District, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Placer County Resource Conservation District, and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

I know your main emphasis was AmeriCorps, but I want to say that this was a multi-agency cooperation to educate the public about fire hazard and prevention.

James Newman  
AmeriCorps  
Auburn

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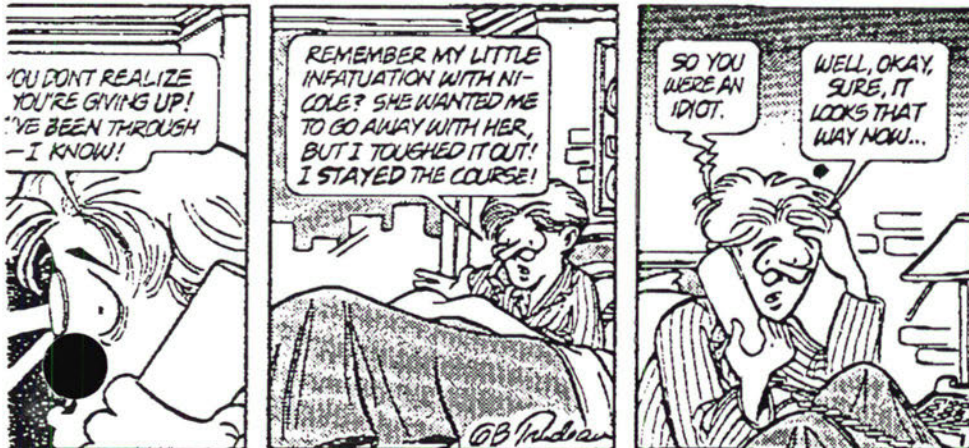
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



## People

After five years of marriage, comic Rita Rudner gave her husband, filmmaker Martin Bergman, a choice.

"I asked my husband, 'Would you rather have a baby or a movie this year?'" she said in the June 24 TV Guide. "He said a movie."

At least Rudner gets to play pregnant in the movie he made, "A Weekend in the Country."

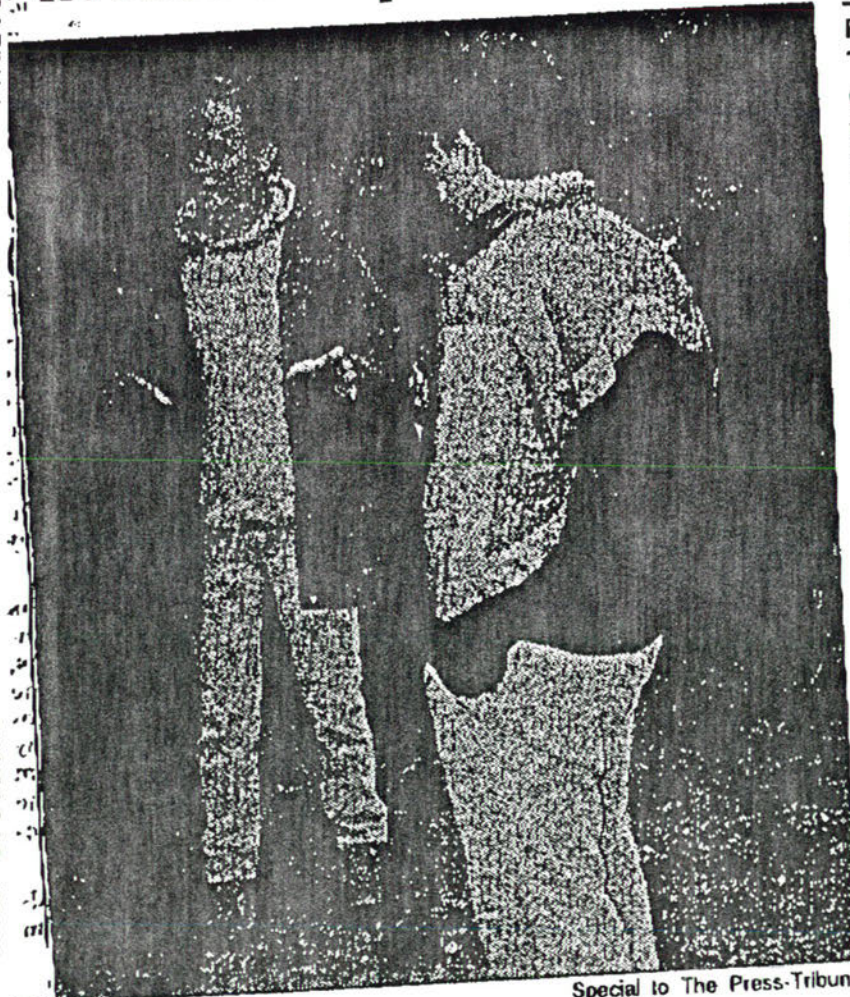
In addition to directing, Bergman produced and co-wrote the romantic comedy that also stars Jack Lemmon.

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# AmeriCorps director visits Auburn during state tour



### From staff reports

**AUBURN** — Joel Berg, AmeriCorps director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recently visited Auburn to discuss "healthy forest" concepts to reduce the destruction of forest fires in Northern California.

Meeting with Berg and other AmeriCorps members were Rich Gresham, Placer Resources Conservation District manager; Stan McDonald, RDC board member; Cliff Heitz, Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist; Bob Roan, NRCS project coordinator; and Wilam Powers, Consolidated Farm Services Agency and AmeriCorps facilitator for Northern California.

Berg discussed ongoing community projects in the Northern Sierra Nevada Region and then toured the Waldorf School Fuel Reduction demonstration project at the site of last year's Kelsey Wildfire, and the Darling Ridge Fuel Reduction and Hansen Hollow Defensible Space projects.

The meeting, a joint effort of the Placer RCD, NRCS and High Sierra Resource Conservation & Development Council, focused on AmeriCorps members participation in fuel reduction efforts and "healthy forest" concepts to reduce the destructiveness of forest

fires.

"AmeriCorps has really been of help in working with landowners in developing fuel reduction plans," said Heitz. "The main purpose of these plans is to reduce the understory vegetation in the forest, thus reducing the fuel load and eliminating the ladder fuels."

Heitz goes on to point out the program promotes the protection of rural residences and natural resources from fire and serves to keep a healthy forest concept. He added that attention will be focused on Meadow Vista's 2,000-

3,000-acre watershed area.

Powers said AmeriCorps is good investment with excellent return for America and California.

"AmeriCorps is working many worthwhile projects," said. "I'm delighted Berg was able to come here and see for himself the great work AmeriCorps is doing in California. Its members really a great group of people who work hard for their stipend."

Roan succinctly puts the various fuel reduction projects in perspective.

## Chevron's CEO sets Capital talk

### From staff reports

**SACRAMENTO** — Kenneth Deer, Chevron's chairman and chief executive officer, will talk about the drive for legal and regulatory reform July 10 at the Sacramento Comstock Club.

The luncheon meeting will begin at noon at the Radisson Hotel, 500 Leisure Lane, off Highway 160 at Canterbury Road. Cost is \$14 for members in advance and \$20 for guests and all door sales. Reservations can be made by calling 485-6494, faxing 485-6492, or mailing them to 2717 Cottage Way, Suite 8, Sacramento, 95825.

In Deer's view, corporate America is not asking for permission to pollute. What he believes business wants a logical balance in a system that has grown to a handicap to innovation and economic growth.

Joel Berg, right, AmeriCorps director, listens to Jim Newman of the Auburn AmeriCorps during a visit to Placer County.

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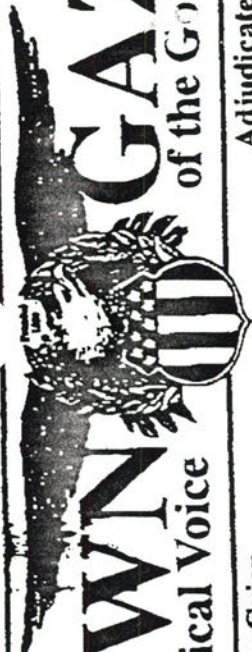
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lowed a maximum of two years service. They must be at least 17 years old with no maximum age limit for participation.

The USDA operates three types of AmeriCorps teams throughout 38 states: an Anti-Hunger Team, a Public Lands and Environment Team, and a Rural Development Team, being used on the Georgetown Divide. The Rural Development Team members in Placer and El Dorado counties are working on Fuel Reduction Projects on U.S. Forest Service and private lands, educating people on preventing brush from igniting and creating massive fires.

The criteria for a project has several components, Berg said. "We must be able to see measurable concrete results that are meeting the community's needs. Fuel reduction really matters to this community. We make sure members will get something out of it. And we must balance different parts of the states and counties which get projects."

Appropriately, Berg's first stop following lunch at Parra's Mexican Restaurant was the Kelsey Fire burn area which exemplified the need for fuel reduction in the area. Other stops included the Darling Ridge Fuel Reduction Project and Hansen Hollow Defensible Space Project all of which are being aided by AmeriCorps volunteers.

"We're not the federal government coming in," said Berg. "We're empowering communities to get done what they need. We believe that states and local communities should have control. The majority of

the members work for private companies."

Working in conjunction with agencies like the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the USDA Soil Conservation Service, and the Consolidated Farm Service Agency to name just a few, AmeriCorps volunteers provide labor and skills necessary for whatever their local communities need similar to the work force provided by the California Conservation Corps.

"We stress four points," said Berg. "Getting the job done, building strong communities, expanding educational opportunities, and promoting personal responsibility."

Although the program has been criticized by some Americans, it has received high bipartisan support in Congress. Most of the criticisms, Berg said, come from people who know nothing about the program.

"They say volunteers should not be paid because then others will not volunteer for nothing," he said. "Our members have inspired and energized others, not discouraged them from providing their own public service. We believe in order to transform civic ethics, people should do more to improve communities."

To become a paid volunteer in the AmeriCorps program, you can call (800)94-ACORP to receive an application. A catalog listing individual projects will be mailed from which you may choose to participate.

Local volunteers meeting with Berg poses were James Newman, Jesse Haramati, Aitha Brusin, Carol Rutenbergs, and Aleta Apgar

## National Americorps director visits Divide projects

by Rebecca Murphy

Following the first year of President Clinton's AmeriCorps program, the Divide was visited last week by Joel Berg, Director of the Department of Agriculture's component of the program.

"I'm systematically visiting all our sites throughout the country," he said. "The USDA

received the largest grant for its AmeriCorps projects with 1,200 members in 38 states."

The program provides jobs and a \$12,000 to \$20,000 stipend to volunteers performing community service-type work. The process to acquire funds through the Corporation for National Service is a competitive one for different federal agencies and resulted in the

USDA's award of \$2.5 million. The \$20,000 maximum payment made to volunteers designing and working on projects that are helpful to their particular area include catastrophic health benefits and an education award of \$4,725. Volunteers are p

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Joel Berg (second from right), Director of the Department of Agriculture's AmeriCorps Program, visited the devastation of last year's Kelsey Fire.

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## Third Quarter AmeriCorps Report

### Lancaster/Somis Field Offices

Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, April Jurgen,  
Nasreen Alam, David Macias, Shannon Perkins

April 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995

#### 1. Number of members enrolled at beginning of quarter.

6 of 6

#### 2. Number of members enrolled at the end of quarter.

3 of 6

#### 3a. Total number of hours of direct service performed.

Lancaster FO = 543 hours  
Somis FO = 318 hours

#### 3b. Total number of hours contributed from other volunteers.

Total number of other volunteers = 62  
Total number of volunteer hours = 786 hours

#### 4. Total number of hours in training.

Lancaster FO = 240 hours  
Somis FO = 100 hours

One could add an additional 510 hours for support of direct service/training from NRCS staff as in:

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#### 5. Progress towards meeting community service objectives.

1 **Objective #1** is to provide technical assistance to residents of the 1993 Kinneloa fire area in Los Angeles and the Malibu fire area in Ventura County. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies:

Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance	County Fire Department
Communities homeowner associations	Altadena Flames
L.A. County Board of Supervisors	Altadena Town Council
Office of Emergency Services	L.A. County Public Works

Americorps members from Lancaster FO have been working with community organizations to conduct a survey on residents awareness on emergency preparedness and on NRCS and other agencies involvement with flood mitigation measures. The Eaton Canyon Recovery Alliance Newsletter is a possible channel to distribute the survey questions to residents.

Americorps members from Somis published a newsletter article to promote awareness and to educate the community in taking fire prevention steps for their properties. Three hundred newsletters were sent out to fire affected residents.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Somis FO assisted NRCS staff in ECP projects with on-site damage reports and field surveys in flooded farm lands. They also assisted the office engineer and conservationist in the development of conservation plans in damaged areas for the ECP program.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster FO assisted the Urban and Community Assistance Team with engineering surveys for an erosion control structure design in Pasadena. They also assisted the Urban Team in collecting soil samples for testing at potential urban garden sites in the City of Los Angeles.

☐ The Memorandum of Understanding and project agreement on vegetative trials between NRCS/Ventura County Fire District has been signed. This is a 50/50 funded project under the EWP Program. The purpose of the project is to help individuals, groups and units of government to do better resource planning to protect lives and property. AmeriCorps members from Somis FO are completing the second newsletter about the Fire Retardant Plant Projects.

☐ The project consists of a field trial which will help people select fire resistant plants by evaluating effective fire resistant, drought tolerant and erosion controllable plant species from preselected plant species. There will also be three demonstration trials to educate people on planting and maintenance of these plants in better landscaping to reduce fire hazards and to provide esthetic values from these plants.

☐ **Objective #2** is to assist residents of Antelope Acres with technical needs in establishing vegetation for windbreaks on and around windblown area in Antelope Valley. The AmeriCorps staff has met with the following agencies/groups:

Antelope Acres Town Council  
Waste Management of Lancaster  
Dustbuster Task Force

Antelope Acres Community Center  
Antelope Valley R.C.D.  
Antelope Valley College

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster FO produced brochures for the AVRCD Nursery on tree windbreak plantings. They also assisted AVRCD in putting together the mailing list for the Southern CA Coalition of RCD newsletter.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster FO assisted Patti Novak and Dave Vaughn with line-point vegetation transects at the Dustbuster EWP and research plots. They also assisted Richard Campbell in organizing the Dustbuster tour and put together an information packet for the tour.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster and Somis field offices did grounds work at the AVRCD Nursery which involved weeding potted plants, planting tree seedlings into band boxes, and transplanting young trees to gallon size pots.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster FO assisted California Cooperative Extension with vegetation transects in Antelope Valley and collected plant samples to measure the productivity of different plant communities.

☐ AmeriCorps members from Lancaster FO assisted Patti Novak in collecting seeds from Indian Rice Grass, Needle Grass, and Squirrel Tail from Antelope Valley for the Plant Material Center.

☐ **Objective #3** is to have an educational outreach program to educate the public on soil and water conservation and the conservation of our natural resources. The AmeriCorps staff have met with the following organizations:

Antelope Valley College  
Malibu High School  
Schools' Involvement Program

Quartz Hill High School  
California Envirothon

- Nasreen Alam presented a soils training session, for the Malibu High School students involved in the California Envirothon, at the U.S. National Forest Service in Ojai. This program provided a hands-on educational experience as well as classroom exercises on soils.
- Richard Campbell, from Antelope Valley RCD, and AmeriCorps members, from the Lancaster and Apple Valley field offices, participated in the Schools' Involvement Program, which is organized by the 48th District Agricultural Association. This involved judging agriculture and science projects from 1st through 8th grade students (approximately 600 students involved).
- AmeriCorps members from Somis were involved in the summer job fair in Simi Valley in order to provide information about NRCS and AmeriCorps.

#### **Other Community Activities**

- AmeriCorps members from Lancaster, Somis, and Edwards AFB Soil Survey field offices assisted the Allied Art Center in refurbishing their historic building in downtown Lancaster. The Allied Arts Association is operated by senior citizens and is a non-profit organization.

#### **6. Primary accomplishments.**

- Educational outreach efforts have been successful with the soils presentation to CA Envirothon students, with the participation in judging agricultural and science projects, and with involvement in the Summer Job Fair.
- Accomplished community service activities for the Allied Arts Center and the Lancaster Public Library. AmeriCorps from somis provided information on fire-wise landscaping for Malibu residents through newsletters.

#### **7. Projected outcome for next quarter.**

- Conduct demonstration and field trials for Fire Retardant Plants project.
- Publish newsletters on the progress and results of the demonstration/field trials.
- Progress on putting together and mailing out survey questions to fire area residents in Altadena and Pasadena.
- Begin organizing a slide presentation on windbreaks, plants, and AmeriCorps activities.

#### **8. Primary challenges.**

- For FY 96, planning for windbreak and plant projects should be done by winter season so that plans can be implemented during optimum weather condition in the spring.
- Plans for educational outreach is being developed with slide presentations to schools and communities.
- A few staff members are trained in watershed/ecosystem conservation planning. Considerable time from the NRCS staff is being used for technical support.

#### **9. Primary training and technical assistance needs.**

- Formulation of conservation plans and writing narratives for plan.
- Knowledge of soil and water conservation to develop an effective and economic conservation plans for the community.
- Knowledge of engineering principals related to hydrology, debris flows, erosion, windbreaks, etc.
- Technical assistance on desert vegetations, landscaping, irrigation systems, etc.

**Step 10 can better be presented at the end of fourth quarter.**

**11. Other creative documentations.**

1. Photo-Log of AmeriCorps Activities.
2. Letters from Hershel Read, Schools' Involvement Program, ECRA, Allied Arts Association, and OES.
3. News articles from USDA News, and Current Developments.
4. Certificates of Appreciation from AVRCD and NRCS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Dean".

Bob Dean  
District Conservationist  
Lancaster Field Office

cc: Bill Gradle  
Area Conservationist  
Salinas Area Office



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**Subject:** PGM - Examples of AmeriCorps  
Contributions to Community Service

**Date:** APR 03 1995

**To:** Lloyd E. Wright, Director,  
Community Assistance and Resource  
Development Division, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

**File Code:** 440

Enclosed, please find two publications titled "Plants and Their Characteristics In The Antelope Valley" and "Establishing Tree Windbreaks for Residents In Antelope Valley." These publications were developed by AmeriCorps members in the Lancaster field office. Los Angeles County, which houses the Antelope Valley, suffered severe damage during the 1993 fire storms and the 1995 floods. Residents will be able to utilize this information to restore their property.

The publications are examples of how the AmeriCorps program is effectively providing community service.

*Hershel R. Read*  
for HERSHEL R. READ  
State Conservationist

cc: w/o enclosures  
Manuel A. Roman, Assistant State Conservationist (P), NRCS, Davis, Ca  
William J. Gradle, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Salinas, CA  
**Robert L. Dean**, District Conservationist, NRCS, Lancaster, CA  
Timothy D. Cattron, Information Systems Director, NRCS, Davis, CA



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Phillip D. Sam, AmeriCorps Member  
USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 North Date Ave., Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Phil:

On behalf of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in California, I am honored to present this Special Act of Volunteer Service Award for the outstanding service you have provided to the residents in the Kinneloa and Laguna fire areas.

Robert Dean, District Conservationist from the Lancaster Field Office, has kept me informed on the conservation mitigation plans you and your AmeriCorps team members prepared in order to better protect the residents and their personal properties from possible mud and debris flows due to winter rains in Southern California. Bob has also made me aware of the countless hours you have contributed in the evenings and weekends working side by side with fire victims for the purpose of putting the mitigation plan in action. Your generosity in sharing your time and expertise is greatly appreciated--you have made a significant contribution in controlling future damage and in furthering the recovery efforts from these tragic fires.

We know that hundreds of Californians affected by these events join us in our gratitude. You have demonstrated by your actions the true intention of the AmeriCorps program.

Sincerely,

HERSHEL R. READ  
State Conservationist

cc:

William J. Gradle, Area Conservationist, NRCS, Salinas, CA  
L. Robert Dean, District Conservationist, NRCS, Lancaster, CA



## SCHOOLS' INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM

State of California • 48th District Agricultural Association

June 8, 1995

### Mission

*To promote an understanding of, and appreciation for, the role of agriculture in contemporary society through classroom education, community events and distribution of information through a public information program.*

Mr. Phillip Sam  
Americorps  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture  
4811 N. Date Avenue, Ste D  
Lancaster, CA 93534


Dear Mr. Sam:

Agriculture is alive and well in urban Los Angeles, as I am sure you noticed as you judged plants and later student pilot projects at the 1995 Schools' Involvement Exposition at the Puente Hills Mall. Our Expo clearly demonstrated that students in the city really can learn by using agriculture, even if they have never seen real farms.

The 48th District Agricultural Association Board of Directors and our staff want to thank you for a job well done. It is important to the success of this project that our judges come from the agriculture world, so your time and expertise were appreciated. While every student receives a ribbon just for participating, many classrooms won \$\$\$ for what they taught.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

  
Carol Spoelstra-Pepper  
Executive Director



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Mr. L. Robert Dean  
District Conservationist  
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 N. Date Avenue, Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Bob:

I'm so sorry that you were not able to join us at our dessert party in commemoration of the closing of the OES office. Thanks so much for sending Phillip. He did a great job on his presentation and the plaque was most appreciated by Virginia.

I hope all continues to go well.

Very truly yours,

Ursula H. Hyman  
of LATHAM & WATKINS

cc: Richard Baumer

# Antelope Valley Allied Arts Association

April 28, 1995

Mr. Bob Dean, District Conservationist  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 N. Date Avenue, Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Mr. Dean:

The Executive Board of Allied Arts Association would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the AMERICORPS volunteers who gave so freely of their time and muscle to clean and paint at the Cedar Centre. "Thank you" just cannot convey how much we appreciate all the things they accomplished in such a short time.

The main crew - SANDY HAYNES, PHILLIP SAM and APRIL JURGEN - were there faithfully each work day. Others who helped were: CHRISAND GILES, PRISCILLA GUERRERO, DAVID MACIAS and SHANNON PERKINS. We will be forever grateful for your help.

We of Allied Arts want to make the Cedar Centre a showcase of fine art to benefit the entire Antelope Valley, children and grownups alike. With the help of your outstanding AMERICORPS organization, our dreams are much closer to being realized.

Again, thank you for your invaluable help. If we can do anything to help your organization, please call us at (805) 726-0655.

Sincerely,



Betty Midkiff,  
President

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April 20, 1995

Bob Dean  
District Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
44811 North Date Ave. Suite G  
Lancaster, CA 93534

Dear Bob:

Thank you so much for the certificate of appreciation and kind words delivered by Phillip Sam of AmeriCorps. I was surprised and thrilled by the recognition. This effort to support recovery from the firestorm and prevent future disasters has been a true public-private partnership.

Recovery from a firestorm is very slow, and only 66 of the 115 completely burned private homes have entered the permit process, with about 20 of those complete. Still, at this point almost all of the fire veterans, as they prefer to call themselves, are moving forward. Our second mission, to prevent a second disaster, has been accomplished -- with your help. Through the placing of 60,000 sandbags, dozens of k-rails, enlarging and frequent cleaning out of the debris basins, installation of block walls and other barriers, the Altadena Kinneloa area avoided serious damage to property.

Your agency provided immeasurable help through the survey and identification of homes which needed mitigation measures, the door-to-door and face-to-face contacts, and your leadership in bringing all the affected agencies together to discuss the threat. AmeriCorps volunteers Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes, and April Jurgen have been extremely helpful, and I believe that the entire fire-impacted community realizes it. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of people, from the public and private sectors, and together, we have accomplished a great deal. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Virginia Kimball  
Manager

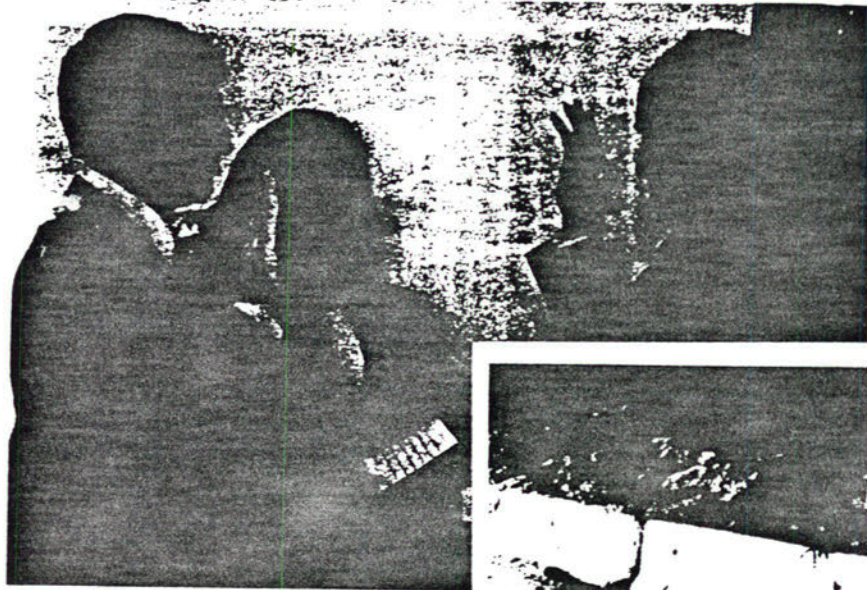
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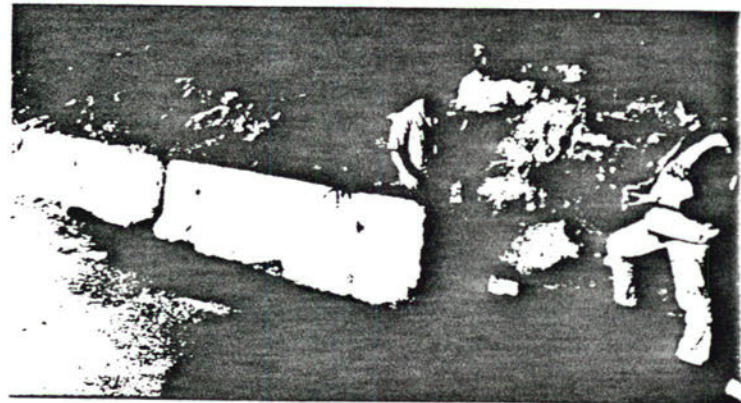
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NRCS civil engineer Laura Lundin (center) explains to AmeriCorps volunteers Phillip Sam (left) and Sandy Haynes in Altadena, Calif. how NRCS employees directed the placement of the two cement barriers, known as "K rails." This ensured that the barriers worked as a conservation measure by deflecting and redirecting sediment during the rains and subsequent flooding that hit the state in January and March. USDA employees initiated a number of actions, in both urban and rural settings, to combat the effects of these floods. Note the story on page 3.

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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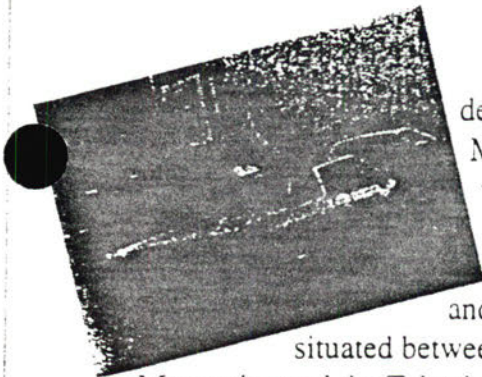
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## Message from the State Conservationist

NRCS Reorganization continues to move along the path as we have discussed before. At a meeting in Washington, D.C. last week the personnel management plan for 1996 was shared with all employees at national headquarters and representatives from each state. Hank Wyman, Nat Deutsch and I attended the meeting and brought back a number of materials describing the

## AmeriCorp Members Breeze Into Antelope Valley

by Rita Bickel



AmeriCorps members held a much needed tree windbreak planting demonstration at the Antelope Acres Community Center on Saturday, March 4th. Property owners in the Antelope Valley experience strong winds and blowing sand most of the year. **David Lundin**, NRCS Engineer from the Lancaster Field Office Urban Team, says that wind is siphoned into the valley very quickly because of the unique topography and meteorology of the area. The valley is

situated between two mountain ranges, the San Gabriel Mountains and the Tehachapi Mountains. As cool damp air from the ocean backs up against the San Gabriel Mountains and meets the warm dry desert air approaching from the Tehachapis, the result is strong wind, blowing sand and severe soil erosion.

Members of the community were invited to the event. AmeriCorps members and the Urban Team held an informative talk on windbreaks, tree planting techniques, irrigation and tree choices for windbreaks in the Antelope Valley. Informative and easy to read brochures were made available for attendees. Following the talk AmeriCorps members **Phillip Sam, Sandy Haynes and April Jurgen** demonstrated the proper way to plant trees. It was explained that proper planting allows trees to have a quick and healthy establishment period. Property owners got to take part in some hands on experience by planting a few of the trees themselves. For this event the Antelope Valley RCD donated 54 Arizona cypress seedlings from their nursery, and the Antelope Acres Community Center covered the cost of irrigation supplies and planting materials. Lancaster Urban Team members **Patti Novak and David Lundin** provided guidance and experience for the project. This project does not stop here, however. AmeriCorps members will spend the next few months providing residents with further information and assistance. They will be contributing to property owner windbreak efforts by helping with the design of individual windbreaks, design of irrigation systems, selection of plant material, plant spacing and effective distancing from areas in need of protection.





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in recognition of outstanding services rendered to our District's Education Programs and your participation at The Seventh Annual Landscaping for the High Desert Workshop.

*Presented this thirteenth day of April in the year of 1995.*

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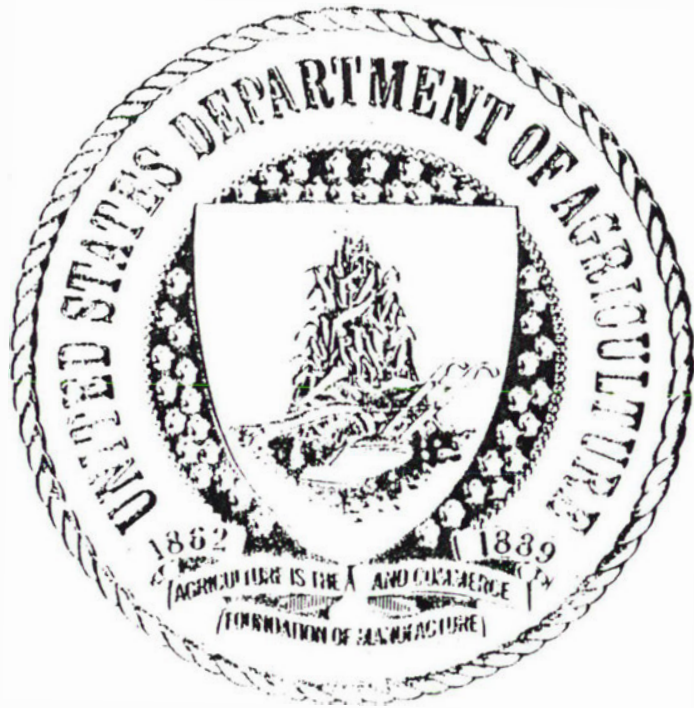
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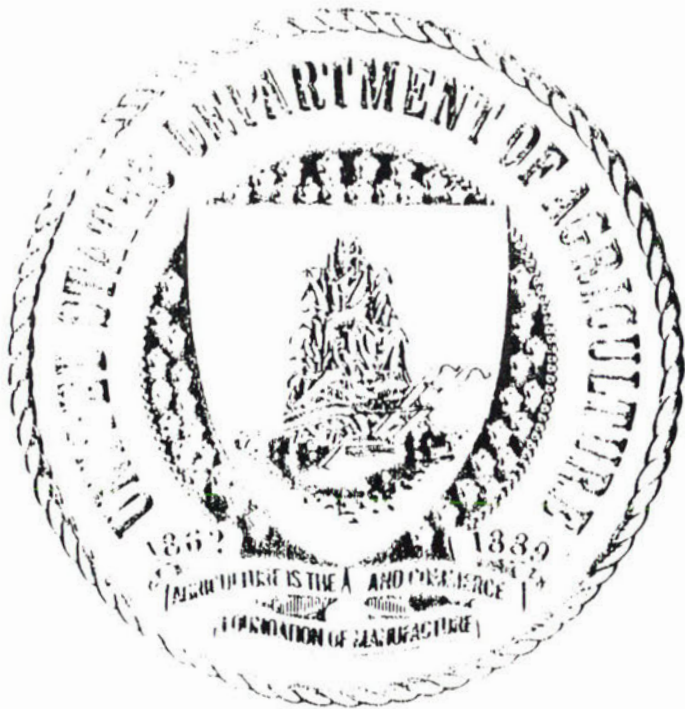
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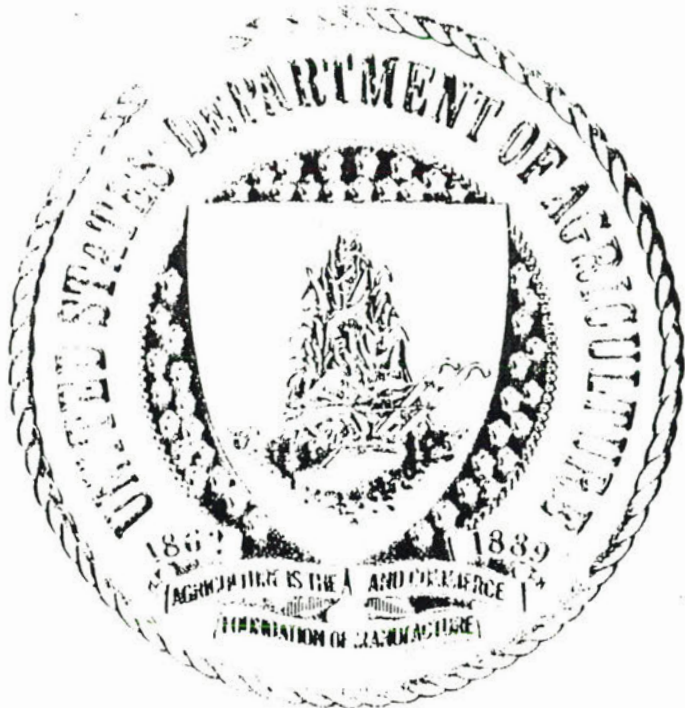
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# NEWS LETTER

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USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
AMERICORPS  
3380 Somis Road  
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Spring/Summer 1995

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## PROJECT ON FIRE RETARDANT PLANTS

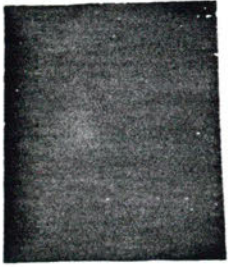
In 1993, much of Ventura County was affected by fire storms. Many properties and houses were damaged. In fact, topography and climate of Ventura County make this area a fire potential/prone area. Realizing the extent of this problem, Fire Protection District of Ventura County and Natural Resources Conservation Service of USDA have jointly under taken a project here in Ventura County. The main goal of this project is to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire resistant plants in improved landscaping. This is necessary to protect life and to help reduce the fire hazard.

The project consists of one field trial and two demonstration trials. Two of these project sites are located in Camarillo and the third one is in Thousand Oaks. All of these sites are next to fire stations.

The purpose of the field site is to evaluate the most effective fire resistant and drought tolerant plants from preselected fire resistant plant species. An added benefit of those drought tolerant plants will be their ability to help reduce erosion. The evaluation will be done after three years of field study.

Ten plant species have been selected for field trial. These are Cape Weed, Hottentot Fig, Prostrate Myoporum, White Trailing Ice Plant, Anchor Bay Ceanothus, Creeping Sage, Dwarf Coyote Brush, African Daisy, Dwarf periwinkle, and Trailing Gazania. All of these plants are commercially available from local sources and are suitable for improved landscaping in Chaparrel-urban interface settings.

The demonstration sites will also provide public information. These will educate people about improved landscaping with fire resistant plants. The trials will also help to determine esthetic value of these plants.



**Salvia sonomensis (Creeping Sage)**

Perennials. Need full sun and excellent drainage. They can get along with little or no summer water. They have scented foliage and have flowers arranged in elongated spike like clusters.



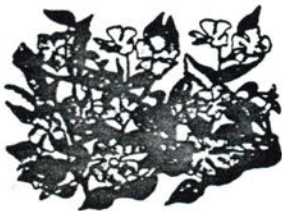
**Baccharis pilularis ("T.Ps." Dwarf Coyote Brush)**

Evergreen shrubs or ground cover. Need low maintenance and low water. Remarkable climate and soil adaptation. Have small, dark green leaves and moderate growth rate.



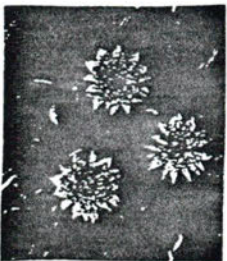
**Osteospermum fruticosum (African Daisy)**

Evergreen perennial or subshrub, grows rapidly. Bloom intermittent throughout year. Need sun and good drainage. Endures drought.



**Vinca minor (Dwarf Periwinkle)**

Evergreen perennials, used as ground covers for pattern plantings, and for rough slopes and other wise unused areas. Grows only in shade.



**Gazania rigens leucolaena (Trailing Gazania)**

Grow well in almost any soil. Once plants are established, need water twice a month. flowers are yellow, white, orange or bronze. Flower bloom in late spring, early summer.

# AmeriCorps

## Third Quarter Report

Redlands Field Office  
July 5, 1995

### 1. Number of Members Enrolled

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled as of March 31, 1995.

### 2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter

There are **seven** AmeriCorps members enrolled at the end of the quarter and **three** new AmeriCorps members began their term on June 5, 1995 and a fourth one on June 19, 1995. The new Members will be working on Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP's) projects, Conservation Education, and Irrigation Water Management.

### 3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed

Overall the AmeriCorps members in the Redlands Field Office have performed approximately a total of **11,262 hours of service** to communities. Four of the AmeriCorps (Penny, Adrian, Tai, and Barbara) have performed **6,5636** hours total and each have performed an average of **1,640** service hours. The other three AmeriCorps (Toan, Jami, and Kevin) have performed **4,699** hours total and each have performed an average of **1,566** hours of service. Two of the AmeriCorps (Barbara and Toan) will complete their term earlier than the rest of the Redlands Field Office AmeriCorps.

### 4. Total Numbers of Hours in Training

The AmeriCorps members have received approximately **10.5** hours of training which have included safety procedures and general NRCS procedures.

### 5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives

As of July 5, 1995, the AmeriCorps members have reached some of their set objectives through projects and programs they have assisted in. Most of the activities are on going and will probably continue after all the Members finish their terms. The **NPDS Stenciling Project**, a public awareness program aim to inform on the dangers of storm drain water pollution, is in its media advertising stage. **Managing Non Point Source Pollution for Water Quality** is another program that the AmeriCorps were part of. The program has been put on hold due to scheduling difficulties. Jami Fisher is still working with the RCD staff in developing and gathering data that will be essential in the program for NPS, which is expected to resume in October, 1995.

Several of our AmeriCorps (Tai Diep, Kevin Nguyen, m Toan Bui, and Adrian Gonzalez) are still working energetically with dairies in the surrounding communities. Approximately **ten dairies** have been surveyed with a total of **426 acres**. The plans that have been designed will enable the dairy owners to recycle **17,602 tons** of waste once the practices have been implemented. The surveys have been very beneficial to the dairy persons since they saved **\$35,000** that would have been an expense to them if the AmeriCorps had not been available to done the surveys.

### 6. Primary Accomplishments

AmeriCorps members have worked on several projects throughout the surrounding communities. The projects include:

**Annual Environmental Expo**

- \* an environmental exposition at Cal State University San Bernardino
- \* environmental information was provided by vendors
- \* **5,000** people attended the event
- \* **two** AmeriCorps members assisted the Districts by operating the booths

**Erosion Fair in Claremont**

- \* vendors provided information on erosion control and other erosion issues
- \* **two** of the Members attend the event

**NPDS Stenciling Project**

- \* project is now in the media advertising stage
- \* radio slots, newspaper ads, and fact sheets are being develop by **one** of the Americorps Members (Penny)

**Nature Discovery Programs**

- \* approximately **4,388 students** have participated in the programs
- \* the programs are created to give elementary students a perspective on nature and nature's needs through plays, games, and activities.
- \* since the Members have began assisting the programs a total of **7,477** students have gone through the programs

**Morongo Indian Reservation Riverbasin Study**

- \* study is to assist reservation with their flooding problems
- \* **two** AmeriCorps members (Toan and Adrian) assisted State Office personnel with the survey
- \* Morongo Indian Reservation has requested EWP assistance to repair storm damage and the decision is still pending

**Composting Workshop (Inland Empire West RCD)**

- \* a workshop was conducted to provide information on backyard composting/mulching
- \* a chipper operated by Jim Earsom was used to turn green waste into compost
- \* free mulch was available to the public
- \* **three** AmeriCorps assisted in the workshop

**Troth Elementary School**

- \* School Beautification project is still in the planning stage

**Ayala High School in Chino Hills**

- \* hillside project is still in the process

**Chino Hills State Park**

- \* **three** AmeriCorps surveyed the site and plan was developed to restore the spillway
- \* the pond is a habitat for wild turtles
- \* the finished plan once is implemented will protect the dam and reduce erosion

**Lone Pine Canyon**

- \* owners wants to build a fish pond and convert the existing area into a recreational park
- \* **two** Members surveyed and completed the plan for the canyon

**Chemehuvi Indian Reservation**

- \* Kathy Robinson, Engineer from El Centro FO, requested assistance from the AmeriCorps to survey the site
- \* **two AmeriCorps** drove to Needles and spent the night in order to complete the survey

\* survey information will be used to develop a plan for a landfill

## **7. Projected Outcomes For Next Quarter**

Tai, Kevin, Toan, and Adrian will continue working with dairies and practices installation until the end of their term. The dairies have been one of our main focus since we did not have the man power to do the survey before but now with the AmeriCorps we are getting the dairies completed.

The Members will attend a "graduation" meeting at NRCS State Office in Davis July 12 to July 14, 1995. This meeting will give the AmeriCorps the opportunity to meet other Members and State Office personnel. A lot of information will be receive by the AmeriCorps.

## **8. Primary Challenges**

\* coordinating schedules

## **9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs**

\* FOCS training

## **10. Media Coverage**

None at this time

## **11. Other Creative Documentation/Stories**

On April 25, 1995, AmeriCorps Members celebrated National Day of Service with a luncheon. During the luncheon, the Members received a cup and a patch with the AmeriCorps logo on it. The luncheon was enjoyed by all.

## **12. Volunteer Hours**

The Members have been very successful throughout their term. On several occasions they have promoted voluntarism. Thanks to an AmeriCorps flyer, two Cal Poly students approached one of the Resource Conservation Districts and signed up as volunteers. The two students will begin volunteering their time on July 12, 1995. Another person who through AmeriCorps decided to volunteer some time was Michelle Dyck. She had been accepted as an AmeriCorps Member but while waiting to begin her term; she volunteer **63 hours**. Also, close to **20 hours** of volunteered time have been provided by Members' friends and relatives.

THIRD QUARTER AMERICORPS REPORT  
June 1995  
Petaluma Cluster

1. Number of members enrolled at the time of launch: 6
2. Number of members enrolled at the end of QUARTER: 6
3. Total number of hours of direct service performed: 1697  
Total number of Volunteer Service generated: 950
4. Total number of hours in training: 337
5. Progress toward meeting community service objectives:
  - \* Initiated dialog between Sonoma County Landfill and landowner as to impact of sediment reaching nearby Stemple Creek.
  - \* Helped NRCS staff work with landowners to obtain FEMA funding for flood damage in Stemple Creek.
  - \* Presentation on importance of fish habitat for Hopland Elementary School
  - \* Wetland survey work on levees for Tolay Creek Restoration Project.
  - \* Work with Sonoma County Releaf on tree inventory.
  - \* Helped in obtaining 319 (h) funding for dairy waste project which includes a new corral, grassed waterway, filter strip to meet water quality standards.
  - \* Helped NRCS staff develop a 205j grant project for the Petaluma River Watershed.
  - \* Completed the Fish and Game Stream Restoration Grant for the Round Valley Tribal Council.
  - \* Worked with the Tribal Option 9 Restoration Program and maintained support and communication with the Round Valley community effort to establish a Resource Center.
  - \* Developed "free" nursery stock sources for use by non-profit groups involved in stream restoration and/or forestry work.
  - \* Worked with Lake County NRCS in assisting a group of property owners receive OES funding to repair flood damage.
  - \* Finalized layout of 4 interpretive trailhead signs for Santa Rosa Creek Sign Team.
  - \* Responded to landowner request for help in Big Sulpher Creek watershed within the highly impacted area (EWP site)
  - \* Assist Releaf with urban tree inventory of Santa Rosa
  - \* Drafted a short "success story" describing the Americorps dairy farm water quality assessment program.
  - \* Worked on draft and submitted a description of the Gold Ridge 319 (h) funds available for conservation projects to reduce animal waste pollution.

- \* Conducted describing the care and use of water Quality Assessment Workshop.
  - \* Organized/participated in a day of trial work in Hood Mountain Regional Park.
6. Primary Accomplishments:
- \* Successfully met with number of agencies (California Department of Fish & Game, Regional Water Quality Control Board, UC Cooperative Extension) to come to consensus on water quality standards and regulations.
  - \* Seven water quality fact sheets completed and presented at water quality workshop for ranchers.
  - \* Meeting with Dan Glickman, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Agriculture at National Rural Conference in Sacramento concerning the importance of grassroots outreach.
  - \* Presentation of Tolay Creek Restoration Project map with copies provided to US Fish and Wildlife Service, Calif. Department of Fish and Game, and Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey.
  - \* Completed 6,000 feet of drip irrigation installation for Stemple Creek Restoration Project.
  - \* Hosted Area I Americorps Training session.
  - \* Assisted elementary school with conceptual design for outdoor education center and creek trail.
  - \* Achieved access to a private property to do a conservation plan where State agencies could not.
  - \* Helped research and develop NRCS field office policy for evaluating irrigation water savings.
  - \* Continue to build working partnerships with agricultural landowners.
  - \* Organized an Earth Day celebration for a local elementary school, grades K-6. Conducted classrooms on environmental education.
  - \* Organized and conducted a public/agency meeting on Watershed Management and Restoration.
  - \* Provided assistance in the F&G Grant entailed the restoration of 19 creeks.
  - \* Developed a data base of the 1426 cooperators in the Sotoyme- Santa Rosa Resource Conservation District.
  - \* Drafted a grant proposal (Forestry Assistance Program Technical Assistance Funds) for the Sotoyme-Santa Rosa Resource Conservation District.
  - \* Wrote the second draft of the Hillside Erosion Control Guide for the United Winegrowers for Sonoma County.
  - \* Assisted NRCS engineers with survey of EWP work site along Matanzas Creek.
  - \* Assisted NRCS engineers with survey of EWP work site along Austin Creek.
  - \* Conducted damage to stabilization structures, roads and culverts.
  - \* Presented the 319 (h) Animal Waste Committee.

- \* Submitted final draft of grant proposal to CDF on CDF Forestry Assistance Program.
  - \* Prepared soil conservation education material to be sent to local junior high schools. Packets include lecture, experiment and field trip ideas.
  - \* Served as Fuller Creek Watershed Coordinator for NRCS/ Americorps.
  - \* Served as Austin Creek Watershed Project Coordinator for NRCS/Americorps.
  - \* Submitted to Sotoyme-Santa Rosa Resource Conservation District a grant application (Northwest Emergency Assistance Program, Habitat Restoration Element) for funds to conduct work in the Fuller Creek Watershed.
  - \* Wrote final draft for Hillside Vineyard Control Booklet.
  - \* Drafted a "Watershed Group Leader Information Form" to be used in screening of volunteer candidates.
  - \* Drafted "Job Description" of watershed Group Facilitator volunteer position.
7. Project outcomes for next quarter:
- \* Completion of four Conservation Plans.
  - \* Creation of Conceptual Design for wetland project on Stemple Creek dairy.
  - \* Water quality presentation to Western United Dairymen from Central Valley and Sonoma/Marin County.
8. Primary challenges:
- \* Overcoming skepticism on projected future of Americorps program.
  - \* Complete projects before term ends.
  - \* Meeting on-going schedule with Ukiah Valley Streams Coalition.
9. Primary training and technical assistance needs:
- \* Stream/riparian habitat restoration design
  - \* Salmon habitat restoration design
  - \* Wetland restoration design
  - \* Bio- engineering
  - \* Conflict Resolution and Time Management
  - \* Computer training
  - \* Stream restoration training and in stream work
10. Media Coverage:
- \* See attached news articles/announcements
  - \* Coverage in two local newspapers
  - \* Article in Farm News about Nation Rural Conference Forum.
11. Other creative documentation:
- \* Stemple Creek Restoration Project Planting Plan
  - \* Map of Tolay Creek Restoration Project
  - \* Water Quality Fact Sheets
  - \* Thank You letter from California Freshwater Shrimp Club
  - \* Photographs of work site and Americorps trips and training sessions.

# AmeriCorps Contributes Helping Hands

AmeriCorps members have been working during the recent winter storms, aiding thousands of flood victims by filling sandbags, serving meals to families in need, assisting in shelters, and working to strengthen levees and remove debris.

AmeriCorps was started by President Clinton as a national public and community service initiative for young people and senior citizens. AmeriCorps personnel have provided assistance at disasters nationwide.

The National Civilian Community Corps reported 37 members working in Yuma County, while 12 AmeriCorps members of the Sacramento Local Conservation Corps logged more than 100 hours filling sandbags in Sacramento.

The Los Angeles Conservation Corps had two crews working in the Santa Monica Mountains assisting residents by shoring up their properties with sandbags.



NRCS Photo by Rebecca de la Torre

*U.S. Department of Agriculture Interim Secretary Richard Rominger (right) listens to AmeriCorps members Nancy Scolari (left) and Mike Jensen during the flood clean-up.*

June 1995

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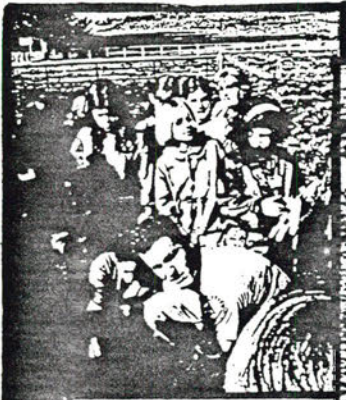
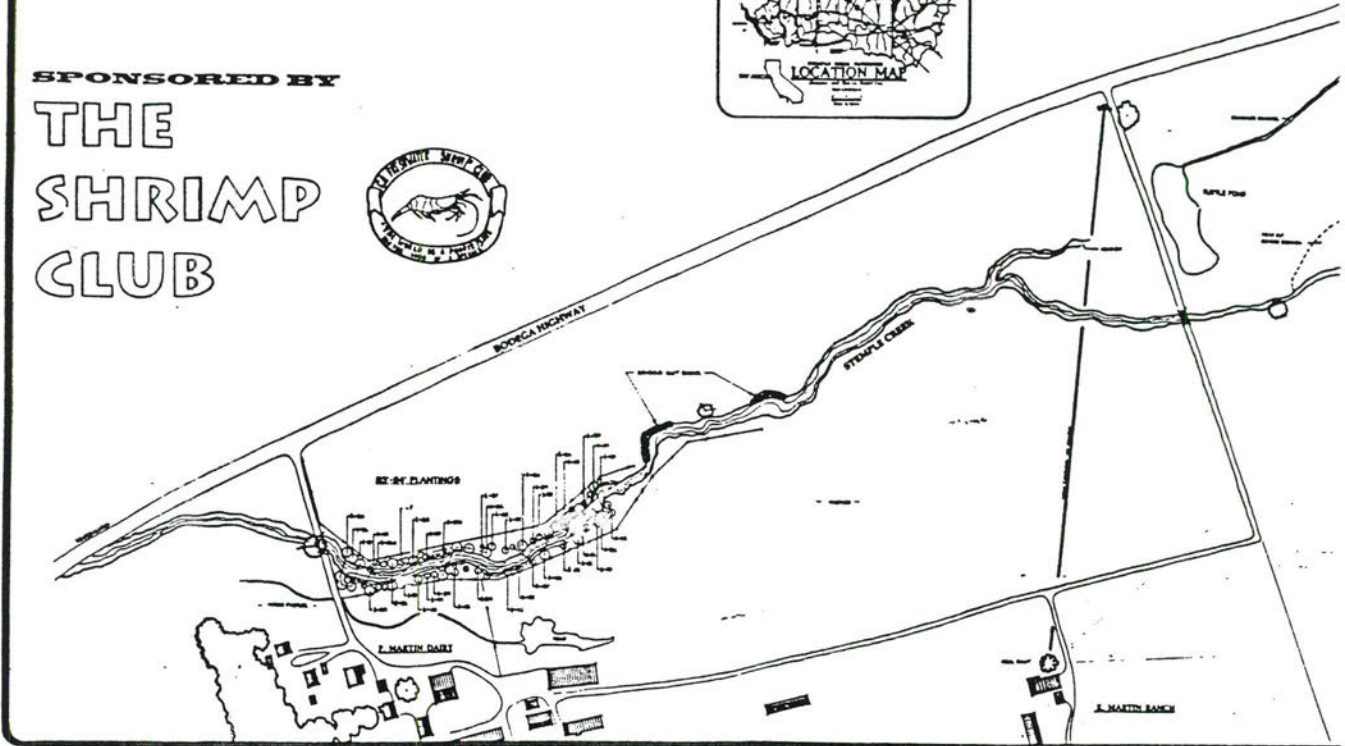


*USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, in center, with USDA NCRS AmeriCorp members. From Sonoma County are, from the right: Nancy Scolari, Julie Maggi and Mike Jensen.*

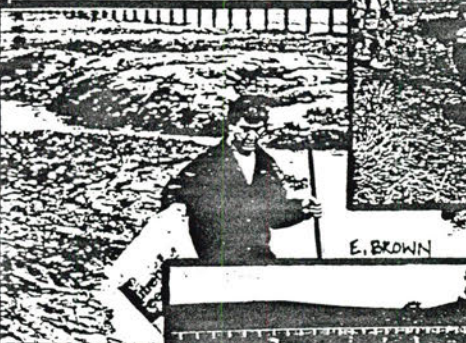
# STEMPLE CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

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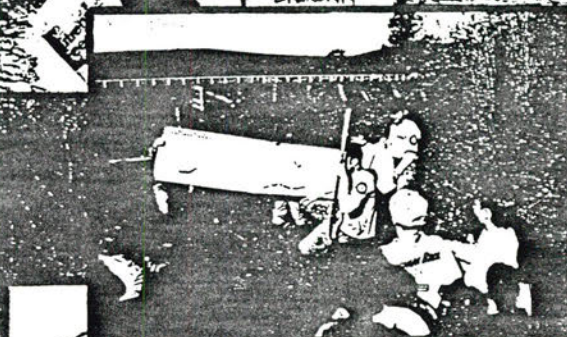
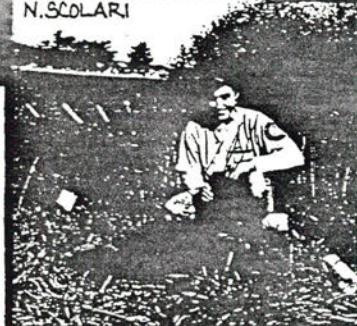
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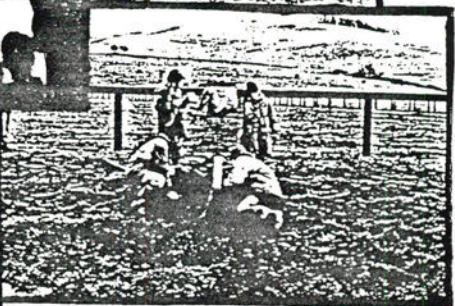
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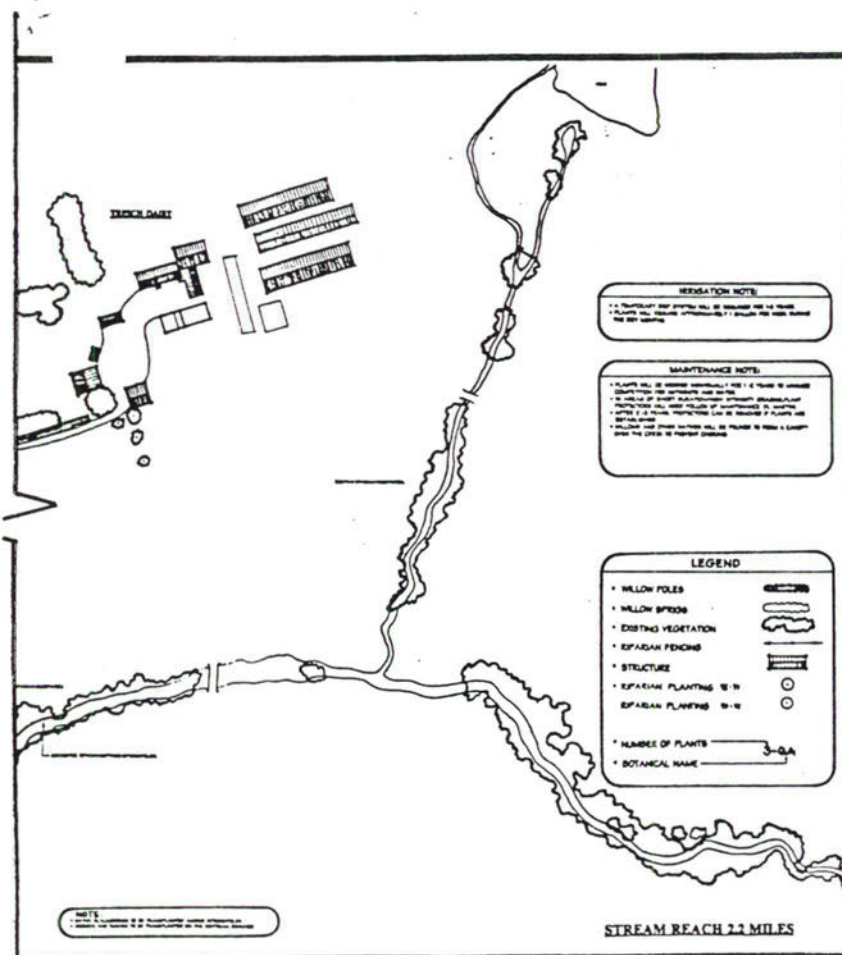
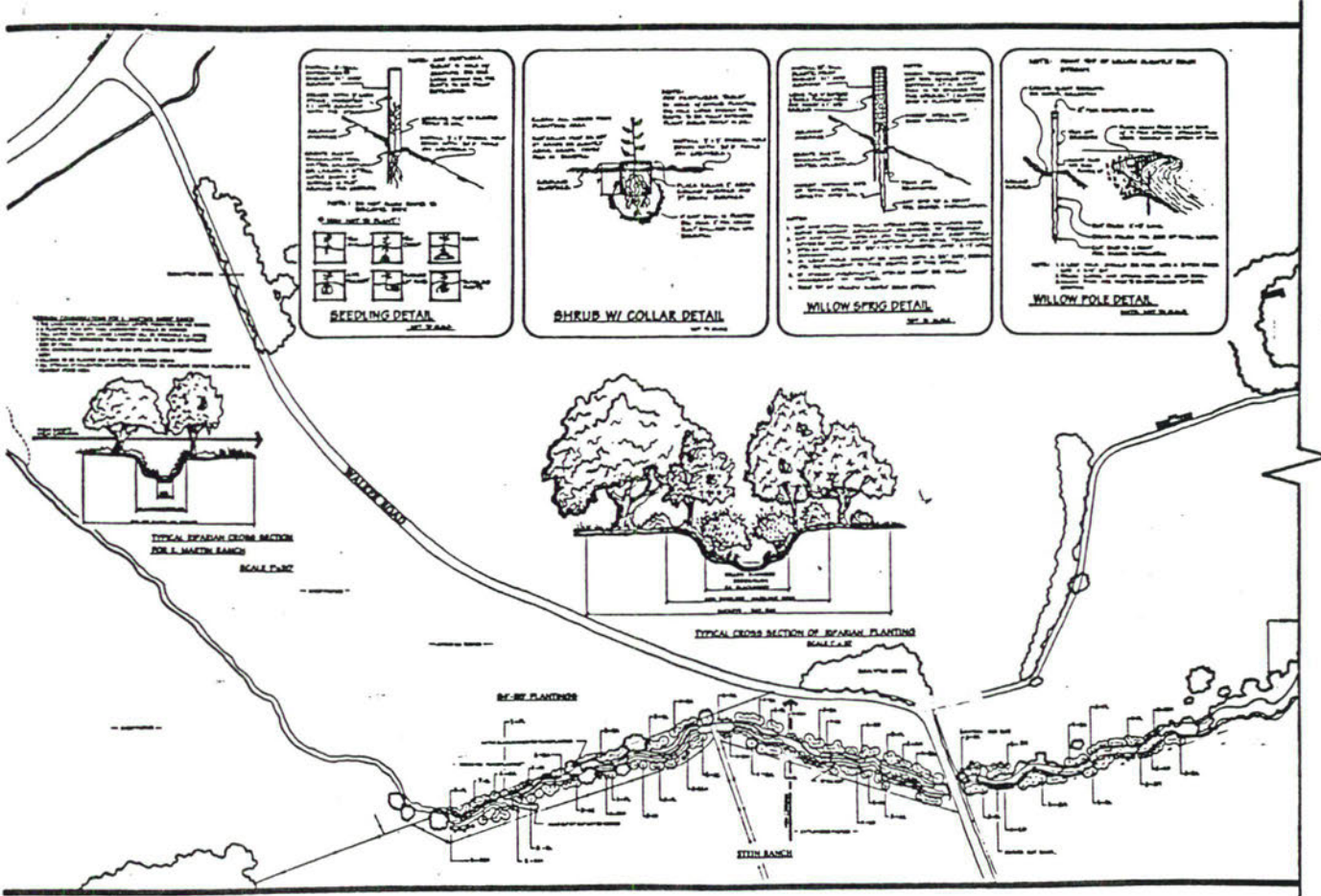


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TREE & SHRUB	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	PLANTING METHOD	AVAILABILITY	PROTECTION	WATER	HEIGHT	LEAF
	<i>Acer spicatum</i>	Basswood	TP	Spring '95	Tube	Y	20-30'	AC
	<i>Aralia nudicaulis</i>	Buckeye	S, TP	Spring '95	Tube	Y	10-20'	AC
	<i>Cornus californica</i>	Coast dogwood	Spring	Jan/Feb '95	Plastic mesh	N	6-20'	CC
	<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Hicknut	DP, TP	Fall '95	Tube	Y	6-18'	CC
	<i>Cercocarpus alaternus</i>	Manzanita	DP, TP	Fall '95	Tube	Y	6-30'	CC
	<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Oregon ash	TP	Spring '95	Tube	Y	30-70'	FL
	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	S, TP	Spring '95	Tube	Y	30-70'	GA
	<i>Quercus laevis</i>	Yellow oak	S, TP	Spring '95	Tube	Y	30-100'	GA
	<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	Coffee berry	Galvan	Spring '95	Color	Y	2'	IC
	<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose	DP, Galvan	Fall '95	Color	Y	3-8'	IC
	<i>Rhamnus venusta</i>	California blackberry	DP, Galvan	Fall '95	Color	Y	3-30'	IC
	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Yellow willow	Spring, Fall	Jan/Feb '95	Plastic mesh	N	10-50'	LA
	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Average willow	Spring, Fall	Jan/Feb '95	Plastic mesh	N	6-30'	LA
	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Elderberry	DP, Galvan	Fall '95	Tube	Y	6-18'	LA
	<i>Ulmus crinitus</i>	Bay Laurel	DP, TP	Fall '95	Tube	Y	70-100'	LA
<b>PROBLEMS</b>								
	Cornus spp.	Local seedling	Transplant	Jan/Feb '95	N	N		CC
	Juniperus spp.	Local seedling	Transplant	Jan/Feb '95	N	N		CC

**SCALE: 1" = 100'**

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# New USDA Secretary Launches Rural Meetings In Davis

by Anita Brown, State Information Officer

**D**an Glickman, sworn in as the new Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture on March 30, came to California on April 17 to begin his first set of public forums since taking office.

Set in an agricultural machine shed on the grounds of UC Davis, Glickman joined Deputy Secretary Rich Rominger and Congressman Vic Fazio on their home turf to listen to speakers and attendees give their views on how to strengthen rural areas and American agriculture.

The august trio was joined on stage by members of the Future Farmers of America and AmeriCorp—including NRCS's Earl Brown, Mike Jensen, Nancy Scolari, Julie Maggi, Athea Brusin, Christi Maison, Carol Rutenbergs, Jim Newman, Aleta Apgar and Jesse Haramti (see photo with Deputy Secretary Rominger).

Glenn County Resource Conservation District Director Allen Garcia was among the speakers—giving the crowd his unique views as a rice grower concerned with sustainability and habitat conservation.

UC Davis Dean of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Barbara Schneeman, spoke of the importance of a cooperative relationship between USDA and the University of California. She specifically cited the contribution of NRCS's soil survey information and suggested locating the projected USDA state headquarters near the univer-



sity. A long list of people responded to the opportunity to share views and concerns with Glickman, Rominger and Fazio. At least two of these were district cooperators who underscored the need for a strong conservation presence in USDA and in California.

Glickman also held meetings in Texas, Pennsylvania, Georgia, North Dakota and Illinois, culminating in a final session with President Clinton in Ames, Iowa on April 25.



Glickman is a native of Kansas which he represented as a congressman for 18 years before becoming the 26th Secretary of Agriculture. He served on the House agriculture committee for nearly two decades and has worked on the last three farm bills. ♪

Dear Americorps,

The Shrimp Club thanks you for helping us with the planting. We couldn't have done it without you. You did all of the preparation work for us before we even got there. Thanks for showing us how to plant everything and giving us the poster of Stemple Creek. All of you worked so hard planting and directing.

Together as a team we helped to restore Stemple Creek and save the shrimp. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

The Shrimp Club

*Christy Pen*  
and  
Stacey Goto



Mike Jensen and Nancy Scolari  
1301 Redwood Way, Suite 170  
Petaluma, CA 94954



Volunteers look on while one of the Shrimp Kids breaks ground to plant hazelnut.

## The "Shrimp Club" Works to Restore Stemple Creek

By Nancy Scolari, NRCS/AmeriCorps

What do sixty suburban 4th and 5th grade elementary school kids and four rural agricultural landowners have in common? Both parties are diligently working toward the restoration of a 2 mile stretch of Stemple Creek that runs just west of Petaluma and into the Estero de San Antonio. The group of kids are part of the popular Shrimp Club whose focus is to restore the habitat of the endangered California Freshwater Shrimp. Some of the landowners involved include Paul Martin, Ken Martin, Tissa Stein, and Joe and Kathy Tresh.

The Shrimp Club kids have worked rigor-

ously with shovels in hand, focusing their efforts on a planting plan involving 2 miles of stream spanning 4 different ranch properties. "The most important thing is that we're planting trees and we're learning at the same time," explained Sarah Friedman, a 4th grader from Brookside Elementary in San Anselmo where the Shrimp Club originated.

The Shrimp Club is planting a variety of native riparian vegetation such as the native willow, oak, blackberry, and sedge. Once completed, the 2 year planting project will not only help save the endangered shrimp but will also help improve wildlife and fish habitat. "It will turn a bare and eroded creek into a lush habitat," explained Tissa Stein, one of the participating landowners. "It will also add native species (of plants and animals) that don't already exist on the ranch." Once the plantings are established, the vegetation will provide shade over the creek allowing a suitable habitat for the shrimp and other species, such as steelhead trout.

The project also considers plans to prune and weed the vegetated strip to prevent choking up the creek during heavy rains. The new native plantings will aid in Stemple Creek's restoration by first stabilizing the stream's banks and decreasing erosion. In turn, this will protect the loss of adjacent pasture and cropland. The restored area will also act as a filter strip for sediment and nutrients running off of nearby fields.

Although the Shrimp Club is funding the project through grants they have received, other groups are also involved in the restoration effort. Mike Jensen, an AmeriCorps member working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS formerly SCS) in Petaluma is developing the planting plan. Prunuske Chatham Inc., environmental consultants, are providing the native plant information and coordinating the project. Other AmeriCorps members, Petaluma High School students, NRCS and Resource Conservation District staff are also involved in the effort by helping cut, transport, and plant the willow sprigs.

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restoration effort are helping to implement the Stemple Creek/Estero de San Antonio Watershed Enhancement Plan. The plan is a combined effort on behalf of the Marin and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation Dis-

tricts, public agencies, and watershed residents to ease watershed water quality concerns within the Stemple Creek watershed. The plan addresses the need to "conserve and where possible improve the natural resources of the watershed while maintaining a vigorous economy."

# Shrimp Club Restoring Stemple Creek

by Nancy Scolari

"The World is a poorer place for the loss of a species" is the motto that the California Freshwater Shrimp Club stood by this month in their efforts to restore nearby Stemple Creek. Approximately sixty 4th and 5th graders from Brookside Elementary in San Anselmo and Willow Wood Elementary in Sebastopol turned out sporting shovels, hammers, and smiles in an attempt to help save their endangered logo, the California Freshwater Shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*).

The vibrant and willing ecostewards are focusing their efforts on a 2-mile planting plan spanning 4 properties in the Stemple Creek watershed west of Petaluma. The watershed had been identified as one of critical importance since it drains directly into the Estero de San Antonio. The California Department of Fish and Game has labeled the Estero as "one of the most significant habitat areas in the state." It is also included in the Gulf of the Farallones Marine Sanctuary and is the home of two other federally enlisted endangered species, the Tidewater Goby (*Eucyclogobius newberry*) and the Myrtle Silverspot Butterfly (*Speyeria zerie zerene myrtleae*).

The Shrimp Club's success is exemplified in their ability to receive funding for their projects. They have been successful in accumulating over \$100,000 in grants for their purpose, the most recent being a \$35,000 grant received through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

So what does a freshwater shrimp look like? "They're totally transparent," explained Nick Noarodny from Brookside Elementary as he eagerly dug up his hole to plant a sedge. "They're also very important because you can only find them in 15 creeks and streams in California, and they only have 50 babies a year."

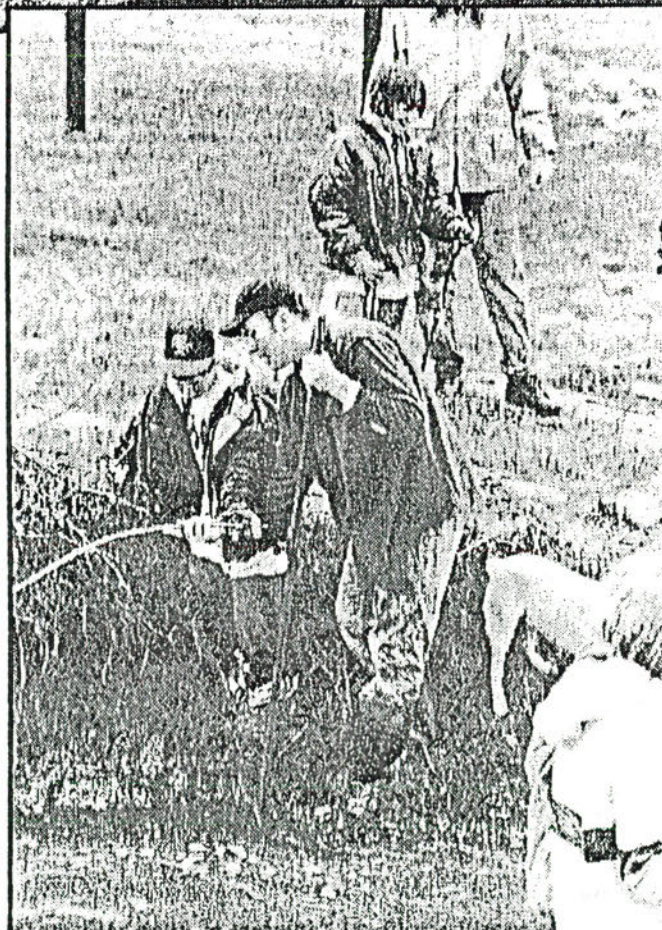
Although the club's lesson plan focuses on the endangered shrimp, Colin Piper, a 5th grader from Brookside Elementary was quick to point out, "Yes we're planting to help save the shrimp, but we're not

filter strip for sediment and nutrients running off of nearby fields.

Once the plantings are fully established, the new riparian area will be prime habitat for the endangered California Freshwater Shrimp. The riparian vegetation will allow the weak swimming species to anchor onto surrounding roots. It will also provide the creek with enough cover to shade the creek thereby making conditions ideal for aquatic species who thrive in cooler waters.

Although the Shrimp Club is funding the project, other groups are also involved in the restoration effort. Mike Jensen, an AmeriCorps member working with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS formerly Soil Conservation Service) in Petaluma is developing the planting plan. Prunuske Chatham Inc., environmental consultants, are providing the native plant information and coordinating the project. Other AmeriCorps members, Petaluma High School students, NRCS and Resource Conservation District staff are also involved in the effort by helping cut, transport, and plant the willow sprigs.

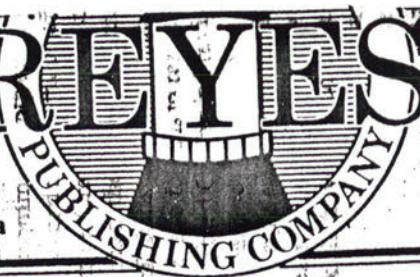
The activities of all those involved in the restoration effort are aiding in the implementation of the Stemple Creek/Estero de San Antonio Watershed Enhancement Plan. The plan is a combined effort on behalf of the Marin and Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation Districts, public agencies, and watershed residents to improve water quality and wildlife habitat concerns within the Stemple Creek watershed. The plan addresses



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# POINT REYES LIGHT



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## Sonoma dump pollutes Stemple Creek

By Jason Jones

The Sonoma County-owned Mecham Road dump has been sending silt and chemical pollution into Stemple Creek, which crosses West Marin and empties into the ocean through Estero de San Antonio.

That complaint — verified by the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Regional Water Quality Control Board in Santa Rosa — was aired Thursday at Tomales Town Hall.

The Town Hall meeting of ranchers, environmentalists, and government officials was called to discuss what can be done to control the pollution of Stemple Creek.

In the past, dairy ranchers have been blamed for allowing animal waste to pollute the creek, causing high levels of ammonia in the water. In some sections of the creek, the ammonia has reached toxic levels.

But last week, the ranchers asserted that much of the contamination has come from the Sonoma County Landfill near the headwaters of Stemple Creek.

While the landfill was not blamed for adding ammonia to the creek, large-scale erosion and leachate spills occurred during last winter's storms.

That a government-owned facility is

polluting the creek is ironic, for over the years, other governmental agencies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars trying to clean up Stemple Creek.

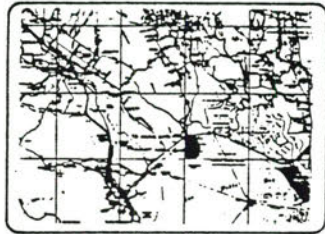
Recently, the Stemple Creek Restoration Project received a \$76,646 federal grant to restore the creek's banks by planting vegetation and controlling where cattle can reach the water.

The grant will also finance workshops to teach ranchers new ways to deal with animal waste and how to redesign some dairies.

However, problems still remain. Dur-  
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# TOLAY CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

LOCATION MAP



SEARS POINT

HIGHWAY 121  
TO SONOMA

HIGHWAY 37

TO VALLEJO

1. ACQUIRE VALLEJO PROPERTY

2. BUILD PROTECTION LEVEE

3. BREACH TO CREEK

4. DEEPEN CHANNEL FROM VALLEJO  
PROPERTY TO FALLOW FIELD

5. DEEPEN MOSQUITO DITCH  
IN FALLOW FIELD

6. BEEF UP LEVEES

7. BREACH LEVEE

8. CHANNEL TO LAGOON

CA FISH & GAME  
TIDAL LAGOON

9. WIDEN & DEEPEN  
CHANNEL  
TO LAGOON

TUBBS ISLAND

SAN PABLO BAY

## LEGEND

- NEW WETLAND 
- EXISTING WETLAND 
- NEW LEVEE 
- EXISTING LEVEE 
- LEVEE BREACH 
- HAY LAND 
- TOLAY CREEK 



MAP PRODUCED BY: NRCS/AmeriCorps

NOTE: NOT TO SCALE

# SONOMA-MARIN FARM NEWS



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## Friends 'n Neighbors *and other notable news...*

Remember April? The sun started to shine . . . on came spring fever . . . then more rain! Some of us were caught on the teeter-totter of spring fever and rain depression. Enough! One person actually looking forward to some rain is hay grower Norm Yenni. He finally got back into his fields and replanted after being flooded out for most of 1995 (and losing his entire crop). Norm dry-farms and is looking for "normal" April showers to do the watering. While we'd really like to see Norm and the other south county hay and grain growers get a break, in this bizarre year of floods it would be nice to *really know* that the rain will be more off than on!

Sonoma County Sheriff's Deputy Spence Martin is targeting sometime in May to return to patrol duty after suffering two strokes last fall. For the last 3 months, he's been doing light duty in the office and, knowing Spence, is probably stir crazy! Co-workers and the agricultural community are anxious to see him back in the field. While Spence gears up to go back to active duty, Richard Ripken, of R.A. Ripken Nursery, is at home recovering from a quadruple bypass following a heart attack in early April. Richard's giving out heart attack advice: get a shot of "TPA" which will melt a clot in minutes and may help save your life. Could Richard be branching out from nurturing grapevines to real people?! Get well soon!

Can we call Jon and Jan Wright, of Wright's Feed in Healdsburg, the king and queen of the slot machines?! They just participated in their first official slot tournament - and made the semi-finals! Jon and Jan have their own "Caesar's Gold Card" which rings up points every time they pull the lever (it's a button, now). Jan says these points add up to free rooms, meals and special privileges. Lots of free stuff? Maybe we should call Jan the queen of smarts instead of slots!

Congratulations to Michael Murphy who is graduating from Sonoma State this month. Michael

is with the Sonoma County Horse Council and is Ya-Ka-Ama's farm manager. When asked how long it took him, Michael laughed and said he started college in 1964! His degree is in Environmental Planning. (Now can you see why it took so long? only kidding!) Karen: "Well, Michael, what do you want to do with your degree/education?" Michael: "I want to be a farmer." We're glad to see he has his priorities straight.

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services and FEMA have been churning out a newsletter called "Recovery Times". In the April 5 issue, there was a little story on how AmeriCorps helped out during and after the floods by filling sandbags, strengthening levees, removing debris, etc.. And lo and behold, the picture with the story is of our very own Nancy Scolari and Mike Jensen from the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Petaluma (ex-SCS). Lisa Woo Shanks sent in the photo of them talking with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Interim Secretary Richard Rominger. Great plug, this story, except it neglected to mention *where* they worked!

Whatever you think about government workers, think again. At least in this case. At the Sonoma County Vineyard Technical Group's recent spring dinner and dance, employees of the Agricultural Commissioner's and Farm Advisor's offices were doing hard labor. Volunteer labor. In the kitchen. On their day off were county employees, John Westoby (and wife, Lynn) and chief instigator Marilyn Vernon, with Farm Advisor Rhonda Smith, all bustin' their buds preparing fine grub for a hungry group of grape-techies. They must really care about what they do to put in so much volunteerism. Of course, complete adoration from the grape industry folks, doesn't hurt. Some areas of government show that they *really* care about the people they serve. Thanks!





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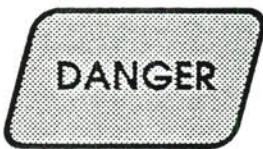
# Unionized Ammonia

**DEFINITION** Unionized ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ ) is sometimes referred to as toxic ammonia and is the form which is harmful to fish and aquatic life. The toxicity level of unionized ammonia is directly affected by pH and temperature. The higher the pH and temperature of the water, the higher the proportion of total ammonia that exist in the toxic form. Unionized ammonia is what the California Department of Fish and Game and the Regional Water Quality Control Board regulate under the federal Clean Water Act. Measurements are derived from calculations using the pH, temperature, and total ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3 + \text{NH}_4^+$ ) content in the water. Monitoring is measured in parts per million (ppm) or mg/l.

## WATER MONITORING • Unionized Ammonia ( $\text{NH}_3$ )



0 - 0.025 ppm  
 • Management practices are sufficient



0.025 ppm & Above  
 • Nutrients entering surface water  
 • Immediate action necessary!

**POSSIBLE SOURCES** Unvegetated streambanks have higher water temperatures. Runoff from enclosed confined facilities (i.e., loafing barns). Runoff from silage storage areas. Runoff from open confined areas (i.e., corrals, feedlots). Runoff from manure storage areas. Facilities waste water. Runoff from over-fertilization. Runoff from overstocked pastures. Animals in the creek.

Date	Station	Reading



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# SIMPLY THE FACTS on Conductivity



**DEFINITION** Electrical conductivity is one way to determine the salinity in soil and water. Salinity is the concentration of dissolved salts found in soil and water. An electric conductivity meter is used to determine salt content and is recorded in umhos/cm. High soil salinity interferes with plant water uptake resulting in reduced plant growth and germination. In excessive amounts, salts running off into nearby waters such as streams, ponds, and lakes can become toxic to freshwater aquatic plants and fish. Animal wastes as well as some agricultural products may have a high salt content and can be a problem when over-applied to the land. One should expect to find high salinity readings present in streams with tidal influences. If your property is located near an estuary, contact the Regional Water Quality Control Board to determine ideal salinity levels.

## WATER MONITORING • Conductivity



Below 500 umhos/cm  
 • Management practices are sufficient



Between 500 - 1000 umhos/cm  
 • Evaluate waste management system



Above 1000 umhos/cm  
 • Identify possible sources  
 • Immediate action necessary!

**SALINITY SOURCES** Poor subsurface drainage. Irrigated crops. Runoff from enclosed confined facilities (i.e., loafing barn). Runoff from silage storage areas. Runoff from open confined areas (i.e., corals, feedlots). Runoff from manure storage areas. Facilities wastewater. Runoff from over-fertilization. Runoff from overstocked pastures. Animals in the creek. Tidal influence.

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# SIMPLY THE FACTS on

# DO



**DEFINITION** Dissolved Oxygen (DO) is the concentration of oxygen dissolved in water. All fish and aquatic life must have adequate amounts of DO in the water at all times to survive. Problems occur when organic material such as animal waste enters surface water. Micro-organisms in the water use the organic material for food and consume DO in the process. When surface water with warm temperatures are mixed with organic material, a growth explosion of micro-organisms will occur, thus reducing DO to a level that suffocates fish and other aquatic life. Monitoring is measured in parts per million (ppm) or mg/l.

## WATER MONITORING • DO



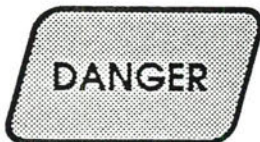
7 ppm <-> 10 ppm

- Good DO levels for aquatic life



5 ppm <-> 7 ppm

- DO levels moderate
- Evaluate waste management system
- Organic material may be entering surface water



0 ppm <-> 5 ppm

- Inadequate DO levels for most aquatic life
- Identify sources of organic material runoff
- Immediate action necessary!

**LOW DO SOURCES** Unvegetated streambanks have higher water temperatures. Runoff from enclosed confined facilities (i.e., loafing barn). Runoff from silage storage areas. Runoff from open confined areas (i.e., corrals, feedlots). Runoff from manure storage areas. Facilities wastewater. Runoff from over-fertilization. Stagnate non-moving water. Runoff from overstocked pastures. Animals in the creek.

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# SIMPLY THE FACTS on

# pH



**DEFINITION** pH is the measure of acid or alkaline characteristics and is measured on a scale of 0-14. A pH of 7.0 is neutral and ideal for water conditions. Readings that fall below 7.0 identify acidic conditions while readings above 7.0 identify alkaline conditions. The pH directly affects the amount of unionized ammonia in water. An increase in pH values above 7.0 combined with high water temperatures will result in higher levels of unionized ammonia which are deadly to fish. Shifts in pH levels can be contributed to a number of agricultural practices such as animal waste and silage, and should be kept away from streams. Changes in pH can also result from natural conditions such as algal growth.

## WATER MONITORING • pH



- 6.5 - 8.5
- Neutral
  - Ideal water condition



- 5.0 <-> 6.5 and 8.5 <-> 10
- Readings closest to 7.0 are ideal
  - Evaluate waste management



- 0 <-> 5.0 and 10 <-> 14
- Acid and alkaline conditions
  - Identify sources of pH change
  - Immediate action necessary!

**POSSIBLE SOURCES** Runoff from enclosed confined facilities (i.e., loafing barn). Runoff from silage storage areas. Runoff from open confined areas (i.e., corrals, feed-lots). Runoff from manure storage areas. Facilities waste water. Runoff from over-fertilization. Runoff from overstocked pastures. Animals in the creek.

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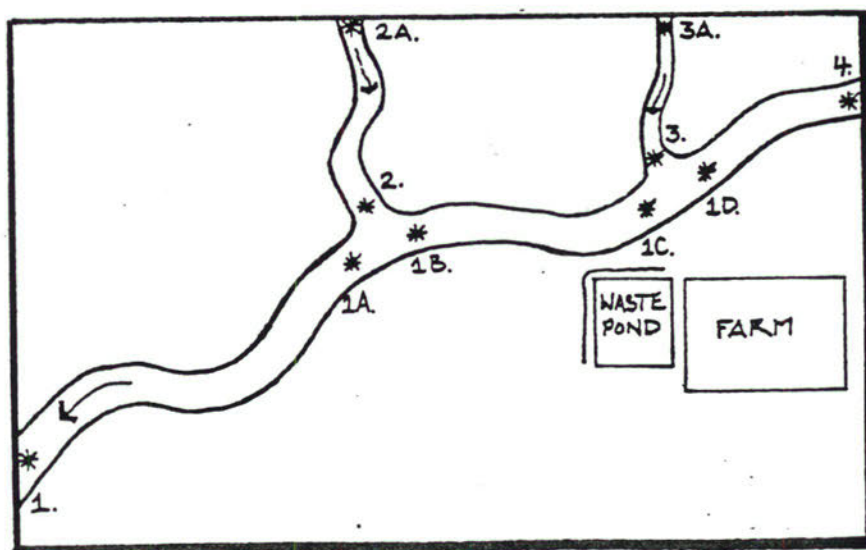
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# SIMPLY THE FACTS on Monitoring Sites



To select water monitoring sites for a farm or ranch:

1. Obtain current aerial photography or a map of the property. Label the map in a numeric system to denote the best locations for possible monitoring sites (example below). Start by choosing sites on property lines (i.e., sites 1, 2A, 3A, 4). This will determine the water quality entering and leaving your property.
2. Pick sites located at the downstream end of tributaries to determine the water quality entering the main channel of a creek (i.e., sites 2 and 3). This way, you can identify possible sources of nutrient loading simply by backtracking upstream from those sites (to sites 2A and 3A). While backtracking, if you receive a clean/non-polluted sample, you can pinpoint the pollution source.
3. Once you have identified a source of pollution, keep a record of your results and note problem sites. Record any observations concerning water quality and riparian habitat. These observations include date, time, weather conditions, water color, odor (if any), vegetation, the presence of wildlife, and general conditions. Also record your water sampling data such as temperature, pH, ammonia, flow, turbidity, conductivity, DO, etc.
4. The best time to sample is in the morning when the water is coolest. It is also best to sample in the rain or just after a rain to locate problem areas. Consistency in sampling is important to evaluate results over a period of time and to make corrections as needed.



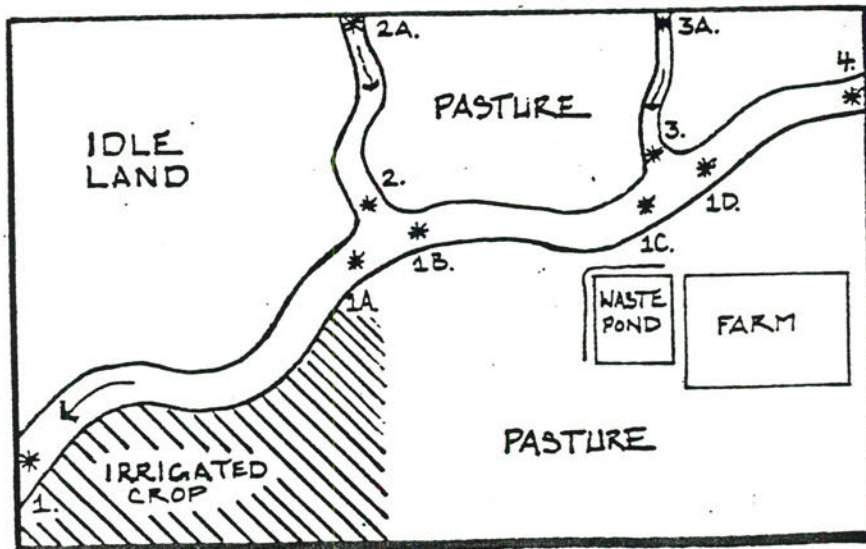
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## WATER MONITORING EXAMPLES

- ▼ A high nutrient reading was found at monitoring stations #1 and #1A. All other stations were sampled with low readings.
  - Conclusion: Nutrient source most likely is runoff from irrigated crop.
- ▼ A High turbidity (suspended sediment) level is recorded entering the property at station #4. At station #1 leaving the property a low turbidity level is recorded.
  - Conclusion: Sediment is being deposited between Station #1 and #4 in the stream channel.
- ▼ Station #2A and #2 have high nutrient levels recorded. A moderate nutrient reading was recorded at station #1A. Station #1B has a low nutrient level.
  - Conclusion: Tributary #2 has a high nutrient level entering the creek. Reading at station #1A has been diluted but a problem has still been diagnosed.



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## USDA FOUR CORNERS RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

DURANGO, COLORADO

## Third Quarter Operating Site Report

March 19, 1995 - June 24, 1995

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This report format follows instruction given in a letter from Joel Berg, director of National Service dated May 8, 1995, Preparing The Third Quarter Reports.

1. OPERATING SITE NAME: Durango, Colorado
2. PROGRAM NAME: USDA Four Corners Rural Development Team
3. CORPORATION GRANTEE NAME: USDA
4. REPORTING QUARTER: Third quarter
5. NUMBER OF MEMBERS SERVING AND NUMBER OF HOURS SERVED.  
All Members are full time.

Member allocated to Site:	6
Members enrolled last day of quarter	6
Members served entire quarter	6
Total service hours performed	3,285.5
Total service hours performed to date	7,926.25

NUMBER OF NON-AMERICORPS VOLUNTEERS AND NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

Number of non-AmeriCorps unpaid volunteers recruited:	0
Hours non-AmeriCorps volunteers worked:	0

6. COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES PLANNED WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED.

1.0 Data Inventory and Industry Potential Analysis.  
Work to be done is to determine the potential for natural resource based industries. The result to be achieved is to complete a research report that describes the potential of at least four natural resource based industries. The measure of quality is a research report with sufficient detail that economic development specialists utilize the information with little additional information. This research report will provide direct benefits to the community the first year by focusing on which natural resource based industries that will provide sustainable economic development to the community. The standard of success is at least one natural resource based industry is developed within two years after completion of the report. Benefit to the region is that at least 100 jobs will be created.

- Filled 20 requests for updated regional business data
- Made updated data available at 7 public meetings.
- Prepared specific information for three special circumstances; infrastructure grant that a local electronics firm is applying for, growth factors, etc., for the Governor's Growth Summit, and poverty numbers for a grant the Family Center is working on.
- Regional economic data has been placed on the World Wide Web (SCAN WWW site).
- Completed approximately 3/4 of planning, contracts, etc. to hold a regional Forestry Conference in the Four Corners area in October, 1995 on "Sustainable Forestry." AmeriCorps member has lead responsibilities.

### **1.03 Natural Resources Inventory**

The work to be done is to conduct a natural resource inventory. The results to be achieved are completed inventory of soils, plant and animal resources (868,000 acres) of four local units of government or Native American tribes, digitized on a GIS database. The measure of quality is an inventory that meets accepted technical standards (ie NRCS technical guide) of participating local units of government and Native American tribes. National GIS mapping standards will be met. the standard of success is 100% of the inventory will meet agreed to quality criteria and will be accepted by local units of governments and Native American tribes.

The number of beneficiaries are two Native American tribes and two local units of government representing about 42,000 citizens.

- Completed approximately 134,000 acres out of a total of 200,000 acres of photograph interpretation on private forested land in the San Juan RC&D area.
- Developed detailed range data for 8 permit holders on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.
- 33 erosion sites have been inventoried on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and a "needed improvements" plan prepared and given to the Southern Utes environmental work crew.

### **1.04 Information and Education of the benefits of natural resource based industries.**

The work to be done is writing and submitting for publication a series of articles which provide factual information about the economic benefits of natural resource based industries in the region. The result to be achieved is an increased understanding on the part of the reader as to the importance these industries to the economic well-being of many communities in the region. The ultimate goal is that of developing an understanding in the reader of the importance of retaining multiple use rights on the millions of acres of public land in the Four Corners region. The measure of success is the development of a series of 48 articles (12 per RC&D area) for submission to selected area newspapers, journals, and magazines. The standard of success is the actual publication of at least 50% of the submitted articles. An additional indication of success will be public response to the articles as determined by letters to the editor and inquiries for additional information. the number of people receiving the service will be all subscribers to the selected publications which is estimated at 65% of the region's households.

- Wrote 13 articles that were published on San Juan RC&D projects and about AmeriCorps members involvement.
- Produced one TV spot and facilitated one TV spot on San Juan RC&D projects.

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3rd **QUARTER REPORT**

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State:	INDIANA
Site ID #	94ADFDC047
Your Name:	FRED REAVES
Your Position:	Human Resources Specialist
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Date report completed	July 12, 1995
Reporting Period:	May 22, 1995 - July 10, 1995
Program Start-up date:	May 22, 1995

## MEMBER INFORMATION

## FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	_____
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    5    </u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>    5    </u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    5    </u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	
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Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    5    </u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	
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Rural Development Corps Members:	_____
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>    930    </u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    930    </u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>    930    </u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    930    </u>



MEMBER ASSESSMENT  
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 5 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 5

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 5  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 5

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER	1
Number of Males	<u>4</u>
Number of Females	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>5</u>

Box 2 - RACE	5
Number of Caucasians	<u>0</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>0</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>0</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>0</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>5</u>

Box 3 - EDUCATION	0
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>5</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>1</u>
Number with some college	<u>4</u>
Number with college degree	<u>0</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>0</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	<u>5</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

BOX 4 - OTHER	4
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>1</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>2</u>
Number of children	<u>0</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>1</u>



### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

The program just started in May 95, so no changes have taken place. All five employees are still on board.

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

No changes

Number of Members who have left National Service this quarter.

0

Total-to-date

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their AmeriCorps Service



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

<b>Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers</b>	
Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers: involved in AmeriCorps service activities in this quarter	0 _____
Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities: completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers in this quarter.	_____ _____



## BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)	
Project Manager completes this section	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	20%
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$8200.00</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>0</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>\$ 2300 (rounded)</u>
Training costs	<u>\$400.00</u>
Supplies	<u>\$50.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program Costs	<u>0</u>
(Please explain what these costs were.)	

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Supplies	<u>0</u>
Travel	<u>0</u>
Training	<u>0</u>
Program Costs	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>



**PROJECT DIRECTOR COSTS** (One per State - Above site level costs only)  
Do NOT include any costs already captured by the Project Manager.

**Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps**

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	20%
Approximate dollar amount	<u>\$8200.00</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>00</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>\$2268.00</u>
Training costs	<u>\$400.00</u>
Supplies	<u>\$50.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>0</u>

Non-Federal Funds Spent  
(Explain)

0

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3<sup>rd</sup> AMERICORPS  
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: Two Rivers

State: Illinois

Site ID #: 94ADFC010

Your Name: James B. Johnson

Your Position: Asst. Program Director

Telephone number: 217-398-5293

Fax number: 217-398-5210

e-mail address (if available): mwnet!atlas!james

Date report completed: July 10, 1995

Reporting Period: April 1 - June 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: October 17, 1995



# Two Rivers

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	<u>15</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>9</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>6</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>12</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>5</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>12</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>5</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>12,692</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7,615</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>5,077</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>5,590</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>3,261</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>2,329</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>18,282</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>10,876</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>7,406</u>

3,112.5 hours of direct service 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 + 9,579.5 " " " " 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
12,692



# Two Rivers

## PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Member:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

This project has no part-time members



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Two Rivers

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:  
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in  
this quarter

7

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:  
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers  
in this quarter.

240



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:  
 NONE

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:  
 NONE

Number of Members who have left National Service this quarter.	<u>0 *</u>
Total-to-date	<u>3</u>
Number of Members who have gained employment thru their AmeriCorps Service	<u>3</u>

\* All three (3) members left at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



**MEMBER ASSESSMENT**  
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 15 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 12

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 7  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 5

**DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

<b>Box 1 - GENDER</b>	
Number of Males	<u>7</u>
Number of Females	<u>5</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>12</u>

<b>Box 2 - RACE</b>	
Number of Caucasians	<u>12</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>—</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>—</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>—</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>—</u>
Other	<u>—</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>12</u>

<b>Box 3 - EDUCATION</b>	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>0</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>4</u>
Number with some college	<u>5</u>
Number with college degree	<u>1</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>2</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>—</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>12</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

<b>BOX 4 - OTHER</b>	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>11</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>2</u>
Number of children	<u>3</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>0</u>



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only) Project Manager completes this section	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>65%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>32,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>—</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>—</u>
Training costs	<u>1,000</u>
Supplies	<u>500.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>250.00</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>—</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Supplies	<u>—</u>
Travel	<u>—</u>
Training	<u>—</u>
Program Costs	<u>—</u>
Other	<u>—</u>



3<sup>rd</sup> AMERICORPS  
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name: East St. Louis

State: Illinois

Site ID #: 94ADFCMD

Your Name: James B. Johnson

Your Position: Asst. Program Director

Telephone number: 217-398-5293

Fax number: 217-398-5310

e-mail address  
(if available) mwnet!atlas!james

Date report completed 7-10-95

Reporting Period: April 1. - June 30, 1995

Program Start-up date: October 3, 1994



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	<u>30</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>30</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>22</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>22</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>22</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>22</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<del>11,68</del> 20,244
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>20,244</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>7,533</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>7,533</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>27,777</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>27,777</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>—</u>



**PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION**

Number of Members authorized:	<u>0</u> *
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Member:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>2165</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2165</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>2165</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2165</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

\* All authorized members were full-time at start-up date. Part-time members were enrolled as replacements. All part-time members were enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter



**VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT**

**Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers**

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:  
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in  
this quarter

15

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:  
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers  
in this quarter.

880



**MEMBER ASSESSMENT**  
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 30 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 30

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 30  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 0

**DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

<b>Box 1 - GENDER</b>	
Number of Males	<u>18</u>
Number of Females	<u>12</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>30</u>

<b>Box 2 - RACE</b>	
Number of Caucasians	<u>2</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>28</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>-</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>-</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>-</u>
Other	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>30</u>

<b>Box 3 - EDUCATION</b>	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>2</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>8</u>
Number with some college	<u>18</u>
Number with college degree	<u>1</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>-</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>30</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

<b>BOX 4 - OTHER</b>	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>26</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>3</u>
Number of children	<u>4</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>0</u>



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

*NONE*

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

*NONE*

Number of Members who have left National Service  
this quarter.

7

Total-to-date

12

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their  
AmeriCorps Service

3



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)  
Project Manager completes this section

Par cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>100%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>27,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>5,000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>3,500</u>
Training costs	<u>1,000</u>
Supplies	<u>900.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>850.00</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>—</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies	<u>—</u>
Travel	<u>—</u>
Training	<u>—</u>
Program Costs	<u>—</u>
Other	<u>—</u>





## Objectives Section

Objective: (state objective)

Progress towards meeting this community service objectives

To establish 15 community gardens in the ESL/Lovejoy area by utilizing the service recipients in the urban community garden component of the AmeriCorps Project.

Accomplishments: The Community Garden Team have completed 100 percent of the gardens at this time. Much effort is being carried out by the team and community recipients to maintain and get produce for the local Farmers Market.

To improve storm water drainage by reducing runoff from the community gardens restored, and city parks.

Accomplishments: The storm water drainage project is being established on the 10 lots that have been 70 percent completed. The site located in the Washington Park location have been inspected by the city engineer for drainage improvement needs. All of the sites have been investigated for drainage and runoff.

(complete this sheet for each objective)



3<sup>rd</sup> AMERICORPS  
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name:

Chicago

State:

Illinois

Site ID #

94ADFC010

Your Name:

James B. Johnson

Your Position:

Asst. Program Director

Telephone number:

217-398-5293

Fax number:

217-398-5310

e-mail address  
(if available)

MWNet! atlas! james

Date report completed

July 10, 1995

Reporting Period:

April 1 - June 30, 1995

Program Start-up date:

October 17, 1994



# Chicago

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	<u>20</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>20</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>16</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>16</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>16</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>16</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>12,112</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>12,112</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>8,320</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>8,320</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>24,692</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>24,692</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>    </u>

5,040 hrs - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter  
 7,072 hrs - 2<sup>nd</sup> " "  
12,112 hrs



## Chicazo

### PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	<u>0</u> *
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>2</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>2</u>
Rural Development Corps Member:	<u>0</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>3</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>3</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>0</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>1560</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1560</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	<u>1560</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>1560</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>0</u>

\* All authorized members were full-time at start-up date. Part-time members were enrolled as replacements. All part-time members were enrolled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Chicago

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:  
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in  
this quarter

2,352

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:  
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers  
in this quarter.

5,547



Chicago

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

None

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

None

Number of Members who have left National Service this quarter.	<u>3</u>
Total-to-date	<u>9</u>
Number of Members who have gained employment thru their AmeriCorps Service	<u>3</u>



# Chicago

## MEMBER ASSESSMENT as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 20 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 18

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 18  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 18

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

<b>Box 1 - GENDER</b>	
Number of Males	<u>11</u>
Number of Females	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	<u>18</u>

<b>Box 2 - RACE</b>	
Number of Caucasians	<u>1</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>12</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>1</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>1</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>1</u>
Other	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>18</u>

<b>Box 3 - EDUCATION</b>	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>1</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>10</u>
Number with some college	<u>4</u>
Number with college degree	<u>1</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>1</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>1</u>
TOTAL	<u>18</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

<b>BOX 4 - OTHER</b>	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>18</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>4</u>
Number of children	<u>6</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>1</u>



BUDGET INFORMATION

Chicago

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only) Project Manager completes this section	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>100%</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>27,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u><del>2,000.00</del></u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>2,000.00</u>
Training costs	<u>850.00</u>
Supplies	<u>1,100.00</u>
Uniform costs	<u>1,000.00</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>—</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Supplies	<u>—</u>
Travel	<u>—</u>
Training	<u>—</u>
Program Costs	<u>—</u>
Other	<u>—</u>

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AMERICORPS

3 QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site name:

Iowa Rural Development Team

State:

Iowa

Site ID #

Your Name:

James E. Ayer

Your Position:

Program Director

Telephone number:

515-284-4370

Fax number:

515-284-4394

e-mail address  
(if available)

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Date report completed

7/10/95

Reporting Period:

3rd quarter

Program Start-up date:

10/1/94



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>24</u>
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	<u>24</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>24</u>
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	<u>24</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>24</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	<u>19613</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>19613</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	<u>9660</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>9660</u>
Total Hours of Direct Service to Date:	<u>29273</u>
Environmental Corps Members:	<u>0</u>
Rural Development Corps Members:	<u>29273</u>



UNIT NO.  
STATE  
DEPT. NO.  
OF AM. COL. TR.

PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized:	
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	
Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	
Rural Development Corps Members:	
Number of Members at beginning of quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	
Rural Development Corps Members:	
Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	
Rural Development Corps Members:	
Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter:	
Environmental Corps Members:	
Rural Development Corps Members:	
Total Hours of Direct Service to date:	
Environmental Corps Members:	
Rural Development Corps Members:	



VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

Non-AmeriCorps Member Volunteers

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers:  
involved in AmeriCorps service activities in  
this quarter

0

Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities:  
completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers  
in this quarter.

0



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

1. Staff changes made this quarter:

*Relocated one Member from Indiana to  
Oakland site.*

*2 Members left AmeriCorps*

2. Program structural changes made this quarter:

Number of Members who have left National Service  
this quarter.

2

Total-to-date

3

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their  
AmeriCorps Service

2



MEMBER ASSESSMENT  
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 26 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 23

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 0  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 26

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

<b>Box 1 - GENDER</b>	
Number of Males	<u>15</u>
Number of Females	<u>11</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>26</u>

<b>Box 2 - RACE</b>	
Number of Caucasians	<u>25</u>
Number of African Americans	<u>1</u>
Number of Native Americans	<u>0</u>
Number of Hispanics	<u>0</u>
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>26</u>

<b>Box 3 - EDUCATION</b>	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED	<u>0</u>
Number with High School or GED	<u>0</u>
Number with some college	<u>1</u>
Number with college degree	<u>18</u>
Number with Graduate degree	<u>7</u>
Number w/Professional or Trade School	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>26</u>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

<b>BOX 4 - OTHER</b>	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS	<u>21</u>
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps	<u>0</u>
Number of children	<u>0</u>
Number w/Disabilities	<u>0</u>



BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only)	
Project Manager completes this section	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>10</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>19,800</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>2000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>1800</u>
Training costs	<u>500</u>
Supplies	<u>2000</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>0</u>

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Supplies	<u>1557</u>
Travel	<u>5500</u>
Training	<u>500</u>
Program Costs	<u>0</u>
Other	<u>0</u>



PROJECT DIRECTOR COSTS (One per State - Above site level costs only)  
Do NOT include any costs already captured by the Project Manager.

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	<u>30</u>
Approximate dollar amount	<u>18,000</u>
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps	<u>2000</u>
Travel costs for Members & Managers	<u>0</u>
Training costs	<u>200</u>
Supplies	<u>0</u>
Uniform costs	<u>0</u>
Program Costs (Please explain what these costs were.)	<u>0</u>

Non-Federal Funds Spent  
(Explain)

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# Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is presented to

Michelle Priebe Wilson

in appreciation for the valuable contribution

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Classroom Day

Our sincere gratitude is extended to you this

17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1995.

Signed Tama County Fifth Graders

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Subject: PER - USDA/AmeriCorps - Kansas  
Third Quarterly Report

Date: July 6, 1995

To: Lloyd Wright, Director, Community  
Assistance and Resource Division, NRCS,  
Washington, D.C.

File Code: 360-5

Enclosed for your information is the third quarterly report for the USDA  
AmeriCorps Projects in Kansas.

James N. Habiger  
State Conservationist

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Enclosures

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AMERICORPS  
THIRD QUARTERLY REPORT

TIME PERIOD: April 1 through June 30, 1995

SITE INFORMATION

Operating Site Name:	USDA/KANSAS
State:	KANSAS
Site ID No.	N/A
Your Name:	LARRY D. MILES
Your Position:	PROJECT DIRECTOR
Telephone Number:	(913) 823-4578
Fax Number:	(913) 823-4540
E-Mail Address: (If available)	N/A
Date Report Completed:	JUNE 30, 1995
Reporting Period:	APRIL THROUGH JUNE 30, 1995
Program Start-up Date:	OCTOBER 1994

## MEMBER INFORMATION

## FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of members authorized for your site:	
Environmental Corps Members:	25
Rural Development Corps Members:	18
Number of members enrolled at end of quarter:	32
Environmental Corps Members:	16
Rural Development Corps Members:	16
Number of members at beginning of quarter:	38
Environmental Corps Members:	20
Rural Development Corps Members:	18
Total hours of direct service for previous quarters:	34,866
Environmental Corps Members:	16,712
Rural Development Corps Members:	18,154
Total hours of direct service for this quarter:	15,636
Environmental Corps Members:	7,105
Rural Development Corps Members:	8,531
Total hours of direct service to date:	50,502
Environmental Corps Members:	23,817
Rural Development Corps Members:	26,685

## MEMBER INFORMATION

## PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of members authorized:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Number of members enrolled at end of quarter:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Number of members at beginning of quarter:	1
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	1
Total hours of direct service for previous quarters:	0
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	0
Total hours of direct service for this quarter:	520
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	520
Total hours of direct service to date:	520
Environmental Corps Members:	0
Rural Development Corps Members:	520

## VOLUNTEER ASSESSMENT

## NON-AMERICORPS MEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Total Number of non-AmeriCorps Volunteers: (Involved in AmeriCorps service activities in this quarter)	420
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Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities: (Completed by non-AmeriCorps member volunteers in this quarter)	3,390
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SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THIS QUARTER

Program structural changes made this quarter:

In April, Secretary of Agriculture Glickman put a hold on wetland inventories. Since that time the wetland and riparian area delineation teams have worked on other than wetland inventories. Nine-five percent of the teams' time has been spent on the riparian inventory.

Number of members who have left the national service this quarter: 6

Total-to-date: 11

Number of members who have gained employment through their AmeriCorps service: Unknown

**MEMBER ASSESSMENT**  
at the end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 43 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 32

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED: 16  
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED: 16

**DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS**

<b>Box 1 - GENDER</b>	
Number of Males:	24
Number of Females:	8
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Box 2 - RACE</b>	
Number of Caucasians:	31
Number of African Americans:	1
Number of Native Americans:	0
Number of Hispanics:	0
Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander:	0
Other:	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32</b>

<b>Box 3 - EDUCATION</b>	
Number w/out High School Diploma or GED:	0
Number with High School or GED:	4
Number with some college:	4
Number with College Degree:	24
Number with Graduate Degree:	0
Number w/Professional or Trade School:	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>32</b>

NOTE: Totals in boxes 1-3 should be the same number and should be the same as TOTAL EMPLOYED.

<b>Box 4 - OTHER</b>	
Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS:	25
Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps:	4
Number of children:	5
Number w/Disabilities:	0

## BUDGET INFORMATION

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps (Local Level Only) Project Manager completes this section	
Percent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	75
Approximate dollar amount:	200,00
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps:	15,000
Travel costs for members and managers:	0
Training costs:	0
Supplies:	0
Uniform costs:	0
Program Costs: (Please explain what these costs were)	0

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Supplies:	1,000
Travel:	1,000
Training:	500
Program Costs:	0
Other (Supervision Salaries):	130,000

## PROJECT DIRECTOR COSTS

(One per state - Above site level costs only)  
Do **NOT** include any costs already captured by the project manager.

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps	
Percent of your time spent on AmeriCorps	40
Approximate dollar amount:	\$ \$30,000
Cost for any other Federal employee spending time on AmeriCorps:	\$110,000
Travel costs for members and managers:	\$ 5,000
Training costs:	\$ 2,000
Supplies:	\$ 500
Uniform costs:	\$ 1,000
Program Costs: (Please explain what these costs were)	None

Non-Federal Funds Spent  
(Explain)

None

**PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES:**

Landowners and operators are learning about the benefits of wetlands and riparian areas. Recreational uses of state parks are being restored. Members are providing community service in many aspects of the areas where they live and work. Community service activities are (hours of community service):

- volunteered as a hunter safety instructor (4)
- worked with County Sheriff Department Volunteer Reserves (28)
- refurbished picnic shelter damaged by vandals (120)
- assisted in preparation of display for sport and travel show (8)
- assisted with construction of Boy Scout Shelter (32)
- assisted with Heritage Village Community Development Project (32)
- provided outdoor classroom training (150)
- designed and planned a parking lot and boat ramp (60)
- presented to Lyons Middle School a program on the importance of wetlands (4)
- installed fish habitat using recycled Christmas trees (16)
- worked with the City of Hutchinson zoo (30)
- assisted local residents cleanup ice storm damage debris (100)
- worked with a rest home to cleanup storm damage debris (7)
- helped at a wildlife refuge by cleaning bird houses and conducting a wildlife survey (34)
- assisted with a paper recycling project (12)
- worked with forestry team to build a stream channel restoration project (54)
- stenciled storm drains with "no dumping" signs for the City of Topeka (100)
- assisted local conservation groups with information booth at area farm show (16)
- assisted local conservation groups with information booth at local lawn and garden show (16)
- escorted blood donors to the bloodmobile (8)
- assisted state and federal agencies with mapping for public use areas (13)
- presented wildlife program to Cub Scouts (3)
- presented career day program to Jefferson High School students (4)
- helped City of Valley Falls remove ice storm damage debris from city park and adjacent area (30)
- helped state conservation group with streambank stabilization demonstration at state farm show (5)
- worked with Emporia area Boys Scouts for natural resource project training (67)
- worked with Emporia Middle School to plant trees (30)
- gave a talk on wetlands to the Chapman 5th grade class (3)
- plant cedar trees at Kanopolis State Park (8)
- eleven members and the state facilitator worked with state parks personnel to restore Meade State Park to use by renovating fire damage (450)
- assisted with planting 8500 trees in Ellis, Graham, Rooks and Russell Counties (36)
- made riparian area and wetland benefits presentations to several schools in northwest Kansas (12)
- assisted in setting up a recycling program in the City of Hays (24)
- helped with Big Creek trash clean up day (24)
- assisted with survey and design of Big Creek restoration project (20)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES: (Continued)**

- helped the wildlife biologist plant 5000 trees at the Jeffery Energy Center Wildlife area (20)
- assisted the Kansas Bow Hunters Club plant 7000 trees on the Tuttle Creek Wildlife area (30)
- assisted the wildlife biologist plant 400 trees near the town of Emmit (8)
- participated with the Kansas Commission for Community Service in providing assistance to four community service projects in Topeka during the Community Service Day recognition (250)
- assisted with establishment of an outdoor classroom at Blue Valley High School (36)
- assisted with the construction of a wetland at Tuttle Creek Reservoir (54)
- made a presentation to two elementary schools in Marysville about the importance of riparian areas and stream restoration (18)
- conducted an aquatic training session for the Blue Valley High School "Envirothon" team (8)
- assisted the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks on a stream restoration project in the Konza Prairie Research Area (27)
- served as group leaders for a field day at Meade State Fishing Lake for fifth graders from Cimarron School (18)
- planted trees at Ford County Lake (32)
- gave 18 presentations on wildlife habitat to 550 sixth grade students for Conservation Days at Dillons Nature Center (8)
- gave 18 presentations on surveying equipment and how to stake out a pond to 550 sixth grade students at Conservation Days at the Dillons Nature Center (8)
- assisted with stream bank protection project on West Creek in Greenwood County (36)
- applied weed barrier to tree planting area at Emporia Middle School (26)
- worked with Boy Scouts on conservation projects (62)
- served as group guides for Butler County wildflower tour attended by 240 people (16)
- assisted Emporia Middle School with Outdoor Wildlife Learning Center (8)
- helped with Lyon County Wildflower Tour with an attendance of 35 by serving as group leaders (6)
- organized and participated in intersession classes for 45 Butcher Elementary School students (52)
- assisted state and federal agencies develop digital maps of park areas at Milford Reservoir (6)
- assisted the American Red Cross Bloodmobile (10)
- assisted with park clean up at Kanopolis Reservoir (9)
- assisted with clean up of beach house at Milford Reservoir (24)
- presented a wildlife program to 250 Girl Scouts (4)
- assisted the city of Valley Falls in pumping sewage lagoons (4)
- instructed Valley Falls High School students in the installation of goose nesting and bluebird houses (6)
- worked with Marshall County fair board to help prepare church sponsored concession booth (6)
- worked with Waconda High School Sophomores and Cawker City Elementary School 3rd graders to plant 250 trees (8)
- gave a tour of Horsethief Canyon Park (6)
- provided a program for 40 students on fossils and minerals (4)
- provided a program for 20 Girl Scouts on park management (4)
- provided a wilderness survival program for Boy Scouts (5)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES: (Continued)**

- provided an interpretive fishing clinic (24)
- worked with local merchants on prize donations for fishing clinic
- provided a program at a child care clinic on how people and animals use their senses (6)
- provided an information program at Aylward Ranch for 55 Girl Scouts (8)

Total community service hours add up to over 2400 hours.

**PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Members are learning the value of doing things as a team. Their improved team work skills have been observed on numerous occasions.

State park managers have stated they are very pleased with the state park restoration teams and the significant progress they are making toward park restoration.

During recent wetland oversight reviews, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) area wetland team leaders praised the contributions made by the AmeriCorps members in support of the Kansas Wetland and Riparian Inventories. Wetland oversight or quality control is carried out by representatives of the four federal agencies (Environmental Protection Agency, Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, and NRCS) that have the lead in wetland activities.

A good network has been developed with non-USDA AmeriCorps projects in the State. The Kansas Commission for National Community Service (Pat Kells) and the state program director for the Corporation for National Community Service (Jim Byrnes) have been helpful in getting our program up and running. We meet quarterly with these two groups to compare notes and learn from other experiences.

Specific project accomplishments are:

**Wildlife and Parks Teams:****Kanopolis Reservoir:**

- installed 163 international signs
- installed 2 wind warning devices
- cleaned and painted park workshop
- planted 150 cedar trees
- installed 6 fishing regulation signs
- placed fish structures (cedar trees) in the lake
- cleaned and repaired 25 bluebird boxes
- pulled flight feathers and banded 60 geese
- built 24 wood duck boxes
- rebuilt 30 picnic tables
- installed drain pipes in 4 beaver dams
- trapped and relocated beaver causing damage to the park
- built two information shelters
- assisted high school student with research project
- assisted with snow removal

**Kanopolis Reservoir: (Continued)**

- repaired park vehicles
- assembled and transported 24 geese nesting structures
- repaired and modified 8000 feet of fence
- repaired water crossing
- cleared 16,000 feet of trail
- captured and relocated prairie dogs to flood damaged areas
- dug and transplanted 40 trees
- planted trees in wildlife area
- moved picnic tables and refuge containers above high water area
- repaired and installed courtesy fishing docks
- picked up flood debris
- renovated hiking trails
- installed sales display at park office
- worked with fisheries biologist to obtain walleye eggs
- assisted with controlled burn on 15 acres
- installed gate and repaired water crossing on multi-use trail
- repaired four goose nesting structures
- rebuilt information shelter
- painted four trail signs
- repaired 300 feet of swimming beach rope
- removed fence from wildlife refuge
- cut dead trees on wildlife refuge
- planted grass on the wildlife refuge
- planted trees in nursery at Wilson State Park
- marked grills and buoys at Wilson State Park
- repair pit toilets at Ottawa State Fishing Lake
- repaired park facilities damage by hail storm
- worked at noxious weed control at Wilson Wildlife Area
- planted food plots at Wilson Wildlife Area
- place weed barrier around newly planted trees
- installed two wood duck boxes
- renovated the fish cleaning station
- assisted with installation of water line and electric line in new Lovegrass area
- planted 300 seedling trees at Otoe nursery

**Wilson State Park:**

- removed protective wire and support ropes from transplanted trees
- assisted fisheries biologist with walleye netting and egg collection
- assisted with tree and flood debris removal
- transplanted numerous cedar trees in campgrounds
- rebuilt fee collection booth

**Webster Reservoir:**

- installed 60 feet of fence and gate to control hunting access
- installed barrier posts to control access to 4 wildlife areas
- repaired damaged gates and fence at Sheridan Wildlife Area
- cleaned flood debris from 106,000 feet of reservoir shoreline
- repaired park maintenance equipment
- cleaned campsites and support facilities and stocked with firewood in preparation for hunting season
- mulched new trees
- cut and removed over 150 flood damaged trees

**Webster Reservoir: (Continued)**

- placed cut trees in reservoir for fish habitat
- assisted fisheries biologist with trout stocking
- constructed over 100 brush piles for wildlife habitat
- assisted wildlife biologist with deer survey
- rebuilt 6 damaged picnic shelters
- repaired boat docks
- removed damaging trees from Rooks State Fishing Lake Dam
- assembled gill nets for fishery biologist
- picked up debris at Rooks State Fishing Lake shoreline
- refinished 20 picnic tables
- cleaned, organized and inventoried park supply storage facility
- repaired 10,500 feet of fence
- repaired flood damaged boat docks
- repaired flood damaged picnic tables
- repaired damaged fences
- put up signs closing roads due to 1995 flood
- made 1995 flood damage survey
- replaced trees killed by flood damage
- restored campground gravel surface material
- restored fire-rings damaged by flood waters
- restored campsite markers
- restored shower houses for full camping use
- weighted handicapped fishing pier to prevent flood damage
- worked with landowners and wildlife biologist to make tree and shrub plantings on private lands
- participated in controlled burn for a wildlife area in the park
- prepared fishing nets for use by the fisheries biologist
- constructed a predator control fence at the geese area and limited access area

**Glen Elder Reservoir:**

- repaired 79,000 feet of fence
- assembled and finished picnic tables and shelters
- cleaned camp grounds
- completed deer survey
- prepared fire break
- repaired road
- repaired and maintained park vehicles and equipment
- assisted with computer input of park agricultural permits
- cleaned up and burned trees at the camping sites
- installed 45 stone posts
- installed fish habitat (cut trees) at Lovewell Reservoir
- installed fish habitat (cut trees) at Glen Elder Reservoir
- repaired 15 gates
- conducted two wildlife surveys
- installed 300 signs
- rebuilt a toilet facility
- prepared 25 bags of grass seed
- cleaned restrooms
- conducted weekly public use surveys
- routed, stained, and painted seven signs for shooting range
- assisted fisheries biologist fertilize and transport 20-20 million walleye eggs to the hatchery

**Glen Elder Reservoir: (Continued)**

- planted 10,000 trees as replacement for trees lost due to flood damage
- planted 11 five gallon buckets of acorns
- constructed 5 barricades
- transported 3 truck loads of debris to landfill
- sprayed 100 acres of park to control musk thistle
- planted 100 acres of grass
- assisted with vehicle repair and maintenance during bad weather days

**Perry Reservoir:**

- installed 15 people control signs
- erected one large informational kiosk
- repaired one informational kiosk
- updated 6 informational kiosks
- cleared trees and brush from 22,000 feet of marsh dikes
- constructed over 100 brush piles for wildlife habitat
- removed ice storm tree debris from 26,000 feet of roadway
- repaired marsh outlet control structure
- conducted two deer surveys
- conducted four waterfowl surveys
- conducted two hunter surveys
- cleaned and repaired 4 geese nesting structures
- repaired 100 picnic tables
- painted 40 trash containers
- removed two courtesy docks
- planted two park flower plots
- installed 200 Christmas trees in reservoir for fish habitat
- repaired 18 rest rooms
- assisted fishery biologist set nets at Atchison State Lake
- repaired 1300 feet of fence at Green Wildlife Area
- cleared 5000 feet of hiking trail at Green Wildlife Area
- repaired and cleaned bluebird houses
- constructed boat ramp at Brown State Fishing Lake
- cleared limbs from 1300 feet of road at Brown State Lake
- constructed 1200 feet of fish habitat at Brown State Lake
- cleaned and organized workshop at Shawnee State Lake
- cleaned Shawnee Lake shoreline and camp grounds of brush and debris
- planted 8 trees at Shawnee State Lake
- repaired a floating dock
- repaired and repainted 4 rest rooms
- removed 6 tons of scrap iron from park
- repaired one bridge
- repaired 2.5 miles of boundary fence
- control burned 300 acres for improved wildlife habitat
- assisted fisheries biologist in test netting
- repaired 18 wildlife food plots for planting
- conducted pheasant crow count survey and quail whistle count survey
- mowed 44 miles of access road and 3 miles of horse trail
- mowed four miles of marsh dike
- assisted Canada Geese release and banding at Lassiter Marsh
- constructed and placed eight road barricades during period of high water
- sprayed noxious weeds on 100 acres
- mowed 240 acres of picnic area and camp sites

# Volunteers clean up at Meade Lake

By Alan Montgomery  
The Hutchinson News

MEADE — AmeriCorps volunteers joined 20 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks employees Tuesday in the hot, sooty job of cutting down hundreds of fire-blackened trees at Meade State Fishing Lake.

Jim Meisenheimer, an AmeriCorps supervisor based in Salina, brought 11 of his volunteers to the lake to spend a week there helping to clear trees that were killed in a March 22 prairie fire.

The volunteers came from their posts in Salina, Emporia, Dodge City and Hutchinson and from the Kanopolis, Glen Elder and Webster reservoirs, Meisenheimer said.

AmeriCorps, he said, is "President Clinton's national service program" that began in September 1994.

The program is open to young people, age 17 or older, who have completed college, high school or earned a high school equivalency diploma, he said.

"In return for (AmeriCorps) community service, they receive an educational reward, to help pay off their student loans or to further their education," he said.

The volunteers receive modest stipends to pay living costs, plus a \$4,725 education award, for about nine months work, he said.

Fort Scott native Kyle Hedges, 23, was among the AmeriCorps volunteers at the lake Tuesday. With sweat dripping off his nose, and with his T-shirt and blue jeans blackened with soot, Hedges at 2 p.m. was dragging cut limbs to a point where state employees were feeding them into a chipper-shredder. Tractors were used to drag the main trunk sections to burn piles.

Hedges in December 1994 graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in fisheries biology and he hopes soon to land a job with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks; he already has worked several summers for the agency.

He joined AmeriCorps in April, at the advice of his college counselor; AmeriCorps found him a position with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Dodge City, where he is helping with wetlands research.

"This is a good opportunity for me," Hedges said. "It certainly gives me some experience in my field."



Photo by Scott Ladd

Kansas Wildlife and Parks officer Mike Mitchen, left, oversees John Droste, Dodge City AmeriCorps volunteer, as Droste cuts through a tree at Meade County Lake.

Mark Goldsberry, the Kansas Wildlife and Parks ranger who manages the 55-acre lake, its 30-acre park and 350-acre wildlife refuge, said the fire in March burned more than 360 acres in the park and refuge, located 14 miles southwest of Meade.

A windstorm had broken a tree limb, which downed a power line that started the blaze.

Goldsberry said the pace of the work crews Monday gave him confidence that all the lake's park areas will be open well before the July 4th holiday.

He was grateful for the Wildlife and Parks workers, who came in from as far away as Belleville to help for the week, as well as for the AmeriCorps workers, he said.

**'It's great. With the extra bodies, we're going to cover a lot of ground we couldn't have covered otherwise.'**

**— Mark Goldsberry,  
ranger at Meade State Lake**

Fanned by 60-mph northwest winds, the wildfire roared through most of the park before it was brought under control by firefighters from Meade, Fowler, Seward County, Beaver, Okla., and Forgan, Okla.

Goldsberry said at least 500 mature trees, most of them cottonwoods that were 60 or more years old, were killed by the fire and must be removed. In turn, the parks department already has acquired 2,600 seedlings from Kansas State University Forestry Extension to be planted in the park and refuge this fall.

The new trees will include mulberry, ash, bur oak, black walnut, locust and cottonwood trees, he said.

Despite the fire damage, the lake's park and camping areas still have acres of healthy, stately trees for visitors to enjoy, with visitation averaging about 130,000 people per year, the park manager said.

"It's great," he said. "With the extra bodies, we're going to cover a lot of ground we couldn't have covered otherwise."

Volunteerism didn't end with the AmeriCorps. Area businesses, including Pizza Hut and Schmidt Packing, both of Meade, and National Beef Packing, Liberal, donated food for lunches and dinners for the volunteers for the week, said Willie Helms, park office assistant.

Helms doubled as a cook this week, along with Myrna and Jim Perona, Fort Dodge, who camp often at the lake and volunteered to help feed the tree-cutting crews, Helms said.

The AmeriCorps volunteers and Wildlife and Parks workers all are camping in tents at the lake for the week, Goldsberry said.

Meade County Lake was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps, a national work program that is similar to AmeriCorps, he said.

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## Z-BAR LEASED

A Texas millionaire has paid \$2 million for grazing rights on the historic Z-Bar Ranch, providing money that conservationists say will aid efforts to create a tallgrass park in the Flint Hills. Edward Bass, from Ft. Worth, agreed in April to the 35-year grazing lease with the National Park Trust, owner of the 10,734-acre Chase County site. Bass also donated \$1 million to the tallgrass prairie campaign.

—Wichita Eagle

## CORPORATION SUES LOCALS

Former North Carolina hog farmer Don Webb summed up the sentiments of those gathered in Lincoln Township when he warned, "Don't let happen to your states what happened to North Carolina." Webb joined speakers from 35 groups and at least 12 states who took turns on stage during an April 1 rally in Lincoln Township, Putnam County, in northcentral Missouri.

An estimated 2,000 people attended the rally to offer their support for the township's fight against mega-hog giant Premium Standard Farms' lawsuit [voters had recently banned corporate hog farming, so Premium is suing] and express their concern over corporate agriculture's takeover of the nation's farms, its food system, and its natural resources. Speaker after speaker from North Carolina to Oklahoma warned that "as went chickens, so go

hogs, and so will go the rest of agriculture to the detriment of family farmers, rural communities, and the environment."

Country singer and Farm Aid president Willie Nelson was also on hand. Nelson joined township residents on stage early in the program and cited the letters he'd received from residents asking Farm Aid for help. He closed the rally with a 30-minute mini-concert.

Lincoln Township and rally organizers asked Premium Standard Farms for three things: drop the lawsuit, abide by township zoning laws, and start being a good neighbor.

Meanwhile in Kansas, six more counties voted down corporate swine and dairy farming in April 4 elections. Reno County rejected corporate hogs 9,275 to 2,976 and corporate dairies 7,988 to 3,893. Decatur County

rejected corporate hogs 987 to 460 and corporate dairies 924 to 602. Rawlins County rejected corporate hogs 1,009 to 284 and corporate dairies 912 to 368. Chautauqua County rejected corporate hogs 949 to 481. Bourbon County rejected corporate hogs 2,649 to 640. Trego County rejected corporate dairies 981 to 282.

When the total votes cast in all 12 counties that have now voted on the corporate hog question in Kansas are tallied, the sentiment runs 3 to 1 against corporate hogs.

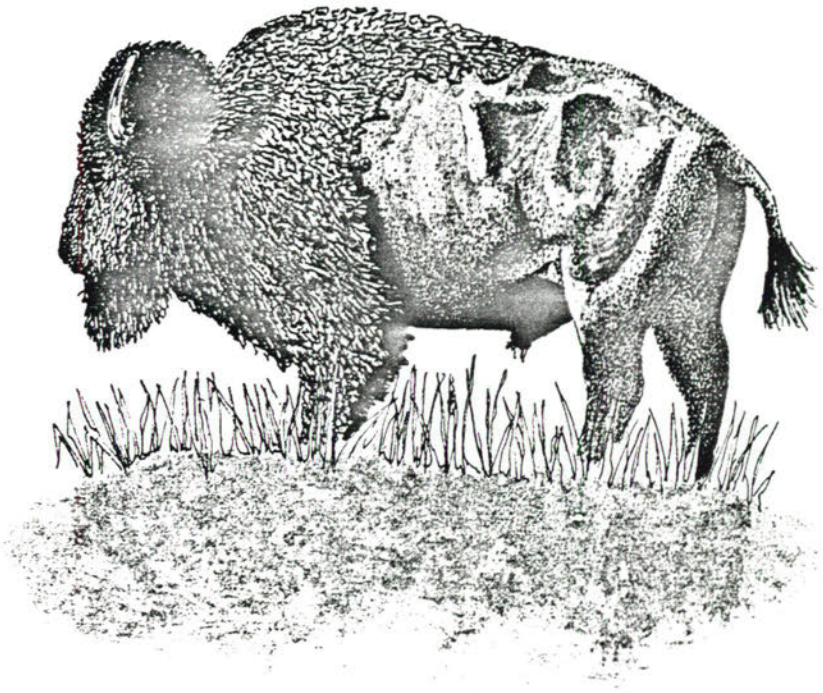
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## AMERICORPS AIDS KANOPOLIS

"Getting things done" is the slogan of the AmeriCorps national service program, according to Jim

Meisenheimer, Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA regional facilitator. In February, four members of the AmeriCorps team at Kanopolis State Park, Reservoir, and Wildlife Area — Chris Newton, Kurt Grimm, Troy Hurlburt, and Scott Morris — developed fish habitat, built and installed waterfowl nesting structures, fixed water crossings on trails, constructed public information shelters, and maintained park buildings and picnic tables.

The members placed eastern cedar trees eliminated from rangeland, recycled Christmas trees, and old tires wired together into the lake, supplying fish habitat. The benefits to fishermen are greater survival of little fish, which attract larger predator fish to the habitat. The habitat will allow more fish to reach a catchable size, as well. AmeriCorps members have created six



new brush piles in Kanopolis Reservoir.

Members have also built wood duck nesting boxes. There have been installed at Kanopolis State Park Wildlife Viewing Area, and the others will be placed in wildlife areas.

An increase of beavers at the lake has caused the water level to rise at crossings on the Kanopolis trail system, making them difficult for both hikers and horses to cross. AmeriCorps members installed drain pipes through the beaver dams in order to lower the water level.

In addition, they installed two information shelters.

Questions concerning the AmeriCorps members' work at Kanopolis can be answered by calling (913) 546-2565.

—Lyons Daily News

## VIRO ASSAULT

Legislation with huge environmental consequences poured out of the House of Representatives in its first session. Among key actions

\*House appropriators rescinded hundreds of millions of dollars authorized last year for land acquisition, urban parks, forests, and drinking water;

\* the regulatory Transition Act (HR 450), approved Feb. 24, halts endangered species listings and critical habitat designations until Dec. 31, 1996, or until Congress reforms the Endangered Species Act;

\* HR 1022 and HR 926 require risk assessment and cost-benefit, regulatory-impact, and regulatory-flexibility analyses of environ-

mental regulations, each subject to court challenge.

In jeopardy is spending from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), the key federal land acquisition account. House appropriators sliced \$29 million (12 percent) from LWCF spending already approved for fiscal year (FY) 1995. Funding for FY 1996 is likely headed for a greater nose dive.

Remaining land acquisition funds could be depleted by the "takings" bill, which would require government compensation for owners of land or water rights if federal action under the endangered species act or wetlands protection, farm conservation, or irrigation programs diminishes value of any portion of their property by 20 percent or more.

The agency responsible for the action would pay the compensation. The land acquisition account of the Fish and Wildlife Service, which implements the Endangered Species Act, is a likely source of funds.

Conservation groups, the National Governor's Association, the National League of Cities, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and 33 state attorneys-general oppose the takings legislation.

The Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis Act, HR 1022, set up two new hurdles that certain regulations must clear before issuance: quantifying economic costs and benefits and assessing the health, safety, and environmental risks addressed. Far from simplifying regulation, the new analyses will slow the process further while increasing its expense. The

Congressional Budget Office estimates implementation will cost \$250 million a year and require 1,500 new public employees.

—Common Ground

## CRP NEWS

According to Pheasants Forever's CRP Bulletin, four senators have introduced legislation, S. 418, that would extend the Conservation Reserve Program and establish wildlife as one of the program's three main objectives, together with soil conservation and water quality.

Meanwhile, the Wildlife Management Institute, in cooperation with the Soil and Water Conservation Society, has compiled and

published *How Much Is Enough?*, a regional wildlife habitat needs assessment for the 1995 Farm Bill. The 30-page report analyzes the accomplishments and needs of the Farm Bill in regard to the needs of wildlife on a region-by-region basis, dividing the country into six regions: the northeast, southeast, midwest, northern great plains, southern great plains, and west.

Each region's section outlines landscape changes, wildlife impacts, and wildlife goals broken down by habitat types. Single copies of *How Much Is Enough?* are available from the Wildlife Management Institute, 1101 14th Street, NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20005, (292) 371-1808.

—Shoup

## LIVING SNOW FENCE

The need for snow control along western Kansas roads is shown by the slatted snowfences that are erected each year in problem areas and by drifted snow in other areas that aren't protected. In some locations, you may notice rows of trees becoming visible along problem areas. These are living snowfences.

Living snowfences are an alternate and more permanent way to control snow. These rows also provide wildlife habitat, protect against erosion, and have some aesthetic value. In some cases, they can double as livestock protection.

The living snowfence program is a cooperative effort of several government agencies: the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Kansas State Extension Service, the Department of Wildlife and Parks, the Department of Corrections, the National Weather Service, and various county governments. Sites are selected by KDOT and county departments based on the need for snow control. Homeowners then are notified about their interest in a living snowfence on their property. The fences are planted by the sponsoring agency at no cost to the landowner. Homeowners who are taking a vacation that could benefit from the snowfence should contact the nearest KDOT office or the state highway department (regional highway) or the county department along a county road.

—Irene Schroeder, Regional Director and Wildlife Supervisor, Hays



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AmeriCorps Volunteers Help Meade Park  
by  
Thomas L. Flowers  
District Conservationist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Meade, Kansas

The alarm rings before 6:00 AM, and youthful bodies, stiff from a night on the ground in a tent, stretch and come to life, ready for a hearty breakfast and a hard day of work at Meade State Lake and Park. The year could have been 1936 and the people members of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), but it is 1995, and the people are members of the AmeriCorps program.

Three months following a catastrophic fire at Meade State Lake, a work crew of 11 AmeriCorps members and over twenty five Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) employees descended upon the park with chain saws, tractors, axes and brooms to make the park safe again for camping.

Meade State Lake and Park is a recreational oasis in western Kansas with an annual visitation of over 100,000 people, but a wildfire on March 22 of this year killed or severely damaged many of the mature cottonwood trees in the park. A fire damage assessment team viewed the site on May 5th, and found nearly one

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Jim Meisenheimer, coordinator for the AmeriCorps members, said, "The work has been very hard, but rewarding. The food has been great, and the hospitality has been super!"

The AmeriCorps crew came to Meade expecting cold luncheon meat and cold cereal. They found home-made chicken noodle soup, roast beef, hamburgers and scrambled eggs.

"We've been eating like kings," said Mike Houck, one of the AmeriCorps members. "None of us is ever hungry."

Meisenheimer said, "We brought in eleven of the best people in the AmeriCorps to help clean up the park. I'm very proud of the job they have done!"

"This project has given the AmeriCorps members a chance to rub shoulders with a lot of people in the biology field," said Meisenheimer. "We're meeting people from all over the state who are employed by KDWP. "You work, sweat, eat and play a bit with each other, and a bond is formed," said Meisenheimer.

"There are no bosses," said Meisenheimer. "Everyone is just working hard and helping each other. No one is slacking off."

"Everything has worked real well between agencies," said Houck.

AmeriCorps members and Wildlife and Parks employees camped out at the park in tents, pickups and even under an old tarp. "The camping was great except for the mosquitoes and raccoons," said Houck.

Goldsberry said the whole project has been overwhelming. "To have this much equipment, people and machinery in the park and have it all go so smoothly is amazing! I haven't had a chance to

All of the AmeriCorps members and KDWP employees want to thank the local businesses who donated food for the clean up project. These include: Schmidt Packing, Pizza Hut, Taylor Mart and Aunt Vi's of Meade, and National Beef of Liberal.

In just two and one half days, over three hundred cottonwoods (some over 150 feet tall) were felled, cut up and removed to burn piles. Hundreds of smaller trees were also removed. "We're tired, and I'm amazed!" said Mitchener. About forty acres of campground were re-opened to the public.

"We plan to open up some of the down timber to fire wood cutting," said Goldsberry. People cutting the wood will have to have a park permit, and leave 1/3 of the wood cut for use in the park. "It will be on the honor system," said Goldsberry. People interested in the wood should call the park office at 316-873-2572.

AmeriCorps is the community service program of the United States Government. In return for 1,812 hours of community service work, members are paid a small stipend for living expenses and provided an educational award equal to \$4,725 which may be applied to existing educational loans or to pay for post-secondary education. The 11 AmeriCorps members on the Meade State Park project are serving either to earn the award to further their education or to pay their educational loans.

The US Department of Agriculture/AmeriCorps teams in Kansas are sponsored by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Salina, KS.

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# NEWSLETTER

April 17, 1995

## READY- AIM- FIRE

CONFLICT and RESOLUTION  
No Problem at GLEN ELDER



The AmeriCorps crew at Glen Elder is beginning to see the results of its work. The team has worked on and off at the target range that was demolished during the flood of 1993. The latest effort was setting limestone posts around the parking area. It was a day at the target range that spurred AmeriCorps Member Judy Long to draw a cartoon depicting how well the crew "works together" and handles "Conflict and Resolution." According to Long, "One of the crew was especially ornery one day. Although the crew didn't actually tie the member to the post with barbed wire, it was mentioned - all in a spirit of fun."

The cartoon was presented to the Regional Facilitator at the training session for all members on Conflict and Resolution on March 14.

While the team at Glen Elder has not "fired" on any of its members, it has, like other environment teams, worked with fire. They have been doing a lot of burning in the wildlife areas.

## WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE WOULD BE PROUD OF THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMPORIA

The wetland team of Neil Bass and Jim Peterson have completed remote sensing and the riparian inventory in Lyon and Morris counties. In addition to their daily community service, the team has been active with students and senior citizens.

Members have been assisting with the OWLS (outdoor wildlife learning station) project at Emporia Middle School. Member Jim Peterson says, "This exciting program was initiated by 8th grade science teacher Janet Hesterman and utilizes grant monies provided by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDW&P) and matched by Dibble-Webb Press of Emporia." The funds are being used to purchase hundreds of trees and shrubs that will eventually form a 1300 ft., six-row windbreak north of the school building. The planting will provide necessary habitat and food for a variety of wildlife and will be used as a living classroom by middle school science classes, in addition to beautifying school grounds. AmeriCorps biologists Neil Bass and Jim Peterson contributed technical and practical knowledge that will ensure the success of this worthwhile project. Member Neil Bass said, "The team plus representatives from the NRCS field office, KDW&P, Dibble-Webb Press, and middle school volunteers were present on March 31 to assist with planting. McDonald's of Emporia contributed refreshments."

The Emporia team has also placed wild bird feeders (compliments of KDW&P) at local retirement centers and schools.

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On April 6, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will make agriculture wetlands delineations and certifications only upon request until the Congress completes action on the 1995 farm bill and the National Academy of Science completes work on a wetlands study.

"Current wetlands determinations by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are still valid," said Jim Lyons, under secretary for natural resources and environment. "Any new delineations also will be valid. What we're saying is that we are not going to make delineations in advance until we and Congress have a chance to review and, if appropriate, revise current policy."

What will the wetlands teams now focus on? Kansas AmeriCorps Project Director Larry Miles says, "During the week of April 24 we are going to get together with NRCS principal staff and Area Conservationists to determine the new focus of the teams. The emphasis will continue to be wetland and riparian related."

#### PROPOSED 1995/1996 AMERICORPS PROJECTS

Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA Larry Miles says, "We are at this time proposing that the Parks and Wildlife teams be renewed for 1995/1996. Three other projects have been proposed: Aquatic Habitat & Riparian Restoration, Shawnee County, 5 members; State Park Restoration, Crawford County, 5 members; and Big Creek Bank Stabilization & Riparian Improvement, Hays, 2 full time and 16 part time members."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The family of Hays team member Tracy Beech, wife Kim, and son Brenden, have family cat, and a pet ferret. Kevin Feleay will married to Angela Schirer on (b)(6) [Go 1] Craig Curtis, also of the Hays team, is to be married in (b)(6) o Anita Lessor. Audrey and Ryan Tompkin (a member of the Manhattan team) have a 7 month old daughter named Leigh.

#### NEWSLETTER GAFFS

"Fur trees?" Several of our AmeriCorps biologists and riparian specialist have assured me that Kansas does not have "Fur" trees.



And, "Kneel"ing to someone, is not something our Rugged Individualist "Neil" Bass would do.



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## HUTCHINSON TEAM BUSY WITH 5TH GRADERS

Dean Krehbiel and Scott Allen participated in a conservation day at the Dillon Nature Center. Approximately 500 local 5th graders were involved in the project. Dean and Scott gave 18 talks about conservation practices. They also report that they have completed riparian work on six counties.

Scott doesn't want me to forget to mention that Dean's four month old son Colter, "is healthy and growing like a weed."

It should be noted that Scott and Dean were at Pratt during the Miss Kansas/Miss America Pageant. Scott was actively scheming, without avail, to find some way to provide community service to the Pageant.

## HAYS TEAM IS MUCH TRAVELLED

Kami Legere, Craig Curtis, Tracy Beach, and Lance Hockett have seemingly visited every end and corner of Area 5. The four day trip to Sharon Springs, rattle snake capitol of Kansas, was surely different.

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## GRADUATION EXERCISES

We want to conduct graduation exercises in August or September. We are looking for suggestions on what to do and where can meet to hold the exercises. We are thinking about modeling our exercise around the way the Kansas Commission for National and Community Service conducted their Day of Celebration. Please give me your suggestions for this event as soon as possible.

## AMERICORPS APPLICATIONS FOR 1996

While the final approval for the 1996 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Consolidated Farm Service Administration (CFSA) AmeriCorps projects have not been made, applications are being accepted. Selection of applicants cannot be made until the projects are approved and funded. Current members who are interested in renewing should fill out an application and mark their choice of projects.

## AN EDITORIAL COMMENT

Providing community service is the center piece of your AmeriCorps experience. As evidenced by the newsletter reports from the teams, you are providing good service to the youth in your communities. IT IS HOPED THAT IN YOUR LIFE AFTER AMERICORPS YOU WILL CONTINUE GIVING SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY BE IT WITH YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS, CONSERVATION GROUPS, HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES, CIVIC GROUPS, ETC.



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- b(4) Release would disclose trade secrets or confidential or financial information [(b)(4) of the FOIA]
- b(6) Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(b)(6) of the FOIA]
- b(7) Release would disclose information compiled for law enforcement purposes [(b)(7) of the FOIA]
- b(8) Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA]
- b(9) Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA]

## HUTCHINSON TEAM BUSY WITH 5TH GRADERS

Dean Krehbiel and Scott Allen participated in a conservation day at the Dillon Nature Center. Approximately 500 local 5th graders were involved in the project. Dean and Scott gave 18 talks about conservation practices. They also report that they have completed riparian work on six counties.

Scott doesn't want me to forget to mention that Dean's four month old son Colter, "is healthy and growing like a weed."

It should be noted that Scott and Dean were at Pratt during the Miss Kansas/Miss America Pageant. Scott was actively scheming, without avail, to find some way to provide community service to the Pageant.

## HAYS TEAM IS MUCH TRAVELLED

Kami Legere, Craig Curtis, Tracy Beach, and Lance Hockett have seemingly visited every end and corner of Area 5. The four day trip to Sharon Springs, rattle snake capitol of Kansas, was surely different.

## SICK BAY REPORTS FROM

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## GRADUATION EXERCISES

We want to conduct graduation exercises in August or September. We are looking for suggestions on what to do and where can meet to hold the exercises. We are thinking about modeling our exercise around the way the Kansas Commission for National and Community Service conducted their Day of Celebration. Please give me your suggestions for this event as soon as possible.

## AMERICORPS APPLICATIONS FOR 1996

While the final approval for the 1996 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Consolidated Farm Service Administration (CFSA) AmeriCorps projects have not been made, applications are being accepted. Selection of applicants cannot be made until the projects are approved and funded. Current members who are interested in renewing should fill out an application and mark their choice of projects.

## AN EDITORIAL COMMENT

Providing community service is the center piece of your AmeriCorps experience. As evidenced by the newsletter reports from the teams, you are providing good service to the youth in your communities. IT IS HOPED THAT IN YOUR LIFE AFTER AMERICORPS YOU WILL CONTINUE GIVING SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY BE IT WITH YOUTH, SENIOR CITIZENS, CONSERVATION GROUPS, HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES, CIVIC GROUPS, ETC.

**Perry Reservoir: (Continued)**

- recorded traffic information from two counters
- constructed and placed 6 picnic tables
- clean up of Shawnee State Fishing Lake picnic area and shoreline
- rebuilt one courtesy boat dock
- repaired three restrooms
- cleaned up Lyons State Fishing Lake shoreline, camping area, and restrooms
- installed eighteen signs for traffic and people control
- assisted in designation of a swimming area
- clean up of picnic areas, camp sites and restrooms at Osage State Fishing Lake
- updated information material on two kiosks

**Milford Reservoir:**

- cleaned up ice storm debris from Pott. 2 SFL
- cleaned up Pott. 2 SFL shooting range
- preparing sites for building 3/4 of a mile of fence on Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- opened 1 1/2 miles of roads from ice storm debris at Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- helped fisheries division put in trout habitat at Tuttle Creek State Park
- replaced directional and boundary signs at Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- put up bird feeders at 4 nursing homes in Marshall County
- cleared the trees off 1/2 mile of the Nemaha Dam
- helped build wall extensions for lift stations in the state park
- picked up trash along shoreline of Rocky Ford Fishing Area and Pott. 1 fishing area
- applied stain to 20 benches for the chapel in the state park
- put 2 new seats on pit toilets at the Nemaha Wildlife Area
- made mulch out of Christmas trees for the state park
- general maintenance of the chain saw and tree planter and other wildlife area equipment
- established 200 feet of walkway along bank of trout stream for better fisherman access in the Tuttle Creek State Park
- aided fisheries biologist in stocking 1400 rainbow trout in streams below Tuttle Creek Dam
- applied 2 loads of sand to 2 miles of icy roads at Pott. 2 SFL
- put 4 loads of rip-rap into wash-out on the Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area to help prevent soil erosion
- planted 2 acres of new waterways to brome and native grass on the Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area
- cleared trees, prepared sites and planted 10 acres of native grass west of Blue Rapids
- helped the parks clean out the beach house to get ready for the summer concession stand
- helped wildlife biologist prepare 4 floating nest structures to be placed at Tuttle Creek State Park
- retrieved plow from TCRR wildlife area and prepared it for operation
- picked up pallets and trash from Pott. 2 SFL
- received defensive driving training and conflict and resolution training
- assisted in placing boat dock in the Tuttle Creek River pond area
- helped build a staircase in the park office

**Milford Reservoir: (Continued)**

- made approximately 105 cement patties for sinking fish habitat in Tuttle Creek Reservoir
- repaired 1300 feet of access road at Tuttle Creek Wildlife area
- installed historical sign at Pillsbury Crossing area
- two members attended 8 hours of burning training
- applied herbicide to flood damaged areas to prevent spreading of noxious weeds
- performed a controlled burn on the Pillsbury Crossing Wildlife area
- constructed a 120 foot ramp at Rocky Ford Fishing area for improved public and emergency access
- constructed a boat ramp at Pott. #1 recreation area
- cleared debris from park roads following wind storm
- assisted personnel with office renovation at Blue Rapids office
- placed gravel on Pott. #1 & #2 recreation area roads
- restore Pott. #2 access road drainage structures
- assisted with public use survey for Pott #1, Pott #2, Rocky Ford, and Pillsbury Crossing public use areas
- repaired and installed a fish feeder at the Tuttle Creek State Park below Tuttle Creek Dam

**Wetland and Riparian Area Teams:****Dodge City:**

- completed remote sensing for Ford County
- remote sensing underway for Meade County with 6 townships completed
- completed remote sensing for over 50 percent of Gray County
- completed remote sensing for Hodgeman, Meade, and Ness Counties
- participated in numerous site visits to comparison sites to acquire field data to verify remote sensing observations

**Topeka:**

- wetland inventory completed for Douglas County
- riparian inventory completed for Douglas County including 105 transects covering 800 miles of riparian habitat
- gathered, identified, mounted and verified 80 wetland plant specimens for use by the NRCS area staff
- started wetland inventory for Shawnee County
- riparian inventory started for Osage County
- riparian inventory completed for Shawnee County including 102 transects
- completed riparian inventory for Osage County
- utilized state of the art Ortho/digital photography and stream layer data in Osage County to apply GIS technology in the riparian inventory
- begin riparian inventory for Hillsdale watershed
- assisted with the oversight review of riparian inventory for Douglas, Osage, and Shawnee Counties

**Manhattan:**

- completed 390,000 acres of remote sensing for Riley County
- assisted with 50 on-site wetland field reviews
- completed riparian inventory Riley County including 80 transects
- completed 23,000 acres of remote sensing for Republic County

**Manhattan: (Continued)**

- completed 25 percent of the riparian area inventory for Geary County
- completed off-site riparian mapping for Geary, Marshall, Pottawatomie, and Republic Counties
- completed remote sensing for Republic County (437,000 acres)
- completed transects for Geary County (80)
- completed 30 transects for Pottawatomie County
- completed 25 transects for Marshall County

**Emporia:**

- completed the riparian area inventory for Lyon County including 50 transects and all points marked with GPS
- riparian area inventory completed for 125,000 acres in Morris County
- completed the remote sensing for Lyon County (360,000 acres) and Morris County (450,000 acres)
- riparian area inventory completed for Chase, Marion, and Woodson Counties
- riparian area inventory completed for about one half of Allen County
- completed 35 vegetative transects for Morris County riparian inventory
- riparian inventory completed covers about two million acres

**Hutchinson:**

- completed remote sensing for Rice County (330,000 acres)
- remote sensing is underway in Harvey County
- assisted staff biologist and soil scientist develop resource information
- completed off-site riparian inventory for Harvey, Kingman, McPherson, Pratt, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, and Stafford Counties
- completed eighty three on site transects to establish quality control for the riparian inventory
- assisted Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks set up three vegetative comparison sites in Rice County

**Hays:**

- held informational meetings with producers in Rooks County to explain the work of the team
- completed 75 transects for Rooks County riparian inventory
- completed all off-site determinations for Rooks County wetland inventory
- discovered 262 potential wetlands in Rooks County
- completed riparian mapping for 25 townships in Ellis County
- completed off-site determinations for Ellis County
- sent all of riparian inventory access letters to owners
- completed 12 riparian inventory transects for Ellis County
- completed over 70 road checks of signatures/potential wetlands
- all Ellis County data entered into wetlands program
- started Trego County inventories
- completed riparian transects in Russell County
- completed riparian area mapping in Gove, Graham, Logan, Osborne, Russell, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas, Trego and Wallace Counties
- assisted Kansas Wildlife and Parks install weed barrier

**Watershed Area Delineation Team:**

- thirty-one 8-digit hydrologic unit area delineations have been completed using 600 USGS quadrangle maps
- drafted 8-digit hydrologic unit area maps used for the delineation of the 11-digit and 14-digit hydrologic unit areas
- traced, scanned and filed the completed 8-digit, 11-digit, and 14-digit hydrologic unit area boundaries
- checked the finished 8-digit hydrologic unit areas incorporated in the hydrologic unit area database
- completed an additional twenty-five 8-digit hydrologic unit area delineations including tracing, scanning, checking and filing the maps mapping to date has involved the use of over 1000 USGS quadrangle maps

**Abilene Livestock Waste System Team:**

- provided cost estimates for 10 waste storage ponds and waste storage structures
- drafted plans for 8 waste management systems
- performed engineering operations such as planimeter measurements, calculating cuts and fills, and developing hydrology information
- assisted with surveying 8 waste management systems
- assisted with stake out of 5 waste management systems
- assisted with checkout and spot-check of diversions, pipe outlets, terraces, and waterways
- assisted with checkout of 5 waste management systems

**(No further progress since second quarter. Member transferred to Wetland and Riparian Team.)**

**PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER:**

Even better progress is expected the next quarter. Members are preparing to complete their term and move on. Some are interested in projects for next year and others are pursuing full-time jobs or education.

**PRIMARY CHALLENGES:**

Diversity was a challenge during recruitment. While the overall diversity of our teams is comparable to the diversity of the communities served most efforts to achieve greater diversity were unsuccessful. More lead time in recruitment will help some; however, the need to recruit locally in order to reduce attrition makes achieving greater diversity even more difficult.

Recruitment and getting 45 members on the roles was just about more than we could do in the limited time needed to accomplish it. Without the "outstanding" effort from our personnel staff and our AmeriCorps facilitator we could not have begun to accomplish it.

We are disappointed at having lost several members to resignations. As job opportunities with much better pay becomes available, members are making the decision to forego the educational award for greater economic security. We plan to approach our 1996 recruitment and selection with the goal of

finding members that have the need or the desire to pay off student loans or further their education. Without one of those incentives, it is too easy for members to quit and take on a better paying job. We are having a difficult time motivating our people to begin recruitment in earnest, since there is uncertainty about the likelihood or extent of the 1996 AmeriCorps Program.

There continues to be a significant lack of communications between the state corporation and the national corporation. The state group tends to want to do things without involving the national. We have been working closely with both, but they do not talk much to each other, if at all.

We ordered and purchased our own sweat shirts, since none have been made available as promised by USDA. Other things such as notices of events have been forwarded to us in an untimely manner. We received notice of AmeriCorps service award nominations via FAX from Joel Berg's office on March 21, 1995, but the deadline for nominations was February 24, 1995. These are just a couple of examples.

### **PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS:**

Without much guidance from the national office, we have developed our own training program for members. The following training has been provided:

- General Program Orientation
- CPR (provided by AmeriCorps extension team)
- First Aid
- Defensive Driving
- Conflict Resolution
- HIV/Aids Training
- Sexual Harassment

Total training involves 3300 hours.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE:**

The following media coverage information is provided:

- Shawnee County NPS News Release, undated (first quarter report)
- Wichita Eagle, November 1, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Kansas AmeriCorps Information Tape, October 30 or November 6, 1994 (previously provided)
- Kansas AmeriCorps Kickoff News Tape, October 19, 1994 (previously provided)
- McPherson Sentinel, October 20, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Topeka Capital, September 24, 1994 (first quarter report)
- AmeriCorps News Tape WIBW, September 23, 1994, (first quarter report)
- McPherson Sentinel, State Park Write up, September 22, 1994 (first quarter report)
- USA Weekend, September 16, 1994 (first quarter report)
- USA Today, September 12, 1994 (first quarter report)

**MEDIA COVERAGE: (Continued)**

- Salina Journal, September 5, 1994 (first quarter report)
- SCS News Release, September 2, 1994 (first quarter report)
- SCS News Release, July 12, 1994 (first quarter report)
- Salina Journal, March, 18, 1995 (second quarter report)
- KSNC Channel 3 Wichita, Mid-February (Park members in action, copy not available)
- Herington Times, February 1995 (second quarter report)
- NRCS News Release, February 21, 1995 (second quarter report)
- NRCS News Release, March 15, 1995 (second quarter report)
- Salina Journal, June 9, 1995 (attached)
- Salina Journal, June 16, 1995, Guest Editorial by Kansas AmeriCorps Facilitator, Jim Meisenheimer (attached)
- Hutchinson News, June 21, 1995 (attached)
- Kansas Wildlife and Parks, July/August 1995 (attached)
- NRCS News Release "AmeriCorps Volunteers Help Meade Park", June 30, 1995 (attached)

A potential story with the AmeriCorps tie to the original CCC work exists as a result of the community service done by the members at the Meade State Park. The dam at the park and some of the park facilities were constructed by the CCC. That particular camp was one of a very few African American CCC camps in Kansas. Some video footage was taken and is in the process of being reviewed for possible use.

**OTHER DOCUMENTATION:**

Our AmeriCorps Facilitator, with assistance from the members, has published two newsletters this quarter(attached).

**M**y daughter told me how proud she was of the work I've done, after I took them fishing this spring," said Cindy Ochs. She is referring to her service in AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is the president's national service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical education; human service, public safety and environmental needs at the community level.

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve their country in an organized effort fostering citizen responsibility and building their communities. Americans age 17 or older can make a substantial commitment to their country and earn education awards for college or vocational training in return.

Ochs is an AmeriCorps member stationed with a Kansas environmental team at Webster Reservoir. Webster is in a remote area in north-central Kansas. Cindy is a 32-year-old single parent, mother of a 2-year-old son and a 13-year-old daughter.

On Memorial Day weekend, a heavy rainstorm struck the Webster Reservoir area causing flooding to the park, closing roads and camp grounds and isolating rest rooms and shower facilities.

During a recent visit with Cindy, she took me around the reservoir to show me the damage. She showed me the handicapped-accessible dock that cost taxpayers \$20,000 to build. Even though she suffered an allergic reaction while sand-bagging the dock, to prevent high water from destroying it, she was proud of their effort. When we stopped to pick up trash left by park visitors, she lamented that she could not understand why visitors could not police their own camp sites.

As we drove across the dam she spotted a large object floating in the reservoir and was afraid that it was part of a dock. It was obvious that Webster State Park had become "her" state park. She mentioned that the AmeriCorps members had worked hard to help clean up the damage from the previous flood and now much of that work may have to be redone.

Cindy's service with AmeriCorps has been an adventure. Looking younger than her age, she has spent her service in cleaning up flood damage to the Webster State Park caused by the 1993 flood.

The skills learned by Cindy while in AmeriCorps include the use of a chain

## POINT OF VIEW



**Jim Meisenheimer**  
FOR THE SALINA JOURNAL

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saw and how to build and repair Wacondas. Wacondas are a pivoting sheltered picnic table that can be turned, allowing for constant shade. Hundreds of Wacondas located in Kansas state parks were damaged by the 1993 flood.

Before we went back to the park office she stopped and showed me a Waconda. She mentioned that when the weather was too bad to work outside, the AmeriCorps members spent hundreds of hours fixing and repairing them.

While showing me how they worked she said, "I have never done anything that I could look back at with pride and say I did that. I have never been able to leave my mark on anything, I now have something to show."

Cindy's stint with AmeriCorps has been an exciting one, including a lot of hard work and different challenges associated with outdoor activities. In spite of those challenges, Cindy wants to sign up for another tour with AmeriCorps. She said that it, "gives her flexibility." She wants to use her education award to learn to prepare income tax returns.

As I was leaving the park, she was reaching for a broom to start cleaning the park office, looking for something to do until flood water started receding.

Cindy could be on public assistance, instead she is providing service to her community, developing self-esteem, while earning a way to become self-sufficient. Cindy is an exemplification of the AmeriCorps motto — "Getting Things Done."

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