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Operating Site Quarterly Report

Date this report was completed: 19 April 1995

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Team USDA/AmeriCorps
Four Corners Regional
Rural Development Project
USDA, NRCS, San Juan Resource Conservation and Development,
Durango Colorado

19 April, 1995

Progress report 2nd quarter 1995 project:

AmeriCorps member cluster meetings are held monthly, and the San Juan RC&D project members meet additionally biweekly. Individual member projects are highlighted at these meetings. I believe member contact with one another is encouraged and does occur via these meetings and also via a local electronic bulletin board with the posting of messages and comments, meeting notices, etc., between AmeriCorps members. The San Juan RC&D AmeriCorps members provided one day of volunteer service to Habitat for Humanity to construct a house. One of our members was a building contractor and provided tools and expertise to the Habitat project. Four of the San Juan RC&D AmeriCorps members attended a four day grant writing workshop conducted by Bader and Carr of Community Systems, Bozeman, Montana. One member attended the "Helping Small Towns Survive" meeting in Memphis Tennessee, and one member attended the TIIAP 1995 Outreach Workshop in Austin, Texas. One attended a computer class on "Windows", and one attended three training sessions on writing and working with the media. The Colorado NRCS purchased a four volume video set "Interpersonal Communication Skills" and corresponding workbooks for the San Juan RC&D AmeriCorps members. This video is viewed at the AmeriCorps member meetings while using the workbook.

Three of the six members are conducting various natural resource inventories. One inventory is of all private woodland in the San Juan RC&D area, one is a range condition inventory on portions of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian reservation, and one is a range and soil and water needs inventory on portions of the Southern Ute Indian reservation.

The "Private Woodland Inventory" will provide data to the timber industry, private landowners, and private land management agencies which will enable them to better plan for the change occurring in the supply of raw wood products from our national forests.

PROGRESS: Have contacted most cooperating units of government to solicit input on data needs. All counties will provide digitized land ownership information for our use in GIS. Have purchase paper and digitized USGS quadrangle maps for the entire project area along with several other map themes. Are close to making a commitment

on a specific GIS system. Have obtained a Global Positioning System (GPS) unit for field use with the inventory. Delineated approximately 45 training sites throughout the project area for data collection for future inclusion in a USFS Landsat project. Delineated approximately 50,000 acres of woodland in the project area by the different project attribute criteria. Made presentations to two Soil Conservation District boards on progress of inventory.

The "Range and Soil and Water Needs Inventory" is being conducted on the "wild" land on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. The inventory information will be used by the tribe to determine adequacy of the range for cattle and stocking rates, along with needed soil and water conservation needs and fencing needs.

PROGRESS: Twenty-six erosion sites in the Vega Sandoval Management Unit have been inventoried and the data entered into a computer database program. From this information a file of needed conservation work has been prepared for a forth coming "Range and Soil and Water Improvements" crew the Southern Ute Tribe is hiring. A fencing needs inventory has begun in the Pump Canyon area. Some time was spent on an emergency reclamation and restoration project on a forested area of the reservation that recently had a wildfire.

A Range Condition survey is being carried out on portions of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian reservation. This inventory information will be used by the tribe to determine grazing allotment acres for individual tribal members.

PROGRESS: An initial inventory has been completed on the 14,200 acre West Water Use area. This initial phase included identifying and mapping plant species and soils, along with any physical improvements such as fences, water developments, roads, etc. The second phase of the inventory will be field work to confirm plant species since the initial inventory took place during winter months when plant species are harder to identify. Initial survey work has begun on the 10,000 acre Salt Canyon Use area.

Two of the six members are working on Economic Development projects. One is working with communities in the RC&D area and updating, with them, their Community Development Action Plans. One is updating and analyzing statistical data for the Overall Economic Development Plan for the region. Both projects together will assist the local communities accurately assess growth trends in the region and move forward with carrying out updated action plans for their community's development.

PROGRESS: One member wrote a grant application for \$10,000, which was approved, and is leading the planning effort to produce a "Four Corners Sustainable Forestry Conference". This conference will be held fall of 1995. Two Electronic

Community Calendars have been started and placed on the Southwest Colorado Access Network (SCAN), which is a local access, electronic bulletin board system with full Internet access and available free of charge to the residents of Southwestern Colorado. Another member has collected all the updated data for the Overall Economic Development Plan for the region and is in the process of analyzing, charting, and identifying trends indicated by the updated data. A grant application has been written and submitted to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for \$231,000 to assist in carrying out a \$511,000 telecommunication project in Southwestern Colorado.

One member is involved in Information and Education for the San Juan RC&D and AmeriCorps projects throughout the RC&D area.

PROGRESS: Numerous articles covering RC&D projects and AmeriCorps member project activities have been written and filmed and published in area newspapers, and aired on area radio and television stations. Articles are being written that follow-up on the San Juan RC&D Council's guidance to have natural resource based articles be presented in a more complete and unbiased manner and to present articles that will emphasize the broad range of social and economic contributions that agriculture plays in many rural areas and stressing the fact that many rules and regulations are counter productive to the long term health of the agriculture industry.

The Colorado NRCS has been most supportive, at all levels, of the AmeriCorps project and member development. It is incumbent upon this project to produce products that warrant this level of support, and I have no doubts that this project will produce those products.

Gary Jennings
San Juan RC&D Coordinator

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: San Juan National Forest
2. Program name: USDA Four Corners Rural Development Team
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

☐ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 10/94
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
4	1989	Full-time
		Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
- (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: none
- (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: none

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

The following accomplishments were started at the end of the first quarter and are on-going: 1. Development of a Corridor Management Plan for the San Juan Skyway; 2. Preparation of data base showing profile of life in SW Colorado, and bibliography of available reports on growth and living in SW Colorado; 3. Economic Model and Data Base; 4. Mancos River Walk; 5. 6 grants proposals written; 6. Development of a neighborhood park in Pagosa Springs; 7. Initiation of an oral history video program for Navajos in New Mexico, Utah and Arizona; 8. Environmental Education program for 300 students and 14 teachers; 9. Wilderness Etiquette.

1. DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN. The San Juan Skyway is a 236 mile loop that encompasses the majority of the San Juan National Forest, portions of six counties, eleven communities and is attached to both the BLM back country loop and the Uncompahgre National Forest.
 - a. Three meetings to organize the Friends of the Skyway.
 - b. Four meetings with community members to coordinate concerns about Skyway:
 - (1) Tourism development
 - (2) Preservation of cultural, physical and significant historic resources.
 - (3) Enhancement of existing resources.
 - (4) Education and awareness of issues related to the interpretive themes along the skyway.
 - (5) Development of sustainable skyway organizational structure.
 - (6) Meet federal design objectives in an attempt to attain the All American Road designation from Federal Highway Administration.
 - c. Seven meetings regarding progress on San Juan Skyway.
 - d. Wrote a \$72,000 grant to Colorado Historic Society for inventory and analysis of abandoned historic railroad beds and mining relics.
 - e. Started inventory of resources within the San Juan Skyway corridor.
 - f. Skyway management plan outline completed.
 - g. Attended two meetings to develop a GIS map system for the San Juan Skyway resource area.
 - h. Completed four maps.
 - i. Developing a data base inventory to integrate with the GIS platform.
 - j. Mapped and categorized 56 recreational opportunities and resources.
 - k. Continue to assess community economic situations in twelve communities.
2. PREPARATION OF A DATA BASE.
 - a. Learning how to integrate community values and visions with natural resource and ecosystem management planning.
 - b. Established a telephone survey and assessment of community values and visions. Talked to 100 individuals, including students, environmentalists, ranchers, farmers, activists, adult and student tribal members, mayors, city board members, teachers.
 - c. Drafted a regional profile on life in SW Colorado.

- d. Compiling a bibliography of reports, study findings, surveys, conference presentations, statistics and other publications to be available to area data bases, USDA personnel and citizens wanting information. This is 75% completed, and will be updated continually. Sent one copy to an environmentalist group.
 - e. Attended four public meetings and hearings. Spoke informally about Americorps work.
 - f. Gave one formal presentation at a public meeting
 - g. Attended four meetings of the Weminuche Wilderness Study group to evaluate and review monitoring standards of wilderness use.
 - h. Edit and produce a newsletter - four issues to date.
 - i. Initiating a grant proposal for a small, local, non-profit educational, informational organization.
 - j. Two Public Land Management team presentations to community/public lands partnerships.
3. ECONOMIC DATA BASE AND MODEL.
- a. Developed a partnership with the San Juan NF and the Office of Community Services through Fort Lewis College to create a new approach to community participation in the Forest plan.
 - b. Wrote a concept paper on "Economic Design" developed by CO state demographer. This concept increases ability to reach 5 communities in SW Colorado.
 - c. On-site surveys of five communities to gather data: 50 persons contacted.
 - Timber report is completed and will be 30% of report.
 - Agriculture: not started
 - Tourism: not started
 - d. One report developed.
 - e. Initiating the formation of study groups for education and public involvement in forest planning.
 - f. Formed a local Holistic Resource Management group, and met twice with group.
 - g. Attended two CO Rural Development Council Regional meetings.
 - h. Attended seven community meetings.
4. MANCOS RIVER WALK. The Mancos Valley Association has been studying the feasibility of an accessible trail along the Mancos River since the late 1970's.
- a. AmeriCorps member met 3 times with 30 members of the community, discussed AmeriCorps and possibility of River Walk.
 - b. Secured eight partners for the project.
 - c. Wrote a successful grant for an environmental "living Lab" trail behind the school. Grant was funded.
 - d. Visited two high school classes, discussed AmeriCorps and handed out pamphlets.
 - e. Recruited seven high school students to plan and carry out opening ceremony on June 3, National Trails Day.
 - f. Initiated a poster contest with 125 elementary school students to advertise Ntl Trails Day.

- g. Organized a meeting with the school students and a USFS Wildlife biologist to instruct on bats and building of bat houses to be installed on the River Walk.
 - h. Introduced a USFS Fish biologist to work with the students with the Colorado Water Watch program.
 - i. Recruited Eagle Scouts to build two benches for the River Walk. Obtained plans for an "accessible" bench.
5. AN EVENING AT BIG AL. Co-developed a plan for recruitment of historian/storyteller to present an historical program for general public.
- a. Obtained three partnerships.
 - b. Wrote a grant for \$2000.
6. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. With the E ED director of the SJNFA, presented an Environmental Education program for Dolores Elementary School, involving seven days, 14 teachers and 300 students.
7. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. Researched funds for an Environmental Education/storyteller program for the fall, to cover eight middle schools in the Durango area.
8. ORAL HISTORY. Started work with a non-profit video group to organize an oral history program for Navajos in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. Initiated a grant to fund project.
9. RECYCLING. Gathered information regarding the recycling program in Mancos and Durango and it's possible development in the 4 Corners area.
10. WILDERNESS ETIQUETTE. Met with three Girl Scout troops and taught wilderness etiquette. Introduced the "Impact Monster" skit to them. Discussed AmeriCorps.

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

1. The Mancos Valley Association had been studying the River Walk project since 1979. AmeriCorps member took the lead, wrote a successful grant, secured eight partnerships and facilitated the ground breaking. A clean up day is scheduled for "Earth Day" and the opening of the first phase of the River Walk will be on National Trails Day, June 3, 1995.
2. Networking with residents of Silverton at the airport following the AmeriCorps Tennessee meet, -resulted in an invitation to speak to the community on rural development possibilities.
3. Met with a three-generation family who has run a small logging and mill operation for 30 years. As the meeting ended, the patriarch, who had been a bit gruff at first, said: "We really appreciate your taking the time to just come out here and listen to what we think".

4. Connected two civic groups from two separate communities who were having the same problem, allowing them to help one another with solving the problem.

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

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

They directly relate. Refer back to accomplishments.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Members have received training in grantsmanship, leadership development, community leadership, volunteerism, business development, computer technology, regional and local planning issues, communications skills, goal setting, group interaction skills, public speaking, report writing, GIS skills, and networking skills.

Four monthly cluster meetings with other AmeriCorps members

One Member attended the AmeriCorp Workshop in Memphis, TN.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

We have made contact and developed working relationships with the following:

- 300 persons, primarily one on one contact
- 16 communities
- 7 counties
- 3 Indian Nations
- 50+ Civic groups and organizations
- 5 School Districts

Out of these contacts, we have worked with the communities on 15 projects.

One focus in community programs is to involve high school students in developing and nurturing leadership skills.

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

At the field level the program is working great!!!!!! The Members are accomplishing a lot with the communities and partners. Many of the community projects would not have been done without the Members participation and help.

Some glitches between the CNCS and the field level:

1. Lost paperwork. Some of the Health Insurance forms were sent more than once. Some Members still do not know if they have health insurance or not. They have never received any confirmation.
2. No sweatshirts or lapel pins have arrived.
3. One Member had difficulty getting their Student loan deferred.
4. Continued frustration about communications between CNCS and the field units. See 1st Quarter Report for a full run down on this.
5. An appearance that a lack of trust exists by the Corporation and the Department toward the field levels.

As an example--the requirement that all press releases be approved by the Department. With proper communication on expected quality for press releases and some side boards, public affairs personnel are professional enough to do the job correctly. The end result of this policy is minimal press releases from the field level.

A mountain of paperwork is required for this program. The amount of paperwork required is overly excessive. Double redundancy intended.

6. Need common electronic communications between the agencies involved. Each agency has its own computer system and language and they do not all talk to each other yet. Some progress has been made in this arena since the first quarter report. Still a ways to go.

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

Memphis, Tennessee: 1 member

Habitat for the Humanities: 3 members

Monthly cluster meetings with AmeriCorps members

Several news articles in local papers.

Members presented several talks on AmeriCorp program and the projects they are involved in.

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

None

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(T/TA) OPERATING SITE REQUEST FORM

Operating site name: San Juan National Forest

Corporation Grantee/State Commission name: USDA

Operating Site ID # 4047E31B COLORADO

I. T/TA REQUEST

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

TA: 1. Reduction or simplification of AmeriCorps paperwork.

2. Electronic linkage
with all AmeriCorps units in the Four Corners Area.

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

 Regional/National Training/workshop

 Regional/National Tele-video Conference

x On-site training. If so, for whom? All members, staff

 On-site consultation

Suggested consultant(s) CNCS and USDA employees who review and

consolidate reports and paperwork.

Number of days: 1

Start date:

 One-on-one telephone consultation

 Resource Materials (curricula, readings, bibliographies, other)

 Peer exchange

 Not sure what is most suitable

 Other



4th AMERICORPS
QUARTER REPORT

SITE INFORMATION

PROGRAM NAME: USDA, FOUR CORNERS RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Operating Site name: DURANGO, COLORADO

State: COLORADO

Site ID # 94ADFDC047 L31H

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Your Position: PROJECT MANAGER

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Date report completed 10/31/95

Reporting Period: JUNE 30, 95 - SEPT. 30, 95

Program Start-up date: 10/16/94



MEMBER INFORMATION

FULL-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

Number of Members authorized for your site: 6
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 6

Number of Members enrolled at end of quarter: 6
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 6

Number of Members at beginning of quarter: 6
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 6

Total Hours of Direct Service for previous Quarter: 2903
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 2903

Total Hours of Direct Service for this Quarter: 2484.75
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 2484.75

Total Hours of Direct Service to Date: 10,340
 Environmental Corps Members: 0
 Rural Development Corps Members: 10,340



PART-TIME MEMBER INFORMATION

NO PART-TIME MEMBERS

Number of Members authorized:

Environmental Corps Members: _____
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: *NONE*

2. Program structural changes made this quarter: *NONE*

Number of Members who have left National Service
this quarter.

0
0

Total-to-date

0

Number of Members who have gained employment thru their
AmeriCorps Service

0

*All members have successfully completed their
projects and are eligible for their education
award.*

MEMBER ASSESSMENT
as of end of this quarter

TOTAL AUTHORIZED POSITIONS: 6 TOTAL EMPLOYED: 6

TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS POSITIONS FILLED _____
TOTAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT CORPS POSITIONS FILLED 6

DEMOGRAPHICS OF AMERICORPS MEMBERS

Box 1 - GENDER

Number of Males 2

Number of Females 4

TOTAL 6

Box 2 - RACE

Number of Caucasians 5

Number of African Americans _____

Number of Native Americans 1

Number of Hispanics _____

Number of Asian Americans/Pacific Islander _____

Other _____

TOTAL 6

Box 3 - EDUCATION

Number w/out High School Diploma or GED _____

Number with High School or GED _____

Number with some college _____

Number with college degree 4

Number with Graduate degree 2

Number w/Professional or Trade School _____

TOTAL 6

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

BOX 4 - OTHER

Number receiving Health Insurance from NRCS 3

Number receiving Child Care through AmeriCorps 1

Number of children 2

Number w/Disabilities 1



BUDGET INFORMATION

4th Quarter FY 95

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

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps
Approximate dollar amount

25%
\$ 3200. -

Cost for any other Federal employee spending
time on AmeriCorps

\$ 1,000. -

Travel costs for Members & Managers

\$ 500. -

Training costs

\$ 100. -

Supplies

Uniform costs

Program Costs

(Please explain what these costs were.)

Partner dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Supplies

\$ 1500. -

Travel

\$ 200. -

Training

-0-

Program Costs

\$ 100. -

Other



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

PROJECT DIRECTOR LOCATED IN ARIZONA

Federal dollars spent on AmeriCorps

Per cent of your time spent on AmeriCorps _____
Approximate dollar amount _____

Cost for any other Federal employee spending _____
time on AmeriCorps _____

Travel costs for Members & Managers _____

Training costs _____

Supplies _____

Uniform costs _____

Program Costs : _____
(Please explain what these costs were.) _____

Non-Federal Funds Spent _____
(Explain)

Objectives Section
Report 4th quarter 1994-95

Community Service Objective: To accelerate the conservation, development, and utilization of natural and human resources to improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment, and standard of living.

Component of Objective Statement: 1.01 Community Assistance for Economic Development and Industry Potential

Progress towards meeting this community service objective:

- * a socioeconomic database in Excel was developed for Southwestern Colorado along with a directory of local and regional socioeconomic data sources. This provided a systematic way of storing data and is searchable by keyword with considerable information on source of data, name of contact, type of data available, and when data is updated. This database has been used extensively by a number of local governments to graphically display key trends in the local economy. This project was directed in such a way that a future permanent employee will be able to step in to maintain and update the data within the system constructed.

- * assisted in developing a Rural Telecommunications Development Project, specifically the Southwest Colorado Access Network (SCAN). AmeriCorps member assistance was invaluable in the facilitation and organizing the development of SCAN. SCAN is part of a State of Colorado pilot program, is a community computer network for the region. A steering committee for the project was formed.

- * assisted in the development of the 20 year regional transportation plan. Worked with six communities to prioritize ISTEA enhancement funds. Organized and facilitated a regional Sustainable Forestry Conference with over 130 in attendance.

- * Updated local data in six Community Profiles and assisted in developing local Community Development Action Plans.

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Component of Objective Statement: 1.03 Natural Resource Assessment

* Inventoried approximately 200,000 acres of privately owned forested land in the San Juan Basin in Colorado. This was done by delineating different forest cover types on 29 different USGS 1:24,000 scale quads according to established USFS and Colorado State Forest Service standards. This information will be used by the private sector of the timber industry to determine available resources when deciding management options and by the Colorado State Forest Service for forest management plans with individual landowners. This information is being digitized and will be available in GIS format along with other themes for regional planning purposes.

* Conducted a rangeland inventory on 25,950 acres of Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation land. This information will be used by the tribal council to distribute grazing allotments.

* Conducted a survey of needed range improvements and soil erosion control needs on Southern Ute Indian Reservation "wild" land. A complete fence inventory was done on three stocked range units. An inventory on 24 stock ponds was completed identifying status and condition of water source, and identified 22 erosion sites needing erosion control structures. The tribe formed a Natural Resource Conservation crew of tribal members and this crew then constructed the needed erosion control structures and made repairs as needed. The crew built miles of fence under the guidance and direction of the AmeriCorps member.

Component of Objective Statement: 1.04 Information and Education of the benefits of natural resource based industries

- * Nineteen articles were written and published in area newspapers featuring natural resource based operations.

- * Assisted in development of "new member" packets for distribution to new SCAN members

- * Produced two video segments that were shown on area TV

- * Developed a video on "old forest logging" that will be used as a training video for the USFS and others, as desired.

Primary Accomplishments

1. Member Development: Progress made in boosting the personal development of members

Cluster meetings were held which all members said were beneficial in understanding how to work together, organize and facilitate meetings.

Professional grant writing training was provided for three members.

Videos and workbooks on Communication Skills were purchased and training provided to all members.

All members attended a three day orientation session with topics covered including, first aid, CPR training, driver safety, team building, working with diverse cultures, and developing a sense of community service.

2. Community Building: Community Service work day at "Our Ranch (for disadvantaged youth)", work day rehabbing low income housing, work day building a river walk trail, and rehabbing a trail at Mesa Verde National Park during AmeriCorps graduation ceremonies.

12. Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

In each section below, briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter. Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

AmeriCorps "Getting Things Done" - we are making good progress on all of our projects, and starting new ones.

The Mancos Valley Resources president is a graduate of the University Year for ACTION, a national service program of the 70's and the Mancos Valley has reaped the benefits of that training. She says: "Small communities in rural America NEED Americorps"

The following accomplishments were started at the end of the first quarter and are on-going: 1. Development of a Corridor Management Plan for the San Juan Skyway; 2. Preparation of data base showing profile of life in SW Colorado, and bibliography of available reports on growth and living in SW Colorado; 3. Economic Model and Data Base; 4. Mancos River Walk; 5. Development of a neighborhood park in Pagosa Springs; 6. Initiation of an oral history video program for Navajos in New Mexico, Utah and Arizona; 7. Environmental Education program for 300 students and 14 teachers.

DEVELOPMENT OF CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN. The San Juan Skyway is a 236 mile loop that encompasses the majority of the San Juan National Forest, portions of six counties, eleven communities and is attached to both the BLM back country loop and the Uncompahgre National Forest.

- A.
 - 1. Increased the Friends Group to 20 participants
 - 2. Explored link options with 2 organizations for Friends.
 - 3. Coordinated the San Juan Skyway objectives with county planning efforts with 30 county reps from 3 counties.
- B. Coordinated concerns about the Skyway with 15 community members re:
 - 1. Tourism development
 - 2. Preservation of cultural, physical and significant prehistoric and historic resources.
 - (3) Enhancement of existing resources and recreational resources.
 - (4) Education and awareness of issues related to the interpretive themes along the skyway.
 - (5) Development of sustainable skyway organizational structure.
 - (6) Meeting Federal design objectives in an attempt to attain the All American Road designation from Federal Highway Administration.
- C. Attended Federal Highway Administration Scenic Byway Conference in Denver, Colorado.
 - 1. Exchanged Scenic Byway information processes and procedures with representatives from the States of Arizona, Kansas, Colorado, Utah. 50 reps both public and private.
 - 2. Researched the Peak to Peak Scenic Byway in Eastern Colorado, 3 hours research
- D. Continued to inventory scenic, recreational and cultural resources along the
 - 1. Revised resource database inventory.
 - 2. Coordinated with Fort Lewis College Office of Community Development and the School of Engineering to integrate Skyway resource database with GIS base map.
 - 3. Photographed, catalogued and categorized fifty resources along 80 of the 236 miles of the San Juan Skyway road system.
- E. Began to write the Corridor Management Plan.

- F. Initiated field survey for San Juan Skyway users. Contacted 25 tourists.
- G. Initiated contact with Trail of the Ancients planning committee in Montecello, Utah and Cortez, CO. 12 attendees.
 - 1. Goals for Montecello meeting:
 - a. To develop a partnership on a shared portion of our Scenic Byway road system.
 - b. Determine compatibility of visions and management plans.
 - c. Coordinate efforts on interpretation, planning, resource and management.

II. PREPARATION OF A DATA BASE.

- A. Continued composing regional vision statement, and cataloging human values and perceptions of quality of life issues in Southwest Colorado. Increased scope to 19 communities, 2 states and 2 reservations (more than 100 individual contacts).
 - 1. Fielded 11 requests from individuals, community organization representatives, town officials and planners concerning survey findings regarding human values and perceptions towards quality of life issues in Southwest Colorado and Northwest New Mexico communities.

III. Mancos Valley Riverwalk

It has just been announced that the Riverwalk has received the Governor's Award for "Smart Growth", to be presented July 15.

A. CONTINUED PLANS FOR TRAIL CONSTRUCTION/OPENING CEREMONY

In February, the new AmeriCorps member saw the potential for improved environmental education and offered to develop an outdoor environmental walk, which may eventually be part of the total Riverwalk in the town of Mancos. A National Resources Conservation Education grant of \$2000 and \$3,270 from partners (cash and in kind services) was acquired to develop a 600 foot nature trail along the river behind the school.

Construction on the first phase of the Riverwalk was started. Eight partners were recruited. an accessible trail was designed, brush cleared, dirt removed, and drainage put in place. With help from the USFS, AmeriCorps members, local residents and school children, costs were kept to a minimum.

Students from the high school were recruited to plan and carry out the opening ceremony, which was planned to coincide with National Trails Day on June 3, 1995. AmeriCorps met with the students and helped develop agendas, plans, publicity etc. for the opening. They held an elementary school poster contest (63 entrants) for a flyer to announce the opening, had the flyer printed, canvassed local merchants for gifts for the winners, and printed T-Shirts with the first place winner's design. They wrote letters to dignitaries inviting them to attend. They planned the program, obtained donations of cookies and punch for the visitors, prepared the area and took part in the ceremony.

The opening ceremony took place on Natl Trails Day, June 3, with 115 people in attendance. Present were all the partners of the project. The Boy Scouts installed 2 benches for an Eagle project; the woodshop at VoTech (The educational school in the area built a bat box to be installed; 3 Girl Scout troops performed the "Impact Monster", a wilderness ethics skit; the San

Juan NF Association and the 4 Corners Trail Club were there recruiting volunteers.

After the ceremony, two couples, 3 GS troops and a church group (40 members) volunteered to further the work on the trail, and a retaining wall was put in this last week.

FUTURE PLANS FOR RIVERWALK:

1. AmeriCorps member is preparing story board and photo display for recruitment/ continuation of Riverwalk.
2. Worked with and photographed LDS church work party, 30 persons
3. With Colorado State Forestry and USFS Fish and Wildlife, planning a wildlife training for teachers and students next September to assist them in utilizing the nature walk.
4. Coordinating a revegetation program for the Riverwalk, to be done by students.

IV. PAGOSA SPRINGS PARK

1. Continued dialogue with Pagosa Springs and the development of a community park.

V. ORAL HISTORY VIDEO PROGRAM

The oral history program has developed into the following: The local vocational school has a \$500,000 TV broadcasting studio which should be in operation in late July. A non-profit organization, Rural Video Access, has formed a partnership with the school and with the CU Center, Cortez. A grant was written to PUC to obtain funding to operate a community public service TV station. This would include oral histories, adult literacy, adult education, health, teens, elementary, school, environmental education, and a myriad of community programs, including call-in shows.

The AmeriCorps member:

1. Participated in 4 community meetings to instruct on telecommunications program - 80 persons
2. Attended interstate telecommunications conference - 40 persons
3. Contacted 21 organizations and private citizens for letters of support for the grant.
4. Drafted a support letter to use as an example.
5. Wrote and printed flyer to be distributed re the program.
6. Assisted in supplying information regarding the proposed health program as well as the US Forest Service program ideas.
7. Assisted in writing the telecommunications grant for \$395,061.00.

VI. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS AND YOUTH GROUPS

1. Wrote grant for Environmental Education self-guided backpack.
2. Attended archaeology training program for teachers (16 hours) to prepare for writing an archaeology unit for above backpack.

VII. Coordinating the Pine Zone project.

1. Writing college education document
2. Documentation process; evolution of project.
3. Organization of partners meeting
4. Field work in progress

VIII. Economic design modeling for agricultural section.

NEW PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Facilitated 3 town hall meeting break out groups regarding growth and the Montezuma County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and participated with a team of fellow rural development specialists to develop a newsletter and an overview of the outcome of town meetings (still in progress). 140 people attended.
2. Facilitated a breakout group session during a non-profit forest association annual workshop regarding forest health. Attendance: 50 representing several local, state, national, academic and scientific communities.
3. Educational presentation to Sierra Club and a citizens alternative land use association regarding the San Juan National Forest Plan Revision and AmeriCorps projects. 8 persons.
4. Wrote 4 articles covering a number of aspects on effects of wildfire on human perception and understanding for a publication of which 30,000 copies were printed and distributed region and state-wide.
5. Participated in 2 of Governor Roy Romer's Smart Growth Initiative local and regional workshops, sharing information with others about project accomplishments and findings. A profile of the Southwest Colorado Vision Statemetn is to be used by Colorado Governor Roy Romers' Smart Growth Initiative regional committees working to find ways to address growth problems in Colorado.
6. Continue to participate in and write, edit, design print and distribute regular newsletter (seven to date) for citizens wilderness issues study group that has been meeting and working with SJNF for 2 years to learn about and promote wilderness health.
7. Source of information in public service video about urban interface dancgers arising from wildfire (still in progress).
8. Wrote 2 letters about AmeriCorps experiences to spread greater awareness and understanding about AmeriCorps. Published in Rocky Mt News, a major Denver paper.
9. Co-wrote the first of a series of articles designed to introduce and familiarize the public with an innovative partnership between government, local private industry, and university researchers and scientists in a demonstration project to harvest sustainable forest products whild helping to restore forest health and reduce catastrophic wildfire dangers.
10. Wrote article about innovative, promising partnership project bringing local, state, federal agencies together with ecologists and students, local timber industry people to revitalize local forest products industry while taking first steps toward restoring forest health. The "Western Pine Zone Demonstration Project" on the San Juan NF is beginning to recieve national attention as a model for partnership participation by broad spectrum of people. Fellow AmeriCorps member and colleague Carla Garrison coordinates logistics as the project is implemented this summer (to be written by week of 7/7 for the publication Inner Voice).
11. Wrote 2 grant proposals for storyteller and environmental education.
12. Organizing contacts between Mancos Valley Resources and the Dairy Products of New Mexico. The purpose is to implement a field demonstration to evaluate rotational intensive grazing in combination with a dairy heifer replacement herd. The diversification study has been done and initial contacts have been made, however it is necessary to bring the farmers and ranchers of Mancos together with the dairymen of New Mexico. It is a proposed

\$43,500 project.

13. Survey for and obtaining a site for family advocacy program.
14. Volunteer at Mancos Valley Visitor Center. 76 persons.
15. Attended regional coordinators meeting and discussed Mancos involvement. 25 persons.
16. Wrote information letter for the Colorado Governor's First Annual Smart Growth and Development Award for Mancos entry. (WE WON!)
17. Contacted musicians/storytellers and organized summer programs for fundraisers for Mancos Valley Visitor Center and Mancos Resources.
 - a. Attended 2 meetings in preparation for above fund raiser. 14 persons
 - b. Hiked and photographed the Big Al trail in preparation for publicity for fund raiser.
18. Initiated contact on the possible land aquisition of a wetland area for education and open space perservation in Mancos, CO. 4 agencies contacted, 8 people to date.
19. Contacts: Land owner, CO Dept of Wildlife, CO Dept of Parks, Mancos Valley water association.
20. Attended Colorado Division of Highways workshop and information meeting in Durango. 15 participants.
21. Designed information slides for future presentations.hours.
22. Developing a San Juan Skyway resource map.
23. Initiated the development of a San Juan Skyway recreational resource and educational coloring book with NRCS AmeriCorps member in Aztec, NM.
24. Changed a flat tire for a tourist in distress.
25. Saved a kitten from a tree.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

All skills are improving: community leadership, volunteerism, business development, computer technology, regional and local planning issues, communications skills, goal setting, group interaction skills, public speaking, report writing, GIS skills, and networking skills.

Four monthly cluster meetings with other AmeriCorps members
Three members have facilitated cluster meetings.
Hosted cluster meeting and held barbecue/overnight.

Training: Total hours: 136.

1. 2 members attended "Landscape and Community: Discovering Common Ground" 56 hours each.
2. CPR training update: 4 hours.
3. Colorado Division of Highways workshop - 4 hours.
3. Archaeology teacher training - 16 hours.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

We continue to contact and develop good working relationships with members of our communities. Community leaders recognize AmeriCorps and our goals and are coming to us for assistance with neighborhood action plans and needs.

Several AmeriCorps members have been offered full time positions in the

community.

Our objective last quarter of assisting high school students gain leadership skills was successful in Mancos. Their objective was to plan the Riverwalk ceremony. While doing that they wrote letters to senators, representatives, mayors and other dignitaries requesting their presence at Ntl Trails Day; sponsored an elementary school poster contest; printed flyers; printed T-Shirts; contacted local merchants for prizes for the contest and refreshments; set up the ceremony area; presented awards and prizes; cleaned up the area afterwards. Each student prepared a notebook/journal of their activities for their instructor.

AmeriCorps members have been invited to, and have joined community organizations: Girl Scouts, Mancos Valley Historical Society, Mancos Valley Resources, Mancos Valley Association.

13. Other Accomplishments this Quarter: (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

14. Unique successes or great stories : (Include stories that would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and creative solutions.)

1. Collected information about petting zoos. Designed a petting zoo for "Our Ranch" Zoo. Did preliminary field site work for the petting zoo and spent the National Day of Service at "Our Ranch" cleaning up, digging ditch, laying irrigation pipe. 30 persons.
3. Target Tree Campground cleanup, USFS. 20 participants, 8 hours.
4. Mancos Valley Riverwalk trail building: 10 members, 4 hours.
5. National Trails Day, opening ceremony, Riverwalk: 4 members, 5 hours; 11 partners. 115 people attended this ceremony and after the mayor cut the ribbon leading to the trail, the bagpipe band led the way down the trail. It was extremely fulfilling to see the turnout, to hear the music, and to realize that the Riverwalk, planned for over 20 years, was actually started.
6. Public Service Video: urban interface dangers arising from wildfire.

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

At the field level the program is working well!!!!!! The Members are accomplishing a lot with the communities and partners. Many of the community projects would not have been done without the Members participation and help.

1. Still need electronic communication between agencies involved.
2. Lack of communication between agencies, probably due to above.
3. Paperwork - has been no lessening of amount of paperwork necessary.

4. The Colorado members have not received their pins. We received large buttons and T-shirts this winter, we received our sweat shirts with hoods this summer.

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

National Trails Day - 3 members from CO, 1 from NM, took part in RiverWalk.

National Service Day: Homes for Humanity - 15 participants, 8 hours

CPR Update training - 4 hours

Monthly cluster meetings with AmeriCorps members

Many news releases in local papers.

Members presented several talks re AmeriCorp program and their projects.

Volunteered the 4 Corners AmeriCorps group for participation in PLAD: National Public Lands Appreciation Day, September 30, 1995, with Times Mirror Magazine, Inc. Conservation Council.

17. Significant Program Changes this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.) None.

Corporation for National Service

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
(T/TA) OPERATING SITE REQUEST FORM

Operating site name: San Juan National Forest

Corporation Grantee/State Commission name: USDA Forest Service

Operating Site ID # 4047E31B COLORADO

I. T/TA REQUEST

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

TA: 1. Reduction or simplification of AmeriCorps paperwork.

2. Electronic linkage with all AmeriCorps units in the the Four Corners Area.

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

 Regional/National Training/workshop

 Regional/National Tele-video Conference

 x On-site training. If so, for whom? All members, staff

 On-site consultation

Suggested consultant(s) CNCS and USDA employees who review and consolidate reports and paperwork.

Number of days: 1

Start

date: _____

 One-on-one telephone consultation

 Resource Materials (curricula, readings, bibliographies, other)

 Peer exchange

 Not sure what is most suitable

Other _____



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Please find enclosed the USDA Quarterly Report for the third quarter ending June 30, 1995. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me.

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Part I Aggregate Data from Operating Site Quarterly Reports

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

☐ First Quarter ☐ Second Quarter ☒ Third Quarter ☐ Fourth Quarter
(10/12/31) (1/13/31) (4/16/30) (7/19/30)

2. Aggregate Members and Service Hours (Sum question 10 from all Operating Site Reports)

[enter text into table]

	No. of Members allotted to your site.	No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	No. of Members who left site during the 3rd Qtr.	No. of Members who joined site during the 3rd Qtr.	Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	Total Members service hours to date
Full Time	15	8	8	7	0	4,987.5	13,284.5

3. To the best of your knowledge, are the service hours reported in the operating site quarterly reports accurate? ☒ Yes ☐ No

(If you have checked No, please explain in question 10, "Primary Challenges.")

4. To the best of your knowledge, do the service hours reported in the operating site quarterly reports reflect adequate progress toward completion of required service hours?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If you have checked No, please explain in question 10, "Primary Challenges.")

5. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a). Total **number** of *non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers* involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 0

(b). Total **hours** spent on AmeriCorps service activities by *non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers* this quarter: 0

6. Summary of Progress this Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives: In light of your monitoring activities and the quarterly operating site reports, note any exceptional situations in your operating sites regarding progress toward annual objectives. Highlight sites that appear to be making insufficient progress or that may not be taking sufficient steps to monitor their progress. Also highlight sites that appear to be exceeding their annual goals or that have made unusually extensive efforts to monitor their progress. If sites have reported numerical data that can be aggregated, do so in your discussion.

The DC Service Corps has made great strides in programming and organization in the third quarter. The new Executive Director, Carolyn A. Young, has enforced organizational the structure and revised goals implemented during this quarter.

Heightened site monitoring, frequent staff meetings and increased internal communication/accountability has provided the base for the elevated effectiveness of the the Anti-Hunger Team during this quarter.

Increased interchange with program managers at USDA resulted in an increase in quantity and quality of anti-hunger projects and planned activities.

Additionally, a new system of data collection was implemented this quarter. Team Coordinators completed site reports weekly, also noting measurable results including data and statistics compiled during their week of work. These reports are collected each Friday and the data is then inputted into a database designed especially for each team. As a result the statistics and data collected during this quarter is much more easily defined and more measurable than the past quarters (see objectives for data).

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

Objective #1: Senior Citizen Nutrition Aid - In the third quarter, the DC Service Corps has:

- passed out over 500 flyers to announce the food stamp application assistance for the elderly
- assisted over 75 elderly citizens fill out food stamp applications
- delivered meals to over 10 homebound elderly
- screened over 35 elderly citizens to determine the health of their daily nutritional intake

Objective #2: Nutrition Education in Local Schools - The DC Service Corps provided age-appropriate nutrition education presentations to children grades K-6. Through use of skits, songs and games the Corpsmembers conveyed the importance of proper nutrition. They provided this service in:

- 18 classrooms at Plummer Elementary - serving 360 students
- 6 classrooms at Webb Elementary - serving 135 students
- 9 classrooms at Beers Elementary - serving 180 students

Objective #3: Homeless Assistance - The DC Service Corps provided aid to several local soup kitchens and homeless shelters. Activities performed at these locations include:

- cooked and served over 1,750 meals to local homeless residents
- gleaned (picked excess vegetables) -15 bushels of produce distributed to local soup kitchens and shelters
- sorted over 72 pounds of food at the Capital Area Food Bank

Locations for this service included:

- So Others Might Eat
- Church of the Brethren
- DC Central Kitchen
- Salvation Army Center
- Capital Area Food Bank

Objective #4: Commodity Supplemental Food Program Assistance - The DC Service Corps packaged and distributed over 300 food packages to those qualified to receive food through the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Packages included: meat, beans, peanut butter, rice, macaroni, spaghetti, dry cereal, butter, cheese and dry milk.

Sites included in this project were:

- Hunt Place Clinic
- Southwest Health Center
- Congress Heights
- Fletcher Johnson School
- Homebound Elderly
- Homebound Elderly Warehouse Division

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

The goal of the DC Service Corps is to provide educational/life skills development, career development, leadership training, career/employability development and personal guidance throughout the corps year.

Each Friday, activities are presented to approach all of the above listed topics. During the third quarter the DC Service Corps provided 104 hours of on-going training coordinated by our Education/Life Skills Director, Robin Dubin. The activities provided during this quarter included:

- Resume Writing Workshop
- College Application Workshop
- Conflict Resolution/Anger Management Workshop hosted by Guy Tinner
- Sexual Diversity Workshop facilitated by Public Allies
- Job Fair/Workshop sponsored by the DC Public Library
- Entrepreneurial Business Workshop facilitated by Melissa Bradley
- Informational Session about the Peace Corps by Tasha Boone, Peace Corps Recruiter

Other Corpsmember enrichment activities held this quarter have included an innovative approach to teaching called Youth Teaching Youth Activities. Each team facilitates an educational workshop of their choice to teach the entire Corps about their topic of interest. Included in these workshops have been discussions about:

- violence in the media/streets
- sexuality
- working in the music industry
- single parenting
- the effect of rap music on youth

Corpsmembers attended a Job Workshop sponsored by the DC Public Library. Included in this workshop were:

- interviewing skills
- tips for resume writing
- networking skills

Corpsmembers also attended a Job Fair sponsored by Ward 2 and Councilmember Jack Evans. Over 100 local businesses were present at this fair. Corpsmembers were able to speak to representatives from each organization, pick up job applications and in some cases interview for jobs on the spot.

The DC Service Corps was represented at the Food Bank Radiothon sponsored by Giant Food, Inc. and WMAL to raise money for the Capital Area Community Food Bank. Corpsmembers spent the day working at the Food Bank booth located at Montgomery Mall in Bethesda, Maryland.

The DC Service Corps is currently planning the DCSC graduation ceremony to be held at the Department of Agriculture Building on July 22, 1995. Each team is preparing a presentation to honor the specific population they served throughout this program year.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Objective #1: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM - The DC Service Corps worked closely with DC Hunger Action to promote the Summer Feeding Program and make citizens aware of the opportunity to feed their children during the summer months. Corpsmembers:

- distributed 1,500 flyers to local WIC Centers, recreation centers and summer school sites to announce the Summer Feeding Program
- held a community meeting to announce the sites and discuss the benefits of the Summer Feeding Program

OBJECTIVE #2: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR SENIOR CITIZENS - In the third quarter, the DC Service Corps:

- passed out over 500 flyers to announce the food stamp application assistance for the elderly
- called 20 senior citizens centers to notify them of the availability of nutrition screening
- nutritionally screened to over 35 elderly citizens to determine the health of their daily nutritional intake
- called 10 senior citizens center to notify them of the availability of food stamps for elderly citizens

OBJECTIVE #3: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM - During the third quarter, the DC Service Corps Anti-Hunger Team:

- passed out over 600 flyers encouraging people to get certified for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- certified 12 people to be eligible to receive food from the Commodity Supplemental Food Program

7. Unique successes or "great stories": Note from among your operating site quarterly reports those AmeriCorps stories that would best communicate how AmeriCorps gets things done.

Summer Feeding Program - The Summer Feeding Program offers aid to families whose children normally receive free breakfast and lunch during the school year. Now that school is out, many of those children do not have proper nutrition provided in their homes throughout the summer months. The Summer Feeding Program provides nutritional food to these children for free.

The sites for the Summer Feeding Program were not determined until school was out for the summer, therefore it was difficult to let parents know the availability of the program. In order to get the word out to parents, the DC Service Corps, in conjunction with DC Hunger Action, decided to hold a community meeting to notify parents about the Summer Feeding Program and the participating sites. The community meeting was held on June 28, 1995 at 6:30 at the DC Service Corps' headquarters. DC Service Corpsmembers hosted the meeting and spoke about the Summer Feeding Program to interested community members. Colleen Fee from DC Hunger Action, also spoke at the meeting to inform community members about the need for this program and the impending cutbacks. This meeting was a great success for the DC Service Corps' Anti-Hunger Team and it provided much need PR for the Summer Feeding Program.

National Service Gleaning Day - The DC Service Corps, in conjunction with the DC Commission for National and Community Service, planned a large gleaning event. Gleaning is the process of picking excess fruits and vegetables which would normally go to waste after the harvest has been completed. At this event were local AmeriCorps grantees, members of the DC State Commission and other youth organizations from around the District. This project was held on June 30, 1995 at Parker's Farm in Clinton, Maryland.

All of the 512 bushels of collard greens picked were distributed to four local soup kitchens and shelters including: Bread for the City, Martha's Table, So Others Might Eat and DC Central Kitchen. After the day of gleaning, there was a ceremony held at Bread for the City at which the DCSC Anti-Hunger Team was honored for the hunger/nutrition related work that they have been doing throughout this program year.

Truxton Business Association Street Festival - DCSC cooperated with the local business association which includes members from governmental, community and for-profit organizations, to sponsor a street festival with booths, musical performances and speakers. It was held outside the DCSC headquarters. Corpsmembers set up recruiting, informational and confectionary booths. Some Corpsmembers spoke with the Mayor about the DC Service Corps.

8. National Identity Activities this Quarter: Highlight operating site activities this quarter that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps.

Signature Projects - The DC Service Corps has designed a system of Signature Projects to foster the National Identity of AmeriCorps, as well as to provide Corpsmembers with additional opportunities for community service. Corpsmembers participate in projects involving the entire Corps at which they wear their DC Service Corps/AmeriCorps uniforms and they are identified as an AmeriCorps Program. The large Signature Projects held this quarter were:

- tree distribution at Potomac Mills in honor of Earth Day
- painting the Carter Barron Tennis Stadium in preparation for the Legg Mason Tennis Classic
- helping to prepare several DC Public Schools so that they would pass fire code inspections

National Youth Service Day - The DC Service Corps participated in National Youth Service Day, sponsored by Youth Service American, the Points of Light Foundation and the Nickelodeon Channel. The event began by Corpsmembers picking up trash along the banks of the Anacostia River and it culminated with a children's carnival held at Spingarn Senior High School. Corpsmembers wore their DC Service Corps/AmeriCorps shirts for this event which served to promote the national identity of AmeriCorps on a local level.

Corpsmember Recruiting - The DC Service Corps is currently recruiting and interviewing potential candidates for the 1995-96 year. In all of our literature and Corps information, the DC Service Corps displays the AmeriCorps logo and identifies itself as an AmeriCorps program. During Corpsmember interviews, the DC Service Corps Staff provides an explanation of the AmeriCorps national service network and shows the AmeriCorps video.

National Service Gleaning Day - The National Service Gleaning Day also served as a very large-scale AmeriCorps national identity event (see Successes/Great Stories). This project provided AmeriCorps programs from around the District to jointly participate in an event. In total over 125 people from around the Capital City participated in this event.

9. Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter: Note any operating sites that have experienced changes in organization, staff or number of Members that could impair the sites' capacity to perform or that could significantly increase their potential for success.

The major staff change made this quarter was the hiring of Ms. Carolyn A. Young as the Executive Director. Ms. Young was hired by the Board of Directors at the end of March and she began working at the DC Service Corps in mid-April. She has an M.S. in Community Service Education from Cornell University and she has 25 years of experience directing community and education programs for youth. Prior to the DC Service Corps, she spent two years working at the University of the District of Columbia in the Cooperative Extension Service.

Consultants were hired to address Financial Management and Diversity Recruitment efforts during the quarter.

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

One noted issue with the Anti-Hunger Team during this quarter was the team division to while working on the DC Hunger Action Foodstamp Project and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program Project. Both of these projects can only accomodate a limited number of Corpsmembers at each site, therefore, the Anti-Hunger Team was deployed to different sites to occupy the entire team each day. This team division caused an issue with team dynamics which was solved by the rotation of Corpsmembers to different sites and the rotation of members on each team. Feedback time provided on Fridays also helped correct this issue and improve team dynamics.

The delay in the confirmation of the Summer Feeding Program sites also caused a delay in the outreach provided. Flyers could not be distributed nor could the community meeting be held until the confirmation of the sites was final.

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US National Arboretum

- A. Number of members enrolled at end of quarter vs number enrolled at time of launch. 5/5
- B. Total number of hours of direct service performed by members and total number of hours members were in training. Approximately 950/134 each.
- C. Any major staff or structural changes you have made?
One person was released but was replaced.
- D. Progress towards meeting community service objectives.

The team assisted the Fern Valley employee in preparing the collection be done in seven stages, two of which have been completed.

The second objective was two fold, winter preparation and spring prevention. In the Boxwood Collection, the above ground, herbaceous portions of perennial would be cut to the ground and removed. This makes the collection more pleasing to the eye and prevents bacteria, fungi and insects from overwintering in the rotting foliage. This objective has been completed.

The third objective was the Hickey Lane Juniper Hedge which was in desperate need of attention. Vines and weed trees had grown so entangled in the hedge that it was killing large portions of it. Also an area fifteen feet behind the hedge had to be cleared to slow any threat of future infestation. The hedge is approximately 150 yards long. This has been completed.

The fourth objective is to prune and remove the entangled weeds and restore the large neglected Crabapple trees along New York Ave. There are a total of nine trees in dire need of care. All of the trees have been weeded but four still need to be pruned.

The fifth objective is to remove the weed trees and vines from the canopy of existing trees on the mall. This needs to be done to relieve the stress of the root competition as well as improve the overall appearance of the entire mall area. This has been completed.

The sixth objective is to correct a safety hazard. The Herb Garden has a brick walkway. The roots of some trees in the immediate area are forcing individual bricks to rise. This causes the walkway to become a hazard. This task is going to be a difficult one because there are no replacement bricks nor a source to get more. Therefore extreme caution must be exercised by an unexperienced team. This task will be one of the toughest that my team has been faced with but I am sure that we will complete it in a timely fashion and do an excellent job.

Overall each objective helps in reaching our mission, to improve the appearance of the National Arboretum and give the participants an appreciation for the role plants play in our everyday lives.

E. Primary accomplishments.

The educational components that my team has been exposed to are closely related to the horticultural field. They have all been taught Pesticide Use and Safety, which gives them the ability to apply herbicides here at the Arboretum. They have also been taught how to prune small trees and shrubs and why it is done. They understand the purpose of the National Arboretum as well as their purpose for being here. They also have basic understanding of weeds, vines and weed trees; what makes them what they are and how they got there.

F. Primary challenges.

It is becoming difficult to motivate the team to go out in the cold and work without sweat shirts that they have been told they would receive. It also would make things a little better if they could meet with other teams on the immediate area. I would like for them to meet some of the Anti-hunger teams to see what they are doing and how the whole program fits together. I would also like to have the telephone numbers of some of the nationwide environmental teams so that we can discuss the different challenges that are occurring and how they are accomplishing their goals regardless of the obstacles. We could also discuss the positive aspects of the program.

G. Primary training and technical assistance needed.

We could use advice from expert educators on the best way to convey the importance of plants and trees to elementary school children. We could also use an expert in the field of Tests and Measurements so that I can gauge how well the program is advancing and what areas need to be strengthened.

H. Media coverage.
None

I. Other creative documentation.

I am currently constructing a photo album that visually shows the objectives that have been met and their need. I will continually document the objectives as my team completes them as well as meetings with other teams and events.



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To: Donna Hines
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Coordinator

From: Brenda Strong Nixon
Acting Executive Director

Subj: AmeriCorps/USDA Quarterly Report #2

Enclosed are two copies of the D.C. Service
Corps AmeriCorps/USDA second quarter report.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at
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AmeriCorps/USDA Quarterly Report #2
D.C. Service Corps

1) Progress toward meeting community service objectives

a) **Objective #1: Community Outreach.** Meet the information and referral needs of Washington, DC's low-income population through door-to-door, school-based nutrition workshops and on-the-street distribution of informational flyers, phone banking, and person assistance.

Accomplishments:

- o Assisted 116 senior citizens in filling out food stamp applications.
- o Developed age appropriate teaching materials, and information packets.
- o Visited 6 elementary schools to conduct workshops on proper nutrition.
- o Conducted an average of 18 Proper Nutrition Project workshops per school, reaching 2,850 elementary school children in 6 elementary schools (grades k-6).

b) **Objective #2: Homeless Assistance.** Assist the homeless in meeting their nutritional needs.

Accomplishments:

- o Served over 1,500 people in direct service at soup kitchens.
- o Cooked and prepared meals for over 4,500 people at D.C. Central Kitchen.

2) Number of members enrolled at end of the first quarter vs. number who were enrolled at the end of the second quarter

12/15

3) Total numbers of direct service performed and total number of hours in training.

Direct service/9863

Hours in training/1184

4) Any major staff or structural changes

The Board of the D.C. Service Corps is in the final process of selecting an Executive Director. The Acting Executive Director filled two positions. These positions were an Education Coordinator/Social Worker and Planning Coordinator. Additionally, in an effort to provide better coordinative and facilitative assistance, each team has been

assigned an administrative staff liaison. The liaison for the USDA team is Robin Dubin (Education Coordinator/Social Worker)..

5) Primary accomplishments

The Proper Nutrition Project

The USDA team finalized the plans for the Proper Nutrition Project and implemented this effort in 6 schools, and provided nutrition education to 2,850 elementary school age children in grades k-6. To accomplish this effort, the USDA team received training in public speaking; age appropriate teaching material development; and age appropriate learning techniques. The team is in the process of planning for the remaining seven schools to be visited in the third quarter.

The USDA team finalized the pre and post test forms for elementary school children and have begun to use it. During this quarter, however, the corpsmembers developed and implemented an age appropriate evaluation form to be completed by the children. This form was designed to give the team feedback regarding their effectiveness. Teacher evaluations were also disseminated and completed. Ninety-five percent of the teachers ranked the corpsmember's presentations to their students as excellent. The following are a few of the remarks from the teachers:

- o "Students immediately responded to facilitators, Rico and Kamil. It was very obvious to the teacher that these young men have had experience working with the little ones."
- o "The children needed to see young positive black men."
- o "We enjoyed the presentation. Great job!"

The USDA team also developed a nutritional "rap" message, and successfully adapted the "Jeopardy Game" to make learning about proper nutrition fun, as well as educational. Additionally, using posters provided by the USDA, the team left the food pyramid and other follow-up materials at every school visited.

Training

The USDA team, have also received training in the following areas:

- o Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), provided by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, which offered this training in order to help corpsmembers gain an understanding of this tax saving measure. Flyers and other informational packets were distributed for the East of the River Community Development Corporation, the Marshal Heights Community Development Organization, and Community Tax Aids, Inc. The Center also helped the corpsmembers develop their own (EITC) campaign. As a result of this

training, corpsmembers disseminated over 1,200 flyers in their own neighborhoods.

- o Urban Gardening training, sponsored by the University of the District of Columbia Cooperative Extension Program. This effort is in preparation for the gleening project to occur during the third quarter. Corpsmembers are currently growing vegetables in the windows of the DCSC headquarters office.
- o The USDA team has also received bi-monthly training in team building conducted by two members of the Associates for Renewal in Education, Inc., staff. The training has been on work ethics, responsibility to fellow team members, community responsibility and conflict resolution. These sessions have greatly assisted these young people in coming together as a team, and allowed them to excel with respect to their contributions to each other, and to the DCSC in general.
- o Received refresher training on how to assist in filling out food stamp applications.

Soup Kitchens

This quarter the USDA is working closely with four soup kitchens. They are the Washington City Church of the Brethren, D.C. Central Kitchen, SOME (So Others Might Eat), and Zacheus Kitchen. These soup kitchens are located in the four quadrants of the District of Columbia. Each of the above kitchens are visited once per month, generally on a Tuesday morning,, followed by Urban Gardening in the afternoon.

Food Stamps

The Food Stamp Office transferred 12 sites to D.C. Hunger Action to operate. As a result, the USDA team has added eight senior citizen housing complexes to its compendium of sites to visit in its effort to assist the elderly with completing food stamp applications.

Corpsmember recruitment and other activities

In February, the USDA component added four corpsmembers, bringing the team up to its full complement of sixteen. At of this writing, one corpsmember resigned in order to take a full-time position with the U.S. Attorney's office. The four new corpsmembers need to complete 900 hours inorder to be eligible for the \$2,500 scholarship.

All USDA corpsmembers have received uniforms, consisting of one sweatshirt; two golf shirts; one jacket; and two pairs of khaki trousers.

The USDA team participated in a two-day event at the Salvation Army in Alexandria, VA to sort and distribute food to low-income individuals and families.

With another AmeriCorps USDA team, the DCSC/USDA team participated in an event at the National Arboretum, which involved weeding, planting trees, flowers and leaf clean-up.

6) Primary challenges

Due to this teams' size, it is sometimes difficult to identify sites that have enough service opportunities to accommodate all 15 corpsmembers.

Primary training and technical assistance needs

Additional training in the areas of public speaking, writing skills and grammar, would be helpful.

8) Media coverage

The USDA team was featured on a Channel 7 news special for the teams efforts in teaching proper nutrition to elementary school children. Various members of the team have also been cited for their work on such "Signature" projects as the Bald Eagle Recreation Center, D.C. Public Schools' clean-up activities, and the Black Swim Meet, sponsored by the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation.

9) Other documentation

Enclosed are the following documentation:

- o quarterly expenditure report
- o Pre-test - K-2nd grade
- o Post-test - K-2nd grade
- o Pre-test - 5th -6th grade/ same as post-test
- o Teacher feedback evaluation sheet
- o Poster for the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign
- o Flyer for the Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign

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		16,186.00	13,367.00
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11. Not applicable to AmeriCorps grants. Indirect cost should be included as part of administrative cost.

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Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation.

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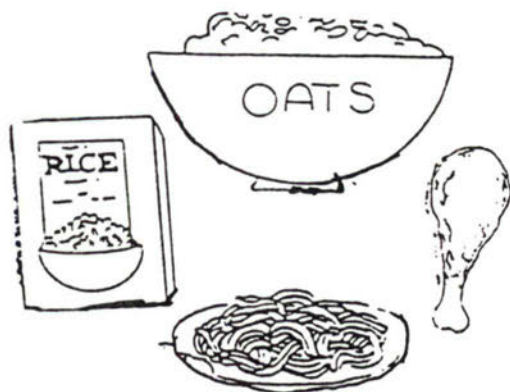
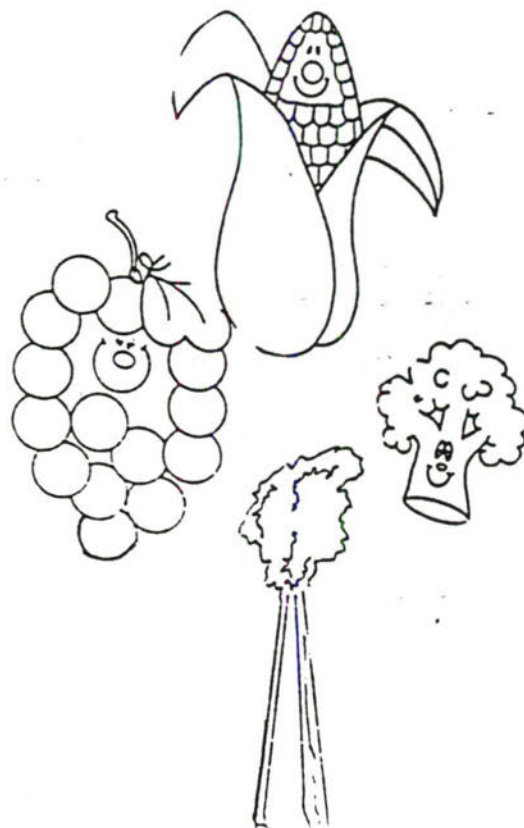
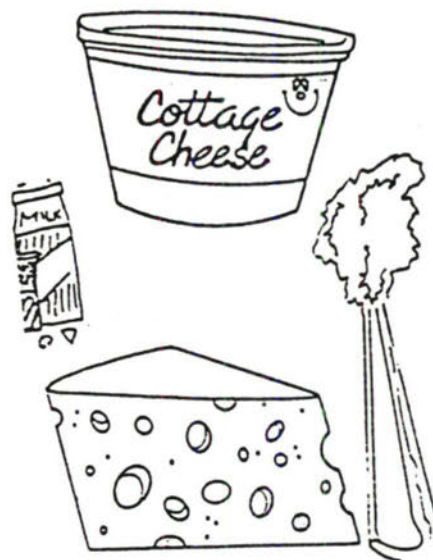
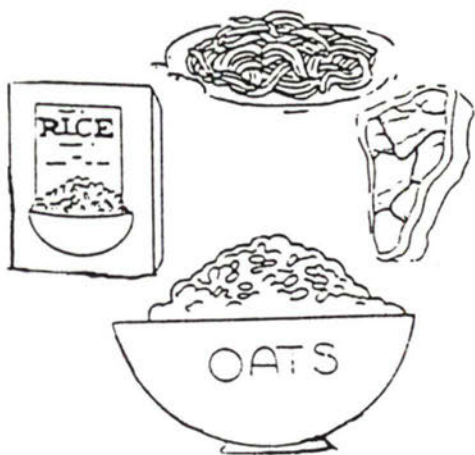
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presentations of the Proper
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NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

PRETEST FOR K-2nd: CIRCLE THE FOOD THAT DOES NOT BELONG!!!

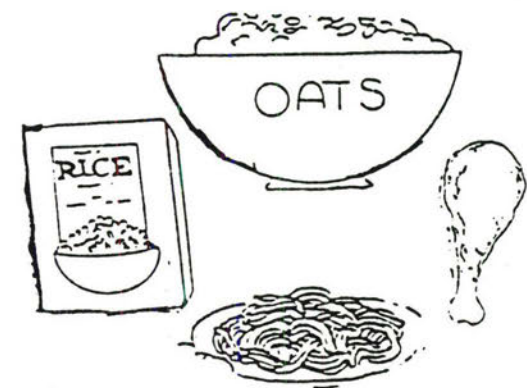
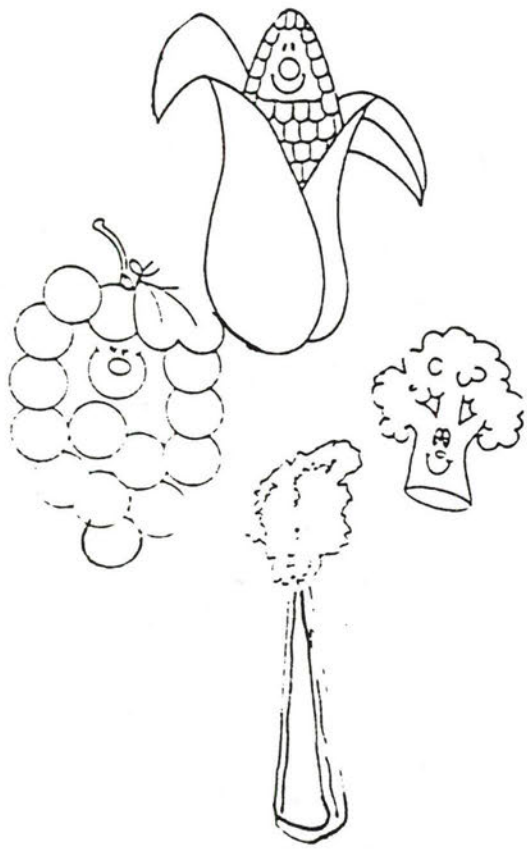
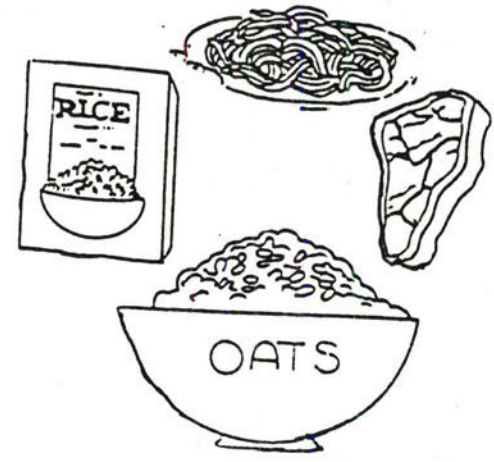
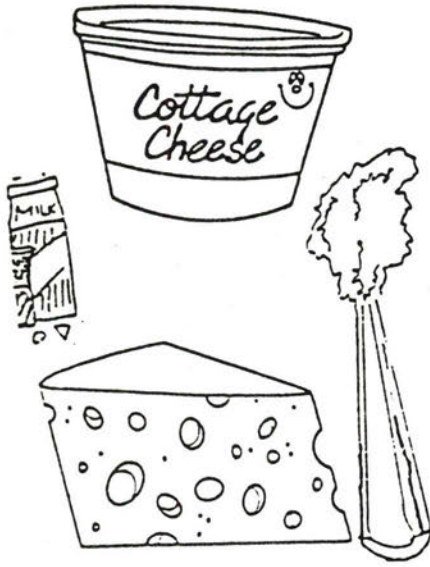


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This is a copy of the 5th-6th
grade pre-test for the Proper
Nutrition Project Presentations.

Name:
Teacher:
School:
Grade:
Date:

Proper Nutrition Project Pre-Test

What does nutrition mean to you?

Do you know the 5 Basic Food Groups? If you do, please list them
below.

- (1)
- (2)
- (3)
- (4)
- (5)

Anti-Hunger Team's Proper Nutrition Project Presentation Evaluation

School: _____

This is a copy of the Evaluation sheet we use to get feedback from teachers or other observers of our Proper Nutrition Project.

Teacher: _____

Classroom Grade & Size: _____ / _____

Please rate the D.C. Service Corps team presentation on the following items according to a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = excellent, 5 = poor). Circle your response.

Excellent ----- Poor

I. Pre-professional Skills

Professionalism	1	2	3	4	5
Punctuality	1	2	3	4	5
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work well w/ students	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work well w/ teachers	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation level	1	2	3	4	5
Teamwork	1	2	3	4	5

II. Content of Presentation

Originality	1	2	3	4	5
Age Appropriateness	1	2	3	4	5
Clarity	1	2	3	4	5
Length of Presentation	1	2	3	4	5
Overall Performance	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

This is a copy of the flyer we distributed for the Earned Income Credit (EIC) Campaign.

THE 1995
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Put Some Extra Money in Your Pocket!! Claim Your Earned Income Credit

A Tax Benefit for People Who Work



OR



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- File Form 1040 or 1040A
- Attach Schedule EIC

= up to \$2,038

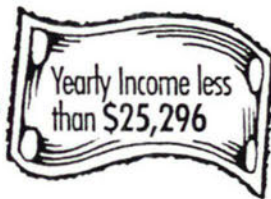
If you lived with one child in 1994 and your family earned less than \$23,755, you can get up to \$2,038.



OR



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- File Form 1040 or 1040A
- Attach Schedule EIC

= up to \$2,528

If you lived with two or more children in 1994 and your family earned less than \$25,296, you can get up to \$2,528.



OR



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- File Form 1040 or 1040A or 1040EZ

= up to \$306

If you had no children living with you in 1994 and you earned less than \$9,000, AND you were between ages 25 and 64, you can get up to \$306.



The IRS is Going to Give Me Money?

Yes!! The Earned Income Credit (EIC) is a special tax benefit only for people who work full- or part-time. If you qualify, you'll owe less in taxes and you may get cash back. Even if you don't owe income tax you can get the EIC. But, you must file a tax return. Starting this year, even workers who aren't raising children can get the EIC!



Get the Earned Income Credit By Filing a Federal Tax Return

If you were raising children in your home in 1994: File Form 1040 or 1040A, not Form 1040EZ. Be sure to attach Schedule EIC.

If you were not raising children in your home in 1994: File Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ. You don't need to file Schedule EIC.

Questions & Answers About the Earned Income Credit

What if I don't know how to file a tax return?

To get free help filing your tax return and for more information about the Earned Income Credit, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

What if I haven't filed a tax return in a long while?

You can still get the EIC. If you were eligible you can claim the EIC for three years back. Call the IRS to find out how. If you owe back taxes, the EIC may lower your tax bill. You may also be able to work out a payment agreement.

Can I get a quick refund with my Earned Income Credit?

Yes, but it might not be your best choice. Quick refunds take away money from your EIC. Remember, free tax help is available.

What if I'm not a U.S. citizen?

Many legal immigrants who are employed are eligible for the EIC, including *green card* holders, refugees, and others legally authorized to work. Getting the credit will not hurt your immigration status.

I work and get public assistance benefits. If I get the EIC, will I lose my other benefits?

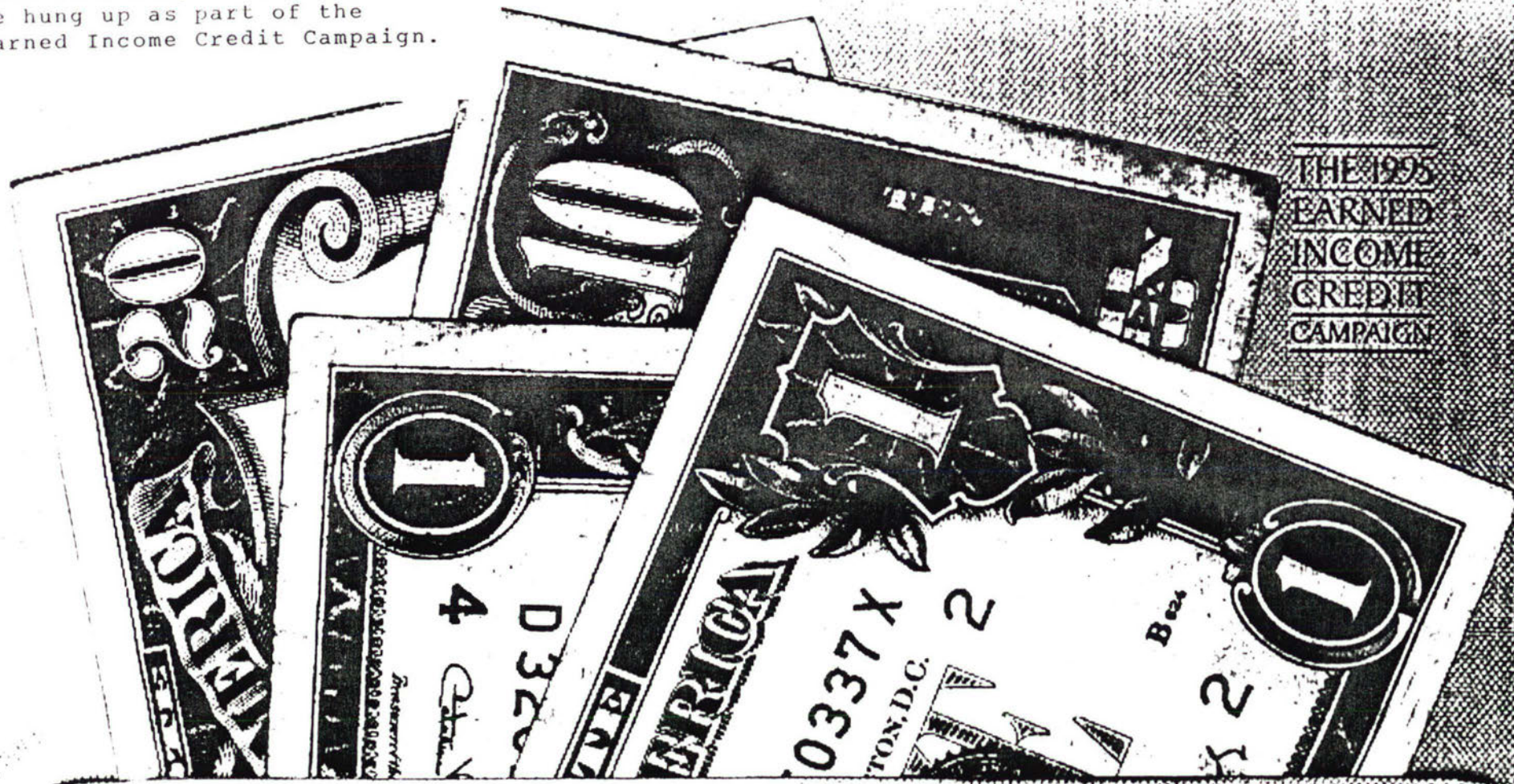
In most cases no. The EIC does not affect benefits like AFDC, Food Stamps, SSI, Medicaid or housing.



Get Free Help Filing Your Taxes!!!

VITA, a program of the IRS, helps people fill out their tax forms for free. VITA sites are open from late January through April 15. To find the VITA site near you, call 1-800-829-1040. Be patient — the line is often busy.

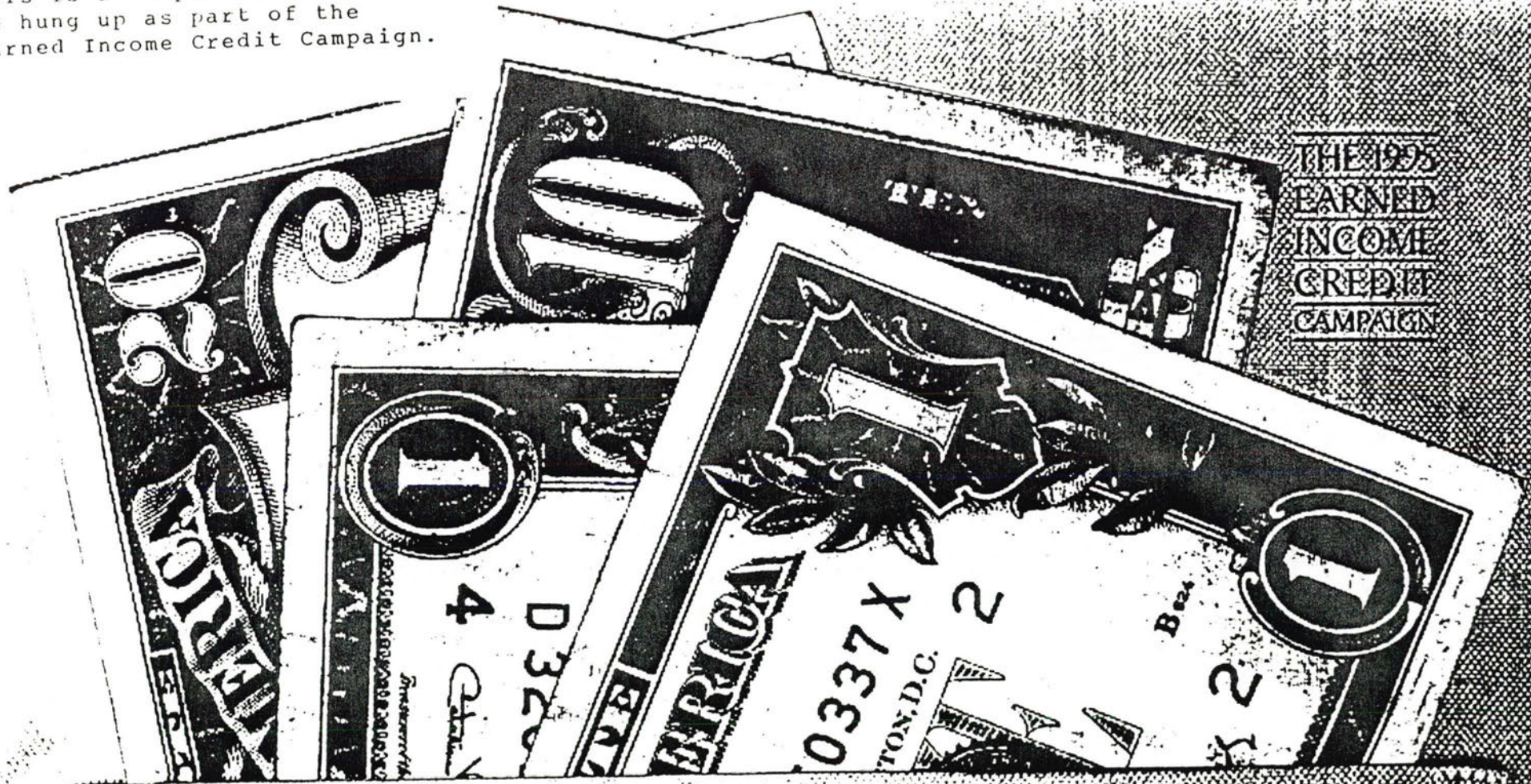
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Where's Smokey?

I Saw the Emu!

Misc. Antics

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National Day of Service



AmeriCorps members are in the process of organizing a day of volunteer activities at Our Ranch San Juan Inc. in Farmington, New Mexico. Joel Berg, Director of National Service has requested that AmeriCorps members take leadership roles and plan events for the day. We would like everyone to commit themselves to attend and participate in this project and let us know if there are any projects we may help with.

Please join us at Our Ranch in Farmington, Tuesday April 25th, for a day of community service. Our Ranch, developed by Bob Browning serves to help disadvantaged youth establish relationships between themselves and the animals at the Ranch. Our Ranch will be dedicated to providing horsemanship skills while helping youth find their roots, solve social problems and establish community bonds.

A day at the ranch will consist of several hands-on projects including painting, landscaping, laying irrigation pipe, and general clean up. Lunch will be provided for volunteers and we will help out members who would like to stay either Monday or Tuesday nights. For more information contact Shantel at (505) 334-9438 or Erick at (505) 334-1482. We hope to see ya'll out there; it will be a lot of fun.

Special Thanks goes to the Navajo AmeriCorps Members!

We want to thank the Navajo AmeriCorps members who helped work on the house for Habitat For Humanity in Bloomfield earlier this month. They also had a booth set up at the Summer Job Fair for Youth. We are looking forward to seeing and meeting new members at "Our Ranch" for the National Day of Service project!

Speaking of Habitat For Humanity, a special thanks is extended to Mark Applequist from Durango who took charge at the house building project and demonstrated the "gettin-it-done" attitude by leading the rest of us in a successful day of house building.



Hearts were-a-fluttering when Chuck joined AmeriCorps members during the Habitat for Humanity project.

A Word From Utah

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How do I feel about AmeriCorps? I am enjoying every moment! Being a community VOLUNTEER is nothing new to me. My community service started when my three children were growing up and we moved all over the U.S. with my Navy career husband. I did volunteer work in Florida Navy hospitals, California grade schools, South Carolina Community Action Programs and Kansas Head Start. You name it and I probably volunteered for it. This Rural Development Program is exciting for I feel I may help initiate an economic program that could have long term economic benefits for the community.

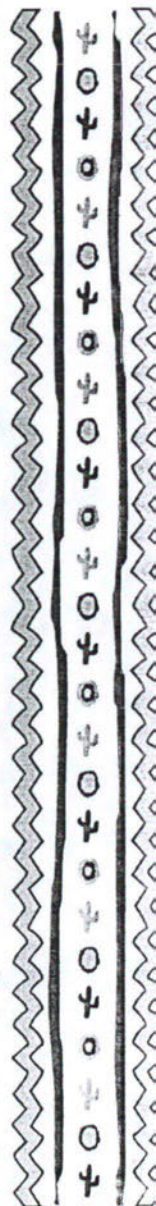
Presently, this area is considered economically depressed; however, I feel the tourism industry is "Rediscovering the West". The area will grow in spite of limited water resources. If southern Utah could export it's unique and fabulous scenery, it would be one of the wealthiest spots in the world. Europeans and Asians love this area! Starting now until November, grocery store checkers will be trying to understand German, French, Italian, Dutch, and lots of Japanese. Moab looks like a rural United Nations.

Listed are a few of many of Anna's projects included in her quarterly report.

NAVAJO WOOL PROJECT- Completed compiling information for wool project in order to examine viability of Navajo churro wool market. Have met community service goal to provide interest in Navajo churro wool industry.

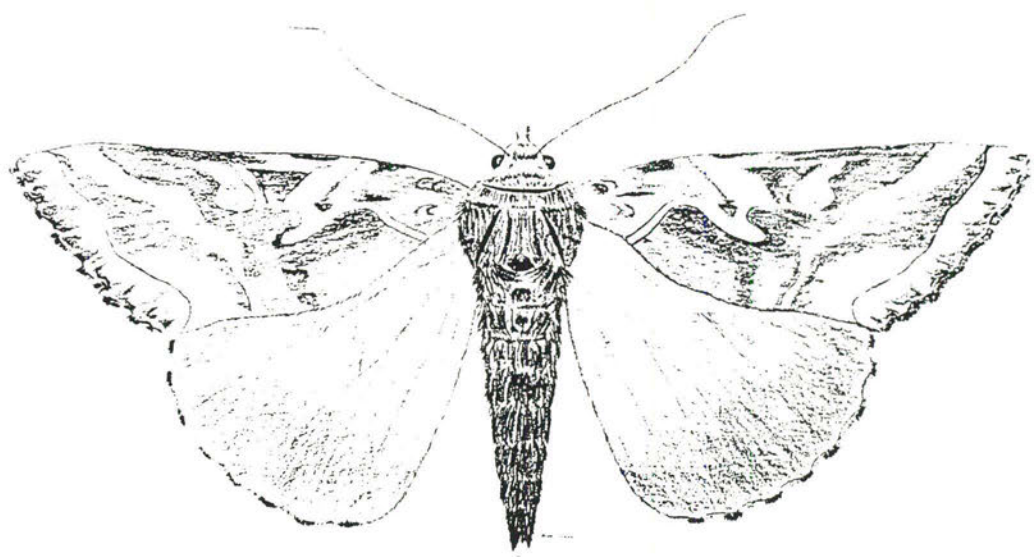
NAVAJO SHEEP DAIRY-Met with Native Communities Economic Development Corporation to discuss potential for sheep dairy in Monticello and Heber City. The dairy will offer economic opportunities for Navajos living in the area.

FARM AND RANCH RECREATION WORKSHOP-Helped organize an 8-hour value-added farm/ranch presentation to demonstrate the advantage of introducing tourism to working farms/ranchers. Serving as a contact center for the workshop, AmeriCorps was able to impact the community as an information source which enhanced AmeriCorps progress to meet community service goals.



Artist: Agnes Suazo
 Title of Drawing:
 Order: Lepidoptera
 Family: Noctuidae
 Medium: Ebony Pencil

Agnes is an AmeriCorps member from Durango, Colorado whose entomology course at Fort Lewis College inspired her to draw insects. Thank you for the excellent artwork; we apologize if the poor copying procedure has distorted your drawing.



AmeriCorps Member Helps Souther Ute Tribe

The Southern Ute Tribe, with the help of AmeriCorps member, Agnes Suazo, is working towards self management of their land. The tribe desires to inventory their currently stocked range lands: the kinds of erosion control methods that are now being used in a designated area and the improvements needed for that area in the future. In some instances, new structures are needed to aid the rancher, such as fences to confine livestock or stock pond/dams to water the livestock. A detailed repair plan for each area will be drawn up by Agnes. It will then be entered into a computer file for use by the tribe's new Conservation Corps in implementing repairs.

The AmeriCorps program is a direct result of the President's desire to reverse the rural "brain drain" by recruiting participants who want to return to areas similar to those in which they are raised. Agnes grew up in Durango and is a Fort Lewis College graduate with a degree in environmental biology. All the AmeriCorps positions have the common goal of providing for the social and environmental betterment of the communities involved.

The San Juan Resource Conservation and Development brought six AmeriCorps positions to the San Juan Basin area. The AmeriCorps position Agnes holds is providing her with the experience she desires to compete in a limited job market.

Agnes' assignment is for one year, as are all AmeriCorps member assignments, but she'll be gaining a lifetime worth of experience.

The AmeriCorps program has opened the door of opportunity to Agnes Suazo as well as the Southern Ute Tribe. She, with her educational opportunity, has gained occupational/cultural experience working with the people who are a part of her heritage. The tribe benefits by obtaining documentation of needed erosion control and range management improvements. Provided by Ollie Powers, AmeriCorps member-San Juan Resource Conservation and Development.

Deep Thoughts...

By Todd C. Tucker

Recently when I was walking in the woods I found a skull. I immediately called the police. While I was waiting for them to show up, I couldn't help but wonder, "Who was this person with deer horns?"

I remember when I was young, we used to go for trips. I don't remember if we used a car or a boat, but we would drive for hours; I don't know exactly where to; I think there were some trees and maybe some water; I'm not sure. It seems like there was an old man who would join us once in a while, I don't know who he was. Boy I'll never forget those days.

"Velveta Masterpiece Quizine"

Take one quarter of the Velveta log diced and add a half cup of your favorite salsa plus a splash of milk. Mix in bowl. Microwave for 5 minutes in 2000 watt microwave (adjust time for microwave wattage and altitude). Or place on stove at low heat until melted to an appealing consistency. Grab chips, dip and eat.

Be sure to tune in next time for the recipe for the masterpiece grilled cheese via Velveta.

The Chief's Corner

A quorum of the 4-Corners AmeriCorps Team USDA anointed Henry Silentman, representative from Monticello, UT, official AmeriCorp Spiritual Leader. The ceremony took place around 4AM during the March 27th retreat at the official A-Corp pad in Mancos. Each month the newsletter will feature words of wisdom and directives from the Chief. In the future any spiritual or metaphysical concerns should be directed to the Chief at The Monticello Hogan, P.O. Box 973, Monticello, UT 84535

The Chief's first directive to AmeriCorp disciples is that all Marlboro "Country Store" Miles be sent to the Utah Hogan immediately.

Words of Wisdom from the Chief...

"Gotta play to win."

"The more you got the more you get."

"Never spring ski in jeans."

"If you gottem smoke 'em."

"Never play the same slot machine twice in a row."

"Mutton is the key to a healthy soul."



Ask AmeriWho?

Dear AmeriWho?

Since I have moved into a federal office environment, I've had the urge to cover the walls with those little witty sayings such as, "I have one nerve left and YOU'RE getting on it!" Could you recommend some good ones for AmeriCorps?

Sincerely,
Mr. Witty

Dear Mr. Whittle Brain:

Nothing adds to the professional environment more than those blurry been-xeroxed-2-million-times witty sayings. I'll fax a couple of good ones to you such as: "I have no regards for the tactfulness of my personal environment. CAN YOU TELL?" And one perfect for you, "Red-Rover, Red-Rover send a Brain Cell Right Over!"

Dear AmeriWho?

Why is it that some members have received letters from Bill Clinton regarding our service while some members like myself have not?

Yours,
Forgotten

Dear Forged Memo,

I will be sure to contact Prez. Clinton with your concern! I am sure that, given all the spare time he has had in the past two years, he will personally jettison his self and the First Lady out to your office and commemorate you on a job well done. It is however, important that you hold your breath until their arrival!

Dear AmeriWho?

As an AmeriCorps member my accomplishments are often unquantifiable, however the message I am receiving from Washington is that they need quantifiable evidence in order to help justify the continuation of the program. Any tips for just an ordinary number like myself?

Signed,
#72/20,000

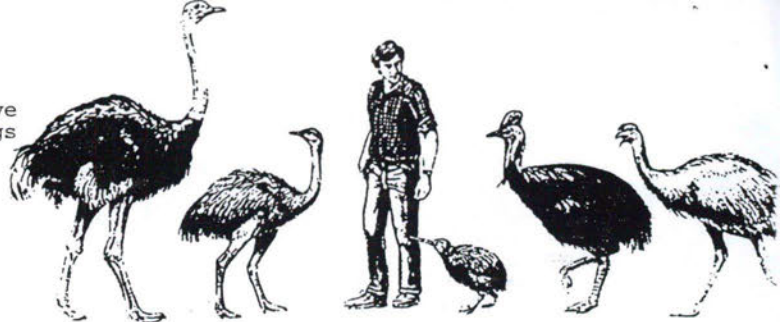
Dear Fractionally Disjointed:

Your concern is justified. As a Member of the inaugural class of AmeriCorps it is up to you to mold and shape the program. Introducing quantitative data to your quarterly reports is as easy as 1-2-3!

Introduce the unknowns as often as possible. Example: The Rural Development Initiative 5 members established to help 82 low income families has spread exponentially among the community. 17 family members have successfully procreated establishing 57 new members of whom are genetically altered to benefit from the program. By word of mouth 47 family members have passed on the benefits of the program to 238 family members in 67 different communities. The benefits are clear as attitude adjustments have increased 450%. Personal bantering has been reduced by 209%. 12 family members have passed away and as we speak are passing on the information and benefits to 98,760 family members in heaven. Information thusly has been passed on to God whereas earths entire population will soon be benefiting.

Rest at ease #72 your work is reaching far and wide!

Please send questions to AmeriWho? 504 N. Main, Aztec NM 87410



OSTRICH

RHEA

MAN

KIWI

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EMU

Living on the ground has allowed most ratites to grow big, so they can scare away predators. The ostrich is the world's biggest bird. The emu is second in size among living birds. The common rhea is the largest bird in North and South America.

EMU: THE OTHER RED MEAT!

BOU APPETIT FROM THE AMERICORPS KITCHEN!

Sautéed Emu in a Wild Huckleberry Sauce

* INGREDIENTS:

Four 6-ounce emu tenderloins
8 icicle radishes
8 wild ramps
16 wild garlic chives, both golden and green
2 tablespoons butter
sea salt and fresh ground pepper to taste

* WILD HUCKLEBERRY SAUCE INGREDIENTS:
1/2-cup wild huckleberries
3/4-cup venison demi glace
1 tablespoon butter

* PREPARATION:

Blanch vegetables, then toss in a little butter, sea salt and fresh ground

Southwest
Colorado
Access
Network
(SCAN)

The San Juan Resource Conservation and Development & Region 9 Economic Development District are proud to announce the Southwest Colorado Access Network. SCAN was established to provide residents of Southwest Colorado greater access to information through telecommunications. Computer technology coupled with an increasingly sophisticated international communications network is creating a link between the informational sources of the world. Information is being gathered and disseminated quicker and more efficiently than ever before through links between computers.

In an effort to provide residents of Southwest Colorado equal access to this available information, the San Juan Resource Conservation and Development and Region 9 Economic Development District developed SCAN which may be accessed at (303) 259-9350. The user can call from home, office, school, or from any computer which is equipped with a modem. For more information call Ollie at (303) 259-3287.

Provided by Ollie Powers, AmeriCorps-San Juan Resource Conservation and Development.



Cursed the Survey!

Last month four AmeriCorps members volunteered to administer a business inventory survey for the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments. Approximately 65 surveys were completed but that does not include the many attempts that were actually made. Two members managed to come out of the experience ostensibly unscathed. One member is continuing with some weekly counseling and a fourth has been institutionalized. We recently received this poem in the mail from the fourth member.

Cursed the Survey!
 Alas, is this the countenance of every telemarketer that roue the earth?
 Cursed the Survey!
 O, when human subjectivity encounters quantitative objectivity-
 Must it be I who contains and controls the chaos of the dualistic enterprise for which I have beset upon myself?
 Cursed the Survey!
 I ask but a moment of your time, I have nothing to sell, nothing to tell...
 Cast me out time again, am I but a vulture born from Hell?
 The Questionnaire- shall not be forgot!
 Its scientific method has no soul, no passion, no regret for the crowd that seize it not.
 Cursed the Survey, for it writhes! - it writhes with a mortal structure which embodies the soul.
 Leave my being and take thy form from my heart!
 Cursed the survey which from the soul does not depart.



Bumper stickers recently spotted on one of those pretty green Ford Service trucks.

-Visualize Whirled Peas!

-My child is convict of the month at the county jail.



AmeriCorps Helps the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

A Four Corners USDA AmeriCorps natural resource project is being compiled by Dale White. Mr. White, a recent AmeriCorps recruit is doing an inventory of the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation land south of the Colorado state line in New Mexico.

The San Juan Resource Conservation and Development Area of SW Colorado applied to President Clinton's national service community service program for an AmeriCorps project to assist the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in gathering information for their land use management plan, a part of Geological Information System.

Dale has lived and worked construction jobs in Durango for twenty years. After repeated construction related injuries, he decided to pursue a college education in a field which he always found interesting, Natural Resources.

Dale graduated from Fort Lewis College in 1998 with a Bachelor of Science in Earth Systems Science, a self directed major. In 1991, he moved his family, wife Angie and three daughters, to Keene, New Hampshire, where he completed his classroom requirements, in a record one year, diligently working towards a Master of Science Degree in Natural Resource Management and Administration. Dale received his Masters Degree in 1994 upon completion of his thesis.

Dale is gaining excellent field experience identifying plants in the arid zone of northwestern New Mexico while helping the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in their effort to compile information for a land management plan.

"You have to know what you have before you can plan," said Dale.

Dale drives about eighty miles to the survey location from his Cortez office. Most days start with a stop at Tribal Headquarters in Towaoc to pick up any information and tools needed for the day. From then on, the drive is on pavement to a point east of Waterflow, N.M., where a dirt road takes him past the power plant to the reservation's New Mexico land.

"I love this transitional zone where the desert changes to mountains," said Dale. "Roaming free" is what Dale loves most about his one year AmeriCorps position.

Dale's job is to walk an area documenting everything he sees. This could be anything from man made structures like water tanks, roads, and fences to signs of wildlife in the area. The ability to identify animal tracks and scat is helpful. Part of the identification process includes recognizing what species of plants and animals are normally found in this high desert zone. At the days end, Dale transfers his data onto a range site sheet which includes all his findings about the area. The data will eventually be mapped into a Geological Information System. The information from Dale's work will aid the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in creating a long range land use management strategy.

Provided by Ollie Powers, AmeriCorps member and information/education specialist working with the San Juan Resource Conservation and Development Council.

Night Life And Entertainment Options In Monticello, UT

by Sam

The Hogan (124 South 100 East, Monticello UT)

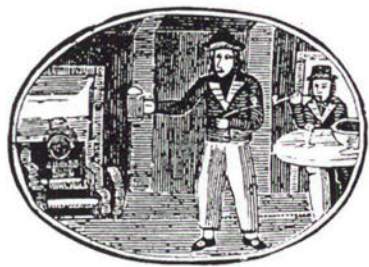
- Nightly dance music from favorite techno-artist
- Fine French-Native American food
- PBS Saturday Morning line-up from 9 am - 12 pm

Woody's Convenience Store

- Up to date video releases
- Re-fried cuisine done up fresh weekly
- Service with a smirk

Guided Mountain Biking Tours of the Monticello Area

- Ideal for the outdoor, cigarette smoking enthusiast.,
- Smoke breaks every 250 pedal revolutions.
- Guaranteed not to last more than 20 minutes or ascend more than a .5% slope.



Cluster Meeting---

The last cluster meeting held April, 7th at the Forest Service office in Durango turned out to be a great success as well as a lot of fun. The next one is scheduled for Friday, May 13th in the afternoon. All members are welcome to join us! Here are several quotes overheard during the course of the meeting.

- "Despite the high cost of living, it remains popular."
- "Constant change is here to stay."
- "Complex problems have easy to understand wrong answers."
- "Car Service: If it ain't broke, we'll break it."
- "What has four legs and an arm? A happy pitbull!"
- "Ethernet (n): something used to catch the Etherbunny."
- "Shin: (n): A device for finding furniture in the dark."
- "Sleep is an inadequate substitute for caffeine."
- "A lecture on time travel will be held yesterday."

Quotes overheard while Ollie was discussing SCAN:

- "E-mail returned to sender - insufficient voltage."
- "Help I'm modeming... and I can't hang up!!"
- "(A)bort, (R)etry, (G)et a beer?"
- "Backups? We don't *NEED* no steenking backups."
- "Backup not found: (A)bort, (R)etry, (T)hrowup."
- "C:\DOS C:\DOS\RUN RUN\DOS\RUN"

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MMMMMMMMYeah...

The AmeriCorps Chuckvolkswagon will be departing from Aztec Friday, May 5th for a camping trip in Southern Utah. There is room for six or you may meet us there. Give a bang on the pipes at (505) 334-1482 if you would like to go or have a favorite camping spot you can recommend. Thanks!



REAL ASTROLOGY BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 19

You have every right to strut around with a big head this week. A conspiracy of astrological forces is darning you to preen and brag and show off. I'll just ask you to keep in mind the difference between bad ego trips and good ego trips. During the nasty ones, you ooze half-baked overconfidence, self-defeating insensitivity and withering arrogance. During the saintly kind of ego trips, you exude self-assured efficiency, unpretentious mastery and forceful grace. Guess which type doesn't create a whole lot of hell to pay later.

TAURUS APRIL 20-MAY 20

The ancient Romans observed a holiday called Robigalia in April. Devotees performed rituals to exorcise the God of Mildew. To recognize the importance of your own current battle against insidious rot, I'd like to suggest a revival of this old festival. How to celebrate it? First, buy a load of disinfectants and scour away all the sludge, the spurge, the scum and the gunk still lingering in your home or car from winter's incursions. Next, do the same thing on a metaphorical level. Scrub all the glop, the muck, the bilge and the grime out of your psyche.

GEMINI MAY 21-JUNE 20

My advice this week might be controversial, especially with people who prefer you to be slightly repressed. I'm not even sure I agree with it myself. Nevertheless, the planetary configurations were quite unambiguous, and I feel I have a duty to convey their message without censorship. It seems that you're supposed to take to heart the following exhortation from the ancient Chinese sage Lao-Tse: "You should allow everything to run its course without check or restriction. Let the ear hear what it likes, let the eye see what it likes, let the nose smell what it likes, let the mouth say what it likes; let the body enjoy what it likes and let the mind think what it likes."

CANCER JUNE 21-JULY 22

At a big dinner in Scotland many years ago, I was shocked when the head of the household suddenly plunked his heavy workbook down on the table. Turned out that was the traditional prelude to proposing a toast. Since then, I've tried to keep the custom alive here in the New World. And what better time to introduce it to you than now, as you approach a phase in your astrological cycle that's like a combination graduation, promotion and harvest.

So imagine me parking one of my brand-new, size 13, all-black Converse high-tops on my TV dinner tray, thinking of you with tears brimming in my eyes, and exclaiming, "May you forevermore be professional where up until now

LEO JULY 23-AUG. 22

This week we've got something for almost everyone's religious needs. We've got Easter for you Christians, Passover for you Jews, and a full moon and lunar eclipse for you pagans. We've even got the year's first Midnight Picnic Festival for you devotees of Naked Dancing Buddhism. Actually, I hope you belong to at least two of these faiths, because you have a whole hell of a lot of spiritual energy to burn these days. (I haven't seen you flirting so outrageously with sacred rap-ture since March 1986.) It wouldn't be excessive for you to put in two hours of ecstatic worship every single day.

VIRGO AUG. 23-SEPT. 22

You're as soaking wet with biny emotion as a Pisces on a binge. You're as deep into the labyrinth of your own making as all those Geminis who're too smart for their own good. You're as skilled a listener as a Scorpio who's trying to find a secret vulnerability in a valuable ally.

In other words, it must be time to celebrate your unbirth. You're temporarily as unlike a Virgo as it's possible for a Virgo to be. Imagine everything you never thought you could be—then be it.

LIBRA SEPT. 23-OCT. 22

As I contemplate your life these days, I'm reminded of an image from a Sioux tale: An eagle circling above its own shadow mistakes the shadow for potential prey. At other times when I turn my thoughts to you, I'm reminded of the Greek myth of Narcissus, who, upon peering into a pool and seeing his reflection for the first time in his life, thinks it's a gorgeous water spirit.

These two sound contradictory, I know. But I think that's because you yourself are a walking paradox right now. I believe I'm tuning into your own mixed emotions as you behold aspects of yourself you've never seen objectively before.

SCORPIO OCT. 23-NOV. 21

Go to a psychiatrist and she'll try to sell you a story about what was wrong with your childhood. Seek the opinion of a chiroporator and he'll inform you that all your problems originate in your spine. Consult a TV psychic and he'll probably say your past lives are a mess. Come to me and I'll tell you how smart and beautiful you are.

Moral of the story: Choose your diagnosticians wisely. The feedback you get about your precious self will be heavily weighted with the world view of the person you consult.

SAGITTARIUS NOV. 22-DEC. 21

Strictly speaking, the sweet spot is the place on a tennis racket or baseball bat where you get best results when striking the ball. But I'd like to expand the term to include the astrological phase you're now in. You've arrived at the sweet spot, baby. From this vantage point, you can do no wrong. Or if you do make a "mistake," it will precipitate wonderful coincidences. Here in the sweet spot, you are the embodiment of all that's melodious, delicious and aromatic. Yum, yum.

CAPRICORN DEC. 22-JAN. 19

You spend one-third of your life sleeping, and about one-fifth of that time dreaming. In other words, you watch, every single day, the equivalent of a 90-minute movie produced by and starring you. Admittedly, many of the films are not exactly Oscar-worthy, and it's no surprise you can't recall the plots when you awaken. If my astrological calculations are correct, though, your immediate future should be different. I predict the next seven nights of dreams will provide a full 10 hours of riveting, blockbuster entertainment—all based on the true, mysterious story of your secret destiny. If you've never kept a pen and notebook by your bed before, please do so now.

AQUARIUS JAN. 20-FEB. 18

Let's talk about The Game. You know what I mean, right? The Unnamed Game. The Game that's so huge and all-encompassing it's almost impossible to be aware of.

What if you found out that one of the supposedly immutable rules in The Game was merely a local statute, and no longer held true when you moved to a bigger arena on a higher level? And what if I told you that just outside the boundaries of The Game, two new allies are waiting for you to invite them in so they can introduce you to shortcuts and loopholes you never dreamed existed?

PISCES FEB. 19-MARCH 20

I've been boning up on a new fortune-telling technique called scar-pomancy. It involves divining character from a person's old shoes. This week, I've examined the well-worn footwear of over a hundred Pisceans, and I've concluded that you folks are making gritty strides toward developing a more practical approach to life. You're walking your talk more than you perhaps ever have before. The baby steps you've taken toward greater discipline and organization are beginning to add up to a giant step.

There was one last truth revealed to me in the course of my soothsaying: You need to go out and buy some new shoes.

Networking Tips From Smokey And Other Influential People

- ✓ Never waste time at meetings and functions talking to someone who can not advance your own position.
- ✓ When "cold calling" persons with power and prestige, begin conversation with "Hey, have I got a deal for you."
- ✓ When speaking with important people, begin every sentence with "I."
- ✓ Never hesitate to embellish your own accomplishments.
- ✓ Get a person's affiliation and position within first 30 seconds of a conversation.
- ✓ Make sure to position yourself in highly visible spots at conferences and meetings.
- ✓ Boldly initiate a first name relationship with important people.
- ✓ Assess the continuation of all conversations by asking yourself, "What can this person do for me?"
- ✓ The importance of a meeting depends not on subject but who will be there.

Where's Smokey???

It has been noted that our mascot Smokey-Carla is missing. The last sighting is of Smokey's hat on this here cattle-guard. If you have seen Smokey please let us know where she is and what she is up to because the official 4-Corners AmeriCorps Headquarters is Smokey's Hut in Mancos, Colorado.

HONORARY AMERICORPS MEMBER FOR A DAY AWARD GOES TO:

Kellie Clark: Coordinator of Value-Added Conference at San Juan College in Farmington. She put up with AmeriCorps members who helped out and attended the conference and has become an avid EMU fan. Good luck with your future EMU farm!

The gentleman who runs a local liquor store in Mancos who had hurtled his truck into a tree at 100+ miles per hour late Friday evening and with half his face and butt stitched back on, opened the store the next day for his loyal customers. "Faced with adversity, I will persevere" does not come close to this boys dedication.

Speaking of adversity and perseverance, our own AmeriCorps Spiritual Leader, Chief Henry Silentman deserves a special award for surviving a night in the Forest Service parking lot because of unplanned events that night.

Do you know who...?

Successfully passed the DUI test in Durango?

Talked their way out of a ticket in one of those pretty green trucks?

Sprained their ankle and skinned their knee on a handicapped ramp?

Travelled about the Southwest in boxcars?

Security is mostly a superstition.
It does not exist in nature,
nor do the children of men as a whole experience it.
Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure.
Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.
To keep our faces toward change and
behave like free spirits in the pressure of fate is strength
undefeatable.

-Helen Keller
Let us Have Faith (1940)



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1. Operating site: Forest Service RDT Utah
 Name
 Location
 Monticello/Price, Utah

2. Operating Site ID # : 4047E31C

3. Corporation Grantee Name: USDA Forest Service

4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:
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5. Name of person completing this report: James (Wes) Harvey

6. Position of person completing this report: Coordinator

7. Telephone number: 801-625-5252

8. Fax number: 801-625-5127

9. e-mail address (if available): None

10. Members and Service Hours

	FULL TIME	PART TIME
No. of Members allotted to your sites	3	
No. of Members enrolled on last day of 3rd Qtr.	3	
No. of Members who served entire 3rd Qtr.	3	
No. of Members who left sites during the 3rd Qtr.	0	
No. of Members who joined sites during 3rd Qtr.	0	
Total Members service hours during the 3rd Qtr.	1,820	
Total Members service hours to date	3,550	

(a) Total **number** of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: 35

(b) Total **hours** of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: 150

12. Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

In each section below, briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter. Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

1. Development of social, economic and demographic data base:

In cooperation with the Southeastern Utah Association of Governments, one AmeriCorps member completed the collection of demographic, social and economic data for four counties in southeastern Utah (population 52,000). Comparisons made among four states regarding income, taxes, housing, etc. Information is currently being published in the 1995 edition of the Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP) which is distributed to southeastern Utah county governments, city governments, Economic Development District board members, state officials, and prospective businesses. Information in the OEDP is used in business recruitment efforts and is included in most grant proposals submitted by various entities in southeastern Utah. Data is also used to project future planning needs, staffing patterns, infrastructure concerns, etc. The OEDP is requested by over 200 businesses and companies who use the data to evaluate the area's potential for business location or relocation. Data in the OEDP is essential to lenders who process business loans to businesses who provide an estimated 225 jobs in the region. Overall, the OEDP is an essential document to economic development efforts in southeastern Utah. The data contained in the OEDP must be accurate and extensive.

Several individuals were identified and contacted regarding current activity in combining individual states' data into a regional data base. Resulting information was that leadership is lacking to make this project actually happen. The need remains for such a data base to be developed.

2. Tourism Development/Management:

Primary AmeriCorps efforts at stimulating economic development through tourism are taking place in San Juan County, Utah and on the Navajo Nation. The first annual Valley of the Gods Bicycle Race/Tour was organized and conducted by AmeriCorps and the San Juan County Economic Development Board. Over 30 participants took part in the event, bringing an estimated \$3,500 to the region. The event brought together local business people, government, nonprofits and interested individuals. AmeriCorps has provided leadership to establish a local bicycling club whose purpose is to promote responsible biking in the area and expand the area's biking attractions.

Efforts are continuing to secure funding for a multi-seasonal resort in San Juan County. Under direction of the Economic Development Board, an AmeriCorps member wrote, presented and defended a proposal seeking \$15,000 in funding for a feasibility study pertaining to the resort. Outcome of the effort is pending; however, the Economic Development Board has given the resort high priority in its development strategy.

Analysis of 22 identified sites on the "Trail of the Ancients" is complete. Information is currently being compiled and prepared for public presentation. Public meetings are scheduled in each community along the Trail. Information generated in the site analysis and the public input process will be used in developing an overall corridor management plan. The goal of the county and the Four Corners Heritage Council is to have the Trail recognized as an "All American Highway." The Trail of the Ancients

potentially plays an important role in bringing (and keeping) visitors in the area.

The Navajo Nation continues to seek methods to bring sustainable economic development to the reservation. AmeriCorps has been working with tribal leaders in compiling economic and demographic data for individuals possibly interested in opening businesses on the reservation.

AmeriCorps has assumed leadership for a scenic backways signage project. A member has met with land management agencies to identify popular back country routes along which tourists typically get lost, and is developing a plan to install appropriate signage. The project is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1995.

AmeriCorps played a key role in seeking funds to mitigate resource damages occurring at a popular tourist attraction in Grand County near Moab, Utah. Severe damage to vegetation, soils, and water has occurred due to overuse and misuse of the area surrounding Ken's Lake. During the second quarter, an AmeriCorps member worked with land management agencies (Bureau of Land Management, Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry, Division of Wildlife Resources) and local units of government (Grand County, San Juan County, Grand County Water Conservancy District, and Grand County Soil Conservation District) to develop a proposal for funds to alleviate damages. Outcome of the original proposal is still pending. During the third quarter, work began on a second proposal.

3. Urban Forestry:

All public trees in the community of Moab, Utah (population approximately 5,000 seasonal visitation estimated at over 1.5 million) have been identified and entered into community data base. New tree plantings have occurred at elementary schools and city parks and have been added to the data base. Extensive information is being collected on each tree which will enable the city to develop an adequate tree maintenance program, determine vandalism issues, and establish the value of each tree if fines are issued. Progress in the project has enabled Moab to maintain its TreeCity USA status and to provide shade and "green space" in a harsh desert environment. Economic benefits of this effort are difficult to estimate. Comments from city officials are extremely positive. AmeriCorps efforts are greatly valued and appreciated in Moab.

AmeriCorps members worked with city volunteers to organize a city tree planting in Monticello, Utah (population approximately 1,900). A tree planting plan was developed, trees selected and purchased, and volunteers organized to plant trees. The main street in Monticello took on a new identity as a result of the tree planting project. Individual home owners were provided an opportunity to improve their homes (and the community's image) by participating in the project. A tree planting guide was developed and distributed by AmeriCorps. Reaction to AmeriCorps involvement was extremely positive. An AmeriCorps member indicated that the project took place despite several setbacks. The success of the project brought a sense of pride and independence to the community and is believed to be the beginning of a positive annual tradition. AmeriCorps members were recognized and thanked on a community bulletin board in the Monticello City Building.

Steps are underway to begin an urban forestry project in Huntington, Utah (population 1,900). City officials have contacted AmeriCorps and requested assistance. Preliminary plans have been made to establish baseline data,

develop a community forestry plan, and enhance efforts of individual home owners to beautify the community.

4. Other:

Members have conducted a variety of community service projects and participated in several community activities. These include: organizing a group of agency and community volunteers to perform a community beautification project for Wellington City; adopting a 2-mile section of highway and performing a cleanup; working with other AmeriCorps members to organize a county wide food bank in San Juan County; renovating the food bank building; volunteering at local visitors centers; serving on local economic development committees; providing input to county master planning efforts; and assisting/supporting each other when the need arises. Members have made presentations to numerous groups about their AmeriCorps activities including local Shade Tree Commissions, Soil Conservation District Boards, USDA agencies, RC&D Council, County Economic Development Boards, County Commissions, City Councils, and the media.

5. Comments from the project director:

Through efforts of AmeriCorps members several partnerships have been formed that will benefit southeastern Utah for years to come. AmeriCorps members have taken time to bring together a variety of entities with similar objectives but no direct linkages. Partners include the Southeastern Utah Association of Governments, Southeastern Utah Economic Development District, College of Eastern Utah, Utah State University, Chambers of Commerce and governments in several communities, Navajo Nation, San Juan County Economic Development Board, Utah Division of State Lands and Forestry, Utah Division of Community and Economic Development, Grand County Water Conservancy District, Grand County Soil Conservation District. In several cases, AmeriCorps members have managed to resolve misunderstandings and mend fences that have long needed mending. Efforts of the 1994/1995 AmeriCorps members will have long impacts in southeastern Utah.

Progress has been made in meeting service objectives. The data base project is 100% complete. Under existing circumstances, development of a regional data base has been put on hold. Utah efforts focused instead on strengthening data in southeastern Utah.

Progress toward meeting tourism development management goals are about 60% complete. A successful event has been organized and held. Development of the corridor management plan for Trail of the Ancients is on schedule. Work is continuing on assisting with tourism development on the Navajo Nation. Funding is being sought for a top priority project in San Juan County. Development of an urban forestry plan for Moab City is on track. By fall 1995, the city should be able to legitimately enforce its tree ordinance. The project is about 55% complete.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

Members continue to learn and grow in their AmeriCorps experience. One member has applied for an AmeriCorps leadership position. He has gained skills in group dynamics, conflict resolution, conducting meetings,

negotiation, and planning that will assist him in such a role. Members have sought out and attended training sessions specific to their interests and responsibilities. Two members have expressed interest in continuing with AmeriCorps if the opportunity exists. Each member has demonstrated personal growth in their ability to work together under somewhat challenging circumstances, in being flexible, and in learning and applying new information.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

The Utah AmeriCorps members have worked extremely hard to become contributing members of their respective communities. Members initiated a community service project in one small community and involved volunteers and agency personnel in accomplishing a much needed task for the community. Members have voluntarily worked on a variety of community improvement projects including community events, trainings, workshops; making presentations to local service groups. They have established excellent rapport with local elected officials who have expressed support for the AmeriCorps program based on their interaction with Utah's members.

Evaluation efforts include a report card currently in use by the RC&D council and NRCS. The report card is given to each person/group who receives assistance from AmeriCorps. Responses received to date indicate excellent support of AmeriCorps efforts.

13. Other Accomplishments this Quarter: (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

14. Unique successes or great stories : (Include stories that would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and creative solutions.)

The Utah AmeriCorps members are part of a unique partnership between U.S. Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Castleland RC&D Council. All members work together to accomplish goals/projects established by the council. Council members are grass roots members of area communities, thus ensure that AmeriCorps efforts are directed at solving real community issues/problems.

One member worked closely with a diverse group of people to prepare a grant proposal for a water quality/resource improvement grant. The member prepared an excellent product (we were told it was the best proposal they had received to date), and gained the respect of her constituents. One member of the group with whom she worked made a special effort to contact her supervisor and indicate his appreciation for her work (and to request that she receive some form of recognition for her contribution). In another case, a local constituent wrote her congressman expressing appreciation for AmeriCorps assistance.

As project director, I attended a wide variety of meetings throughout the four county region. During the last quarter, I have been amazed at how frequently someone in a meeting will reference the work of AmeriCorps members.

One success of which the project director is very proud is the fact that all members are still involved in the program. Despite the members'

diverse back grounds, ages, personalities, interests, values, etc. they have worked very hard to establish a positive working environment. I have seen them put aside petty differences in a very mature fashion in order to remain focused on their tasks. Overall, they are an extremely flexible, mature group who have managed to avoid becoming hung up in a power struggles and battles of the ego. I consider the very positive attitude of the group to be a tremendous success.

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

Most aspects of the AmeriCorps program ran fairly smoothly during the third quarter. The most significant internal problem was that members were paid overtime for all hours they worked beyond a standard 80 hour pay period. For members who began their terms of service late in the program, the amount of overtime paid was significant. Members were initially told they would have to repay the amount overpaid. Implementating such a decision would be devastating for some members. We have recently been told that members will be granted a waiver for the overpayment.

Problems such as the overtime issue, the fact that we submitted paperwork at least three times before we actually got members registered, we were listed as "unknown" by the insurance provider for months, etc.,etc., cause members (and managers) to wonder if anyone above our level has a clue about what is actually going on. These problems cause frustration and negative attitudes. Members are becoming cynical about the program, wondering what the next major mix-up will be. From a manager's perspective, we are often powerless to help members (deal with problems that are administrative in nature) and develop the same sense of frustration. PLEASE make sure the details of operation are in place BEFORE the program is implemented.

We have faced challenges pertaining to issues of turf protection in some cases. Some "partners" appear to be threatened by AmeriCorps high visibility and have indicated unwillingness to give members credit and relocate AmeriCorps time in a more positive direction.

AmeriCorps members are experiencing the predictable personality differences that occur among people who work closely together. In Utah, members should be commended for working to overcome their differences to maintain a healthy (at least tolerable) work environment.

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

Several identity activities are described in the "Accomplishments" section. Following is a summary: A community service day was organized by AmeriCorps to include other volunteers; AmeriCorps organized a local food

bank and organized efforts to renovate a building for the food bank; AmeriCorps members participated in numerous tours, meetings, etc. and distributed AmeriCorps stickers and pins.

Utah members designed a new T-shirt with a larger AmeriCorps emblem. Members designed and secured business cards with the AmeriCorps logo and have used them extensively in the region. One member was a guest on a local radio station and is scheduled for a second interview.

17. Significant Program Changes this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.) None.

NRCS
AmeriCorps Accomplishment Summary
Third Quarter

AZ - AmeriCorps members helped establish a community wool cooperative on the Navajo Nation. In an effort to support sustainable agriculture for native Americans, members built a greenhouse to demonstrate technology and growing high value crops. They built 20,000 feet of drip irrigation to conserve water. Ten producers have requested the greenhouse plans and five are interested in the irrigation system. Members organized a farmers produce cooperative and built a trailer for the market. Six-hundred flowers were grown for beautification projects. Food is also being grown for community food banks and soup kitchens.

CO - Members completed 134 acres of photo interpretation on forested land and inventoried 33 sites on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and prepared an improvement plan to prevent erosion.

NM - Members organized a job fair targeting youth to try preventing gang membership. They assisted in the cleaning, painting and laying an irrigation system at a ranch for disadvantaged youth. Members assisted in developing a work ethics, school to work project at Sat Juan College.

UT - Members renovated a building and established a food bank in San Juan County that serves 6,000 residents including 2,000 Navajo residents. A cleanup was organized for a two mile section of highway.

CA - AmeriCorps members conducted a survey of citizen awareness on emergency preparedness and assisted in damage reports, conservation plans and field surveys of flooded farm land. They are completing information to the public on fire-retardant plant projects. Three demonstration sites have been set up to evaluate the plants and to show residents landscaping techniques for integrating them into the home environment to reduce fire hazard.

Members are also helping residents with erosion problems due to high coastal winds. They have prepared information and tours on windbreaks. members assisted in collecting seeds from three conservation plants and have worked in the nursery to produce young trees for windbreak plantings.

GA - An irrigation system is being installed in the greenhouse completed during the second quarter. This quarter 25,000 plants have been potted and are being maintained for use at schools, parks and beautification for the Olympics. In

addition outdoor learning environments were improved for six schools, three in low-income areas. Improvements included, 375 feet of wheel chair access trail constructed; 190 plants and 30 trees planted, one mile of trails cleared, over 600 square feet of trails mulched and planted. Conservation education was provided to 8,929 students in 34 schools on litter control, recycling and beautification. AmeriCorps members also worked with senior citizens on urban gardening.

IN - This AmeriCorps team is in their first quarter of operation. 675 trees were planted to improve a local park. Members assisted students with the Indiana Envirothon project. Other projects are underway including outdoor classrooms and the revamping of a one-half mile area pathway that over 50,000 people use through state fair grounds.

IL - The Chicago team provided environmental education to over 1100 students on gardening and fishing. 500 Volunteers were recruited to help with improving the environment and increasing safety near public housing and in Little Villages. AmeriCorps members helped to train the volunteers and improvements were made at Lathrop Homes, Robert Taylor Homes, Henry Horner housing Wentworth Gardens and Madden Park and Ida B. Wells. Forty children and eight adults from public housing were taken on canoe trips to increase their appreciation for water quality and the environment. Thirty apartments for homeless and battered women were improved at Lathrop Homes; and improvements were made at Madden park.

IL, Two Rivers - Three miles of trails were improved in Brown County; tree houses for camping were enlarged; a storage shed was constructed and a bunk house was completed. Two miles of drainage ditches that serve as main channels to New Canton, Nebo and Pearl were cleared of brush and debris. Stabilization projects were done on two miles of streambank in Calhoun County. (etc. p 167 obj#4)

IA - AmeriCorps members have been credited with the success of over 3,000 acres of wetlands being reserved. They have contacted landowners, shared the program with them, and assisted them in developing easements and restoration plans. One member assisted in work that resulted in the local conservation district board purchasing a 512 acre tract of diverse landscape. Members provided assistance in harvesting and replanting 2,000 willow trees to stabilize a streambank.

They have worked with local conservation districts to assist two dozen counties collect information and make GIS maps for used by agencies and landowners for land use and resource management practices on erodible land and in flood plains. Assisted the City of Oakland to design a community tree planting project to replace large number of trees lost to construction and weather damage.

LA - AmeriCorps members conducted the Farm*A*Syst program which is designed to help landowners assess and reduce the level of risk to ground water pollution on a farm. Members conducted a public information campaign to raise the level of knowledge of groundwater pollution risks. Five-hundred students completed pre and post-assessment; 685 landowners received information packages; and members completed 90 one-on-one farm assessments.

ME - AmeriCorps member coordinated workshops on best management practices for blueberry growers. 124 growers participated and received credit towards receiving their pesticide applicators license.

Members worked with the Beals Island Shellfish Hatchery to help raise 15-20 million juvenile clams. With the help of AmeriCorps, the number of clams raised is 5-10 million more than normal. This effort will provide over \$1.8 million benefit to the coastal community.

An AmeriCorps member assisted the Dept. of Marine Resources with a sanitary survey of to pinpoint failing septic tanks within 500 feet of the shore. This source of pollution is having a detrimental effect on the shellfish habitat. Many people in this low-income community are without indoor plumbing. This motivated the AmeriCorps members to take action. They helped the community seek resources for septic repair and water quality monitoring. Today a total of \$40,000 has been allocated for repairs and 11 new monitoring sites are targeted.

MN - AmeriCorps members have been working in the Nemadji River Basin... Organized and planted 5,000 trees with 100 volunteers. Members worked with over 580 students in various environmental education activities including river monitoring, tree planting, and the envirothon. They also worked with over 160 adults in various environmental management presentations. AmeriCorps members are working to gain an understanding of the changes that have taken place on the river in the last 20 years.

Members provided assistance to landowners in informing livestock producers in waste facilities and utilization. Members worked with 40 producers to collect soil and manure samples to determine application rates, developed a list of manure spreading equipment and worked with the farmer to produce waste utilization plans, 17 are complete and 20 more are in progress.

DC/MD Environmental Corps team members constructed five raised beds for an Earth Week exhibit on the mall; Members worked with over 450 students on various environmental education activities; Improvement work was done in seven parks including blue bird box construction and installation in Kenilworth Park; 250 trees and 350 seedlings planted in Anacostia Park; 16 feet of boardwalk constructed in Greenbelt Park; 280 trees and 900 plants installed in Little Bennett Regional Park, 200 linear feet of stream bank improved at Sligo Creek Park.

Four cleanups were done, one was on 20 acres in Fort Lincoln that resulted in 15 bags of trash and a truckload of branches and weeds.

Members in DC cleaned seven public swimming pools to help prepare for summer youth activities.

MI - 750 farm families completed the risks assessments for farm a Farm*A*Syst. Over 2 million people now have heard of the ground water protection program, nearly 200 people have made changes in their practices to reduce the risk of contamination.

MO - Surveyed and mapped 2300 acres of flood plain to assist 16 landowners in sand removal. Completed maintenance of 27 floodwater retarding dams. assisted 95 landowners in assessing herbicide runoff into water supply. Worked with 11 farmers to develop water management plans.

Assisted one landowner to implement a wetland wildlife area on 40 acres that included planting 400 trees. Provided conservation education to 850 students.

MS - Twenty-one dry hydrants were installed for fire suppression in the Mt. Olivet community; four other counties are in the process of installing hydrants. Efforts are being made to establish dry hydrants in four other counties. AmeriCorps members are working in 10 counties to identify alternative water sources for rural fire protection.

Two AmeriCorps members and five volunteers have been trained and certified in the Adopt-a-Stream program. Five streams have been adopted and being tested monthly.

AmeriCorps members have assisted with animal waste management. On ten farms lagoons have been pumped to recycle the effluent onto grassland or cropland. Plans have been prepared for six other farms.

OK - Worked in 10 counties to restored 44 windbreaks that totalled 19.5 miles. Over 64,500 trees have been planted including 7,500 trees in windbreaks and 57,000 on eroded and gullied areas and in outdoor classrooms and community projects.

NE - Removed an old and constructed a new wheel chair access boardwalk. Members have been involved with over 1700 youth in environmental education activities. Cultural resource protection work was done at four locations including one that was over 800 years old occupied by the Plains Indians. 14,000 trees were planted. A seventy feet of streambank was stabilized using bioengineering techniques.log

NJ - Stream walks were completed on 10 streams, totalling about 80 miles. Members identified potential sources of non-point pollution. Trees were planted and bioengineering techniques were used to stabilize 2,000 feet of streambank to enhance wildlife habitat and improve water quality. AmeriCorps members organized and supported 15 other activities with the community including; stream cleanups in 5 counties; a cleanup with 12 area high schools at Carnegie Lake; stream clean up in Beachgrass plantings on dunes in four counties; twelve miles of neglected trails were cleaned, marked, trimmed and 30 sq. ft. of board walk was installed; a 15 foot bridge was constructed among other park enhancements. 128 environmental education activities were presented for 2,325 students.

NY - AmeriCorps members are helping to demonstrate applications of GIS mapping to managing natural resources. Approximately 280 miles were mapped by the third quarter. Members worked with the American Chestnut Foundation to map 150 surviving mature chestnut trees in Western New York. Forest inventory data has been digitized for the Seneca Nation of Indians, to support improved management of the over-harvested forest resources. Members are also working to identify bald eagle nesting sites on the reservations. One-hundred, fifty natural gas wells are being mapped and evaluated by AmeriCorps members to help with managing the closing the wells.

ND - AmeriCorps members have participated in sealing abandoned wells. The public presentations they were giving have generated a level of interest that fully utilizes the available technical assistance. Members have done a host of flood related community projects including clean-ups at Aneta City Park and Harwood Trailer Court, which were both severely damaged by the flood. Members helped make the trailers accessible for disposal at the trailer park and removed dead trees and fallen branches from Aneta, which is a seniors community. To help in flood relief planning for the dangerously high water levels To help with the flood relief planning being done in anticipation of the dangerously high water levels at Devils Lake, members conducted a flood hazard survey and watershed inventory mapping. Bank stabilization at McVile Dam and watershed inventory at Silver Lake. Members have canvassed Grand Forks county to identify healthy Elm trees and to assess the loss of trees due to Dutch Elm Disease.

OH - Over 35 miles of Big Darby Creek corridor were inventoried, 20 BMPs were designed and a member designed a two acre wildlife wetland. Members assisted the Nature Conservancy in addressing severe gully erosion with native prairie grasses.

OR - Members completed a plan to restore a five acre site from a junkyard to a recreation area. More than two acres has been cleared of trash and debris, and the adjacent property has been weeded and maintained.

Members were trained and worked with over 1,000 homeowners to survey downspouts and get their participation in an effort to reduce the amount of stormwater from roof tops that flows into the Columbian Slough. This effort will reduce the overflow from the combined sewer and improve water quality by reducing the amount of untreated sewage that enters the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

In a 185 acre park, members renovated the trail system by establishing five main trails and closing a network of unauthorized trails.

Members were trained in leadership and mentoring to work with 16 youth who have dropped out of school. AmeriCorps members developed a plan for training their mentees in environmental education. In one-to-one mentoring relationships, they are working in teams of eight for a six week summer program. The results will be reported in the annual report.

SC - AmeriCorps members helped to upgrade a recycling curriculum for statewide use in schools. This curriculum has been used to train nearly 3,000 teachers. The upgrade was done to include materials used by other programs and the cost estimates for presenting 160 of the lessons.

Two-thousand signs were posted with businesses to support recycling of oil, batteries and hazardous materials.

Grassland surveys were done in two counties covering 50,000 acres. This work is to support the improvement of water quality through better management of hayland and pasture land.

AmeriCorps members constructed, two outdoor classrooms; six miles of nature trails and prepared two teachers guides. Members constructed ten buildings that will be used to house youth at risk in an outward bound program, by constructing ten buildings

SD - AmeriCorps members assisted educational outreach to over 2100 elementary school children. The team completed a 23 county landuse survey to identify areas that may negatively impact the Big Sioux, Vermillion and James Rivers. Ten streambank stabilization projects were completed resulting in of 9500 feet of streambank and 4500 willows planted.

Members have worked with landowners to encourage practices that would improve the Lake Campbell watershed, fish habitat and recreation. Forty-three producers were contacted resulting in the use of eight different types of management practices, and treatment of over 2300 acres.

TN - Drilled a water well for one family, helped to build 3 barns, two fences and pheasant cages.

Five recycling demonstrations and 12 presentations were given. The aim is to help the community meet the compliance requirements of the Tennessee Solid Waste Management Act of 1991. The volume of solid waste recycling has increased by 25%.

Environmental education presentations were made to 2,250 students this quarter. Assisted in the envirothon, 100 students participated and the team trained by AmeriCorps members won the state competition. Outdoor environmental learning centers have been established at 14 schools.

AmeriCorps members worked with landowners to install animal waste systems on dairy, beef and poultry operations. Once construction is completed, these systems will handle 40-50 tons of waste per year. Will be applied to cropland pasture land, reducing the need for more

TX - The AmeriCorps team has worked this year to provide coastal and shoreline protection in the Galveston Bay area. The results of their work is a demonstration of productive uses of dredge material. A 220 acre island was formed with spoils from the channel to the Bay. Members grew thousands of plant materials for stabilizing the land. This quarter 100 acres of the island were planted. In less than one year, Atkinson Island looks like a national park. It has attracted many birds, one is an endangered species and one species is on the protected list. They have also assisted land owners protected shorelines by planting smooth cordgrass.

VT - Members have worked with 77 rural fire departments in considering the use of dry fire hydrants. Fire departments in eleven communities now have plans for accessing water supplies for fire protection, and four more communities are in the planning process.

WA - Members worked to improve salmon habitat by building 6.5 miles of fence to improve riparian areas and installed four structures to retain sediment. In addition, 600 trees were planted to enhance spawning areas. Three-hundred acres of land damaged from forest fires were treated. Clean ups were done in three parks in preparation for Memorial Day and summer activity. Members assisted local conservation districts in the set up of 50 stream monitoring sites.

WV - Archeological site investigations were done on over 100 acres in seven rural communities; artifacts that were recovered were documented for exhibit; mapped and planned for the use of a civil war site; monitored the removal and re-burial of four historic graves. This member will influence the use of

archaeologists as volunteers to bring expertise to local cultural resource preservation.

Water Quality - Over 90 limited resource farmers were served in six communities. Three members evaluated over 4400 acres of cropland that lead to the reduction of an estimated 88,000 pounds of nitrogen. Over 200 students were given presentations on things you can do on the farm to improve water quality. Members assisted Save Our Streams volunteers to survey the health of aquatic life on several streams.

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

(a) Total **number** of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities this quarter: None.

(b) Total **hours** of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers this quarter: None.

12. Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

In each section below, briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter. Where available, describe relevant evaluation data. Note evaluation activities in which you have engaged.

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

The direct service objectives for the northern New Mexico AmeriCorps program are: To meet with communities to determine their needs and concerns; To assess their available resources; to locate additional resources that will help them achieve the goals they set forth for their own community's development. The final objective is to help communities access those resources.

1. Sangre De Cristo Wood Workers: grant proposal written for an incubator facility that will employ 20 people.
2. Vallecitos Fresh Water Delivery System: continued support of project activities, submitting billing, seeking funding from private foundations. Continuation of benefit to 98 people.
3. Coyote Senior Citizens Center: locating, delivering and submitting billing for equipment and supplies. Benefit to 30 senior citizens.
4. El Rito Waste Water Treatment Plant: assisting the facilitation of the completion of the master plan, billing submission and funding location. Benefit to 2,000 people.
5. Coyote Community Center: facilitating the transfer of the old Coyote Ranger District to the community of Coyote and establishing partnerships between four groups; US Forest Service, HELP, Rio Arriba County and the Coyote Volunteer Fire Department.
6. Coyote Volunteer Fire Department: aid in locating a building and funding for a fire house. Benefit to approximately 800 people.

The primary focus of this quarter has been to follow up with the programs initiated earlier in the year. These projects are:

1. The Sangre De Cristos Woodworkers (SCWW): Co-wrote a grant proposal to the USDA Rural Economic and Community Development Service for an Incubator Facility that will house business in a cooperative that employ 20 people in Costilla. The proposal is for a \$280,000 building.
2. Vallecitos Fresh Water Delivery System: Assisted the Vallecitos Mutual Domestic Water Association (VMDWA) in hiring a Geohydrologist to locate a fresh water source and design a delivery system; Aided the VMDWA in filling out the paper work required to submit the billing requests for the grant awarded them by the Carson National Forest Rural Development Fund; Assisted in writing a letter of inquiry for available grant money from the private foundation, The Marshall McCuen Foundation, in order to construct the water delivery system; This is a continuation of the effort to bring 98 people fresh, clean drinking water.
3. The Coyote Senior Citizens Center: Assisted in purchasing supplies and delivering them, getting equipment repairs and managing the paper work necessary to utilize the \$1,000 awarded to the Senior Citizens Center by the Santa Fe National Forest Rural Development Fund; These efforts serve the 30 senior citizens who use the center.

4. El Rito Waste Water Treatment Plant: Aided the El Rito Betterment Association (ERBA) in submitting the billing necessary to receive payment for the grant awarded them by the Carson National Forest Rural Development Fund to develop a Master Plan necessary to construct a Waste Water Treatment Facility that will serve 2,000 people. The master plan is now complete and the next phase of locating funding to construct the facility has begun. The member has been very active in aiding the facilitation of this project. In addition to these on-going projects, the AmeriCorps member is working with members of the community of Coyote, New Mexico to develop the following:

5. Community Center: Transfer of old Forest Service District office to the community. The member is acting as facilitator for the development of a cooperative that will serve the approximately 800 people living in or near Coyote. The agencies and community groups involved are: Rio Arriba County, Coyote Volunteer Fire Department, Saint Thomas Catholic Church, HELP and the Coyote Ranger District of the Santa Fe National Forest.

6. Volunteer Fire Department: To locate or build a Fire Station.

The final major project for this member has been education and promotion of the AmeriCorps program.

7. The member has given two presentations on the AmeriCorps program operating in northern New Mexico to Forest Service personnel involved with community and rural development. These personnel are working across the country, in New Mexico and Arizona. Presentations were made to approximately 40 people.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

Training: The member is now On-Line with the Taos Plaza Internet System. The Carson National Forest Engineer, Lisa Goodman, trained the AmeriCorps member on how to use the Internet System to locate information about funding sources for local projects.

Training: The member attended a two week Intensive Spanish Language course. Instruction was held at Language Plus, an international language school in El Paso, Texas. The communities of northern New Mexico are predominantly Hispanic. A conversational grasp of the language is imperative to the continued success of the program.

The member attended three Cluster Meetings: two in Durango, Colorado and one in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives: Briefly restate your objectives and describe progress toward them this quarter.

The whole concept of the RDT program is community building. Everything stated in the Primary Service Objectives is community development. Please review this section for these objectives and accomplishments.

13. **Other Accomplishments this Quarter:** (Make note of any accomplishments or things gotten done not described above.)

14. **Unique successes or great stories :** (Include stories that would best communicate to the public how AmeriCorps service gets things done. Particularly helpful are stories that include numerical results and

creative solutions.)

The community of Coyote, NM is located in Northern Rio Arriba County. This community is unincorporated and has a history of failing to establish cooperative relationships between various factions. The AmeriCorps member has succeeded in gaining agreement from 4 distinctive groups to come together at a round table discussion in order to develop a community center that will serve all of the community members. The focus of the meeting scheduled for July 11, 1995 will be on the similar goals of the groups and to develop a plan and a cooperative effort to utilize an old Forest Service District Ranger Station. The groups involved are; Rio Arriba County, The Coyote Volunteer Fire Department, Saint Thomas Catholic Church, HELP (a national public service organization) and the US Forest Service. This is the first meeting of its kind to be held in Coyote, New Mexico.

Deputy Chief of State and Private Forestry, Joan Connor came to Region 3 and met with the AmeriCorps member and some of the communities she has been working with in northern New Mexico; Costilla and Vallecitos. The AmeriCorps member was praised by the communities for her productive work. Deputy Chief Connor also praised her for her ability to get things done in communities that are usually unwilling to work with outsiders. The AmeriCorps member has helped the Carson National Forest in its effort and commitment to include the needs of the local communities in its management and operations decisions concerning public lands.

The Village of Costilla and the Sangre De Cristo Wood Workers sent a letter to President Clinton praising the efforts of the AmeriCorps member and the AmeriCorps program with the US Forest Service.

The New Mexico AmeriCorps member recieved an award of appreciation from the El Rito Ranger District for her excellent work on three projects in that area: the Vallecitos fresh water delivery system, Las Clinicas Del Norte building project and the El Rito waste water treatment system

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

The primary obstacle to getting things done is the enormous amount of paperwork ie. the Quarterly Reports, various special reports and requests for promotion of the program required by the Corporation. The special report request are often duplication of information. It appears that the concepts of reinvention, streamlining efforts and reducing paperwork has not been implemented by the Corporation.

There has been serious difficulty establishing inter-agency communications between the New Mexico Forest Service member and the Arizona Forest Service members with the RC&D interagency coordinator. Effort needs to be made by all parties involved to share information, to continue to work towards mutual goals, and if necessary, redefine mutual goals and individual responsibilities. It is not unusual for confusion to exist in the first year of a new project. With the combined efforts of the highly skilled individuals involved, a very strong Four Corners USDA team will be achieved. A working inter-agency "internet" type of system would greatly facilitate this effort.

The New Mexico member and many of the other Four Corners members still have no confirmation of Health Insurance coverage. The New Mexico member contacted Alianz, the insurance company and requested insurance cards for many of the members. The request was made June 21, 1995. The cards have not arrived to date. Most of the members have been on board since November 1994. That is EIGHT months without confirmation of insurance coverage.

The final difficulty that plagues the New Mexico member is the simple lack of time. There are requests from communities for assistance on many very valuable projects that have to be turned down or redirected by the member. The communities are very supportive of the AmeriCorps program and the member. In an average week she receives four requests for program assistance in addition to existing projects she is working on.

As the New Mexico member approaches the completion of the first term of service (August 12, 1995), there is confusion about keeping her employed until October 1, to begin a second term. The Corporation and Forest Service regulations are unclear about what her status will be during this period. There should be a way to offer members the same non-competitive hiring status that Peace Corps members and Vista-AmeriCorps members earn from their service. There should be some mechanism in place to employ members who have contributed outstanding work in their term of service once they leave AmeriCorps.

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

1. Developed stationary with AmeriCorps Four Corners Team USDA letter head.

2. Gave 2 presentations about the AmeriCorps Rural Development program, structure, objectives and accomplishments in New Mexico. One presentation was given to USFS Rural Development Coordinators in Mancos, Colorado. Approximately 20 people attended and five members presented. Another presentation was given in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Region 3 Rural Development Coordinators. One member from New Mexico and two members from Arizona presented to approximately 20 people.

17. Significant Program Changes this Quarter: (Report staff turnover in management or supervisory positions, changes in partner/sponsor relationships, changes in board membership, AmeriCorps Member attrition etc.)

No change this quarter.

Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Manti-LaSalle NF at Castlelands RC&D
2. Program name: USDA Four Corners Rural Development Team
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

☐ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 11-1-94
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members	Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
3	1795	Full-time
		Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
- (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: none
- (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: none

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

Development of social, economic and demographic data base:

One AmeriCorps member was assigned to compile a comprehensive set of demographic economic and social data for the four counties of southeastern Utah. The collection of data is complete. Over eighty sources in four states were contacted for information pertaining to a wide variety of subjects including property taxes, housing, personal income, infrastructure, etc. Data is currently being incorporated into the regions's Overall Economic Development (OEDP) which provides information for all area county and community governments (serving a population of about 52,999). Data has been analyzed to determine trends in Utah which are used to project future planning needs. The data also provides essential information for grant applications from the economic Development Administration, Community Development Block Grant, and other local, state, federal and private sources. Major infrastructure improvements are based on data provided by the OEDP. The data is used by over 200 companies and businesses annually to evaluate southeastern Utah's potential for location or relocation. The data is also used for assessing business loans which provide jobs to an estimated 200 people in the region.

At this time, data generated in Utah has not been combined into a regional data set. Steps need to be taken to see that this is accomplished.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT: Four tourism development/management projects were identified for AmeriCorps assistance in San Juan County and the Navajo Nation. Progress on each of the projects is ongoing. A brief description of the project and current progress is provided.

The Four Corners Heritage Council and San Juan County are developing a corridor management plan for the Trail of the Ancients scenic byway. An AmeriCorps member is conducting an inventory of 22 sites identified for inclusion in the Trail of the Ancients. Each site is being inventoried for geologic, historic, scenic, recreational, aesthetic and cultural qualities and potential. The site inventory is currently 75% complete and is scheduled for completion by July 1995. The inventory will provide information for site interpretation, education, marketing, etc. Public hearings are scheduled for late spring, 1995 on the project.

Tourism development on the Utah portion of the Navajo Nation is a potential economic development strategy. Currently there is no effective tourism development strategy on the Navajo Nation. Decisions must be made regarding which sites should be promoted, how communities can be helped to deal with impacts of tourism, etc. Through AmeriCorps, an assessment will be conducted to determine how to assist the Navajo Nation in developing a strong tourism industry. Dialogue between affected parties has begun and an action plan is being developed. The project is only about 10% complete.

San Juan County has identified the development of a multi-seasonal resort as a primary economic development strategy for the area. The area is seeking winter income potential. An AmeriCorps member developed and submitted a proposal for funds to conduct a feasibility study for the project. He has contacted over 24 companies to collect data on resort planning and design, liability issues, ski lift manufacturing, snow making equipment, surface maintenance equipment, etc. He has researched information from the Forest Service regarding permitting, regulations, liabilities and other concerns. He has reorganized a local Ski Club to generate support for the project and generated over \$3,000.00 in local support. If developed, that resort will provide approximately 150 year round jobs for residents of San Juan county and the Navajo Nation.

The mountain biking industry is viewed as a potential economic development strategy for San Juan County. However, many residents and business owners fear that the industry will bring more problems than benefits (based on observations of happenings in near-by Moab). AmeriCorps was asked to conduct a survey of local business people to determine current attitudes toward the mountain biking industry. Survey results will provide the basis for a decision regarding promotion of that industry. An AmeriCorps member developed a survey and administered it to forty percent of area hotels, 37 percent of restaurants, 40 percent of campgrounds and 40 percent of trading posts/gift shops. The project is 50% complete.

OTHER: Assistance from AmeriCorps was requested by area communities to conduct natural resource based inventories and prepare grant proposals for various economic development and resource conservation efforts. One AmeriCorps member was assigned to conduct an inventory of all public trees in the city of Moab (population 5,000) as part of an urban forestry program. Moab is striving to improve its community image and protect important natural resources. The AmeriCorps member identified and mapped all trees on public space (streets, museums, libraries, schools, parks, etc.). Information on each tree is being entered in to a data base which will provide essential information for city personnel charged with maintaining public trees. The project is 75% complete and scheduled for completion in June 1995.

Large numbers of visitors have caused significant damage to natural resources at a small, but important lake in San Juan and Grand Counties. Funds are being sought to repair damage and prevent further problems. An AmeriCorps member developed a grant proposal for \$350,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of protecting resources and maintaining water quality at the lake. The member conducted research necessary for the grant and met with officials from two counties, the water conservancy district, soil conservation district, Bureau of Land Management and other groups and agencies involved in the management and use of the lake. The member presented the proposal to officials at the Department of Environmental Quality. The project is 100% complete. Response to the proposal is pending.

An AmeriCorps member completed a grant proposal to the Small Business Administration for \$5,000 to establish a tree planting program in a community of 2,000 people. The grant will provide for planting 90 trees according to guidelines specified by the SBA. The tree planting program is part of an effort to replace trees lost by the cleanup of radio-active mill tailings in the area. The proposal is complete.

A tree planting guide for a community of 2,000 people was developed by an AmeriCorps member. The guide will be used to educate city workers and volunteers on correct tree planting procedures. The project is complete.

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

AmeriCorps accomplishments related to proposal objectives are outlined in item #1 above. In addition to the established objectives, the members have made numerous other accomplishments. They have invested significant time in becoming familiar with Utah culture, customs and people. They have attended five city council meetings, four economic development council meetings, one association of government meeting, three county commission meetings and three county planning meetings in an effort to educate people about the AmeriCorps program and inform themselves about current issues and concerns. They have volunteered for two Habitat for Humanity projects, two local food bank projects, and have adopted a section of highway near Canyonlands National Park. They have volunteered in the local visitor centers, participated in community cleanup activities and generally become known as positive assets to the communities in which they live. Most of the activities have been done on the member's non-work (service) time.

Members have taken the initiative to enroll in community education courses and other educational activities at their own expense and time. One member has completed a business development course and another a computer technology course.

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

(1) Direct Service Objectives

All the projects listed previously relate to accomplishing direct service objectives.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

In the Utah USDA rural development team, we are fortunate to have a training budget to provide members with most types of training they need and/or request. Members have received training in grantsmanship, leadership development, community leadership, volunteerism, business development, computer technology and regional planning issues as they have requested. We have utilized training opportunities provided by numerous agencies and groups at the local or regional level. The cost of sending members to national trainings is prohibitive. It is strongly recommended that all AmeriCorps program directors have a training budget for their members. It is further recommended that AmeriCorps members be provided an opportunity to come together (on a regional basis) once every six months to share successes, frustrations, questions and for joint training.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

The accomplishments listed above all contribute to the community building objective.

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

The significant challenges of the second quarter pertain to member registration, health insurance and educational awards. Our member registration information had to be submitted three different times. There is still uncertainty as to their enrollment status! This is very frustrating for program directors and members. Members were beginning to wonder if anyone above the regional level knew they existed (or cared). Members continue to have difficulty making arrangements with lenders regarding deferment of student loan payments. Dozens of phone calls have been made regarding health insurance questions and needs for members. One member needed health care and because she was unable to prove that she had insurance (and was unable to pay the bill), was turned over to a collection agency. Most of these problems can be solved by improving communications among the Corporation, USDA and program directors.

We still have three members who have never received T-shirts or hats. No members have received sweatshirts. The T-shirts were lost in the chaos of the early AmeriCorps days and have never reappeared! We would greatly appreciate receiving three shirts: (2 large, 1 x-large.)

At the ground level, the program is working well. Members are performing well with a minimum of direct supervision by the program director. Members are working on projects that, if not for their efforts, would not get done. Their assistance has provided community leaders an opportunity to accomplish things that no one else has time to do. Their work is often a key element in accomplishing a major project involving many players.

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

3 newspaper articles with photos. Numerous presentations to groups and communities about the AmeriCorps program. Members business cards.

Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter.

None

11. Please provide estimates of the following:

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

Approximately 0 non-AmeriCorps Members volunteered this quarter.

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

Approximately 0 hours of service was provided by non-AmeriCorps volunteers.

12. Summary of Progress this Reporting Quarter Toward Accomplishing Annual Objectives:

(a) Direct Service Objectives:

The ROG will be completed next quarter, according to plan and schedule. Environmental education objectives have been reached as reflective by the large number of people reached and the quality of the programs conducted and the public contact and work on the Appalachian Trail and Blood Mountain Wilderness.

(b) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

Wil has participated in computer training, vehicle training, ORV training, chainsaw certification, and heavy vehicle and trailer certification. Program experience has enhanced Wil's skills in communication and public education.

(c) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

Whether it is environmental education inside a classroom or in the Blood Mountain Wilderness, the programs Wil conducted and his communication to the public helps to better educate them about wiser use of natural resources on public as well as private land. The ROG serves the same purpose, as it provides valuable info to the public. It also serves to aid rural development by funneling more visitors into formerly underused and under-visited communities.

Primary accomplishments this quarter consisted of completing all of the information on Recreation Opportunity Guides for the Chatt-O N.F.'s, partial completion of map and legend pages to accompany the ROG, numerous environmental ed programs reaching at least 450 children concerning various topics such as fire prevention, pollution control, backyard wildlife, and project learning tree activities. Other accomplishments include trail maintenance over a total of 8 miles of the Appalachian Trail and within the Blood Mountain Wilderness, environmental education in the Blood Mountain Wilderness reaching 245 people, installation and maintenance of information boards at wilderness boundaries, and posting of actual wilderness boundary.

13. Other Accomplishments this Quarter: None

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

The most unique success of this past quarter occurred at an elementary school near Gainesville, GA. Our member, Wil Harrell, was conducting a Woodsy Owl program. As one of the teachers was bringing her class to the library for the program, she had a dizzy spell, fell in the middle of the hall and broke her arm. Wil saw what happened and administered first aid to the teacher, splinted her arm and arranged transportation for her to the hospital. He took care of the class and continued with his program.

15. Primary Challenges Encountered this Quarter:
None.

16. National Identity Activities this Quarter:

Wil wore his AmeriCorps pin wherever he went, and it was obvious the work that he was doing was for the good of the community. He also participated in various events, like the National Conference on Rural Development, where he spoke with persons such as Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman about the valuable work AmeriCorps members were doing.

17. Changes in Program Organization or Key Staff Positions during this Quarter:

Our one AmeriCorps Member resigned this quarter. There were no other changes.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

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TO: Paula Cole Jones
FROM: Cindy L. Haygood
DATE: December 15, 1994
PER: Quarterly Report

Attached is the first quarterly report as you requested. I am still missing some information to make it a little more complete. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!

USDA, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
AMERICORPS, PUBLIC LANDS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
QUARTERLY REPORT
December 15, 1994

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT TIME OF LAUNCH-20 members
2. NUMBER OF MEMBERS ENROLLED AT END OF QUARTER-14 members
3. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN DIRECT TRAINING-4,185 hours
4. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN TRAINING-
approximately 140 hours per person
5. PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

The Atlanta Corps community service objectives are water quality, conservation education, and plant materials propagation.

A. Water Quality/Watershed Management

Two corps members do daily watershed water quality monitoring. They monitor the Big Creek Watershed daily. Thirty locations throughout the watershed are monitored according to water quality indicator species following the Soil Conservation Service Water Quality Indicators Guide. The information is compiled into a computer database and will be sent to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. This team has also been involved in storm drain stenciling. The goal is for all of the storm drains in the City of Alpharetta to be stencilled (indicating not to use for dumping of anything other than stormwater). Ten percent of the storm drains have been stenciled. The entire team has been involved in cleaning up one low-income neighborhood. (See attached.) Two days of work were accomplished, eight acres were cleaned, 1000 feet of walking trails were mulched, three waterbars were put into the trails, 1/2 acre was seeded to fescue, fertilized and mulched, and 6 dump truck loads of trash were carried away. Approximately 400 residents were benefitted.

Two city parks have been cleaned up (two dump truck loads of trash). These parks will have streambank stabilization work done later.

Streambank stabilization work/training on the Chattahoochee River have been done for 100 feet by 50 feet. The team gained first hand experience in bioengineering techniques.

B. Conservation Education

Two AmeriCorps participants participate in conservation education on a daily basis. They have coordinated many events (see attached). I do not have concise quantifiable results at this time.

C. Plant Materials Center

At this time, a team of seven AmeriCorps participants are getting the site ready for the plant materials center. The greenhouse is nearing completion and the nursery area is being prepared. Plant Materials should be moved into the facility during the winter.

6. PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The team held a community meeting with an low-income community to discuss future needs and concerns. The community expressed an interest in cleaning up the area and in beautification. The team is planning a day for training the residents how to landscape their own yards and how to care for the plants.

7. PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER

The next quarter we will be doing more team projects. The planting season for bioengineering techniques is coming up and designs are being done for three city parks to have plant materials installed. Conservation education programs in the schools are being planned at this time. The Atlanta School System will be canvassed (elementary grades) for conservation education classes. A poster contest will be held city-wide.

8. PRIMARY CHALLENGES

We definitely have had our problems to overcome. I have had problems getting people to work, teaching work ethics, transportation problems (getting people to work), and some morale problems. Many of the participants read into the program that they would be "down-town" all of the time. We never specified that. It has been difficult to indicate to them that natural resource management is not race related, income related, or even neighborhood related. We have been trying to get them to understand that we need to look at the watershed concept and that the work that is being performed is having a positive impact on the whole watershed--the present location and what is downstream. I will have to schedule more downtown projects just to hold up morale (and "make everyone happy"). They really feel they must be in a low-income area constantly.

Other problems faced include the child care process and we have not received any T-shirts or caps. Also any correspondence with the Georgia Corporation for National Service to us has not been timely. We usually find out about events or training at the last minute.

9. PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Work ethics!

10. MEDIA COVERAGE

Attached.

City of Alpharetta**Two South Main Street , Alpharetta, GA 30201****NEWS
RELEASE****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Contact: Deborah Royston****Phone: (404) 751-7836****FAX: (404) 475-9566****ALPHARETTA RECEIVES FEDERAL SUPPORT, STATE AWARD
FOR WATER QUALITY PROJECTS**

Oct. 17, 1994 - Alpharetta received national support and state recognition recently for its efforts to improve local water quality.

Alpharetta Environmental Services Department and its volunteer arm, Alpharetta Clean and Beautiful, have received nearly \$50,000 worth of human resources through a national program that awards scholarships in exchange for community service.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the AmeriCorps program was designed by President Clinton to protect the environment, fight hunger and rebuild rural America. The nationwide program is a grassroots effort involving 20,000 interns and aimed at meeting needs at the community level.

Two interns will work for Alpharetta a total of 3,400 hours over nine months on projects to improve local natural resources such as drinking water quality.

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Interns Ruthie Davis and Sedric Ross joined Alpharetta's Environmental Services Department in September. Both Davis and Ross are planning environmental careers.

Davis, who worked as an Earth Team Volunteer for the Soil Conservation Service in Ashland, Va., last summer, is interested in soil and water conservation at the local level.

"I look forward to contributing my time, skills and abilities to this program and gaining hands-on experience while learning ways to improve and protect the environment," explained Davis. She earned an undergraduate degree in biology from Virginia State University and a certificate in environmental studies from Virginia Commonwealth University. Davis lives in Decatur.

Ross said his participation in AmeriCorps will help him pay back student loans and also provide field experience that he can use in his future career as an environmental attorney. He is a law student at John Marshall Law School.

AmeriCorps interns receive about \$4,800 for college tuition or student loan forgiveness, a small living stipend, basic health insurance and a childcare allowance, if needed.

"Secondly and most important, it gives me the opportunity to serve the community and the environment, thereby serving others," said Ross. He lives in Smyrna with his wife Demetria, and their two children.

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Ross and Davis will help monitor local water quality, establish erosion control measures and start a program designed to stop dumping and littering in Alpharetta streams and storm drains.

"We're sending our interns to our working partners and rotating them on a quarterly basis," said Cindy Haygood, program director for the Soil Conservation Service's Atlanta/AmeriCorps Team, which comprises 20 individuals. "And we've been partners with Alpharetta Clean and Beautiful for a long, long time."

Alpharetta's efforts to improve water quality also received state recognition for a project that, since 1991, has been a model program for 37 cities, the states of Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, and in parts of Spain, Germany, Australia and Russia.

Alpharetta's "Project Ripple" water quality monitoring program received the first annual Georgia Adopt-a-Stream "Program of the Year" and "Outstanding Program" awards from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

The awards were sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Atlanta Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, a 60-year-old conservation group. They recognize:

- Overall program design;
- Volunteerism in data gathering and reporting;
- Problem resolution;

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- Education;

- Willingness to help other Georgia communities, and more.

"Dedicated volunteers are what fuel this program," said Dee West, Alpharetta Environmental Services Director. "These awards recognize those tremendous efforts more than my leadership."

Volunteers have spent about 1,200 hours since 1991 monitoring portions of 36 streams located in the community's five watersheds.

They found that the biggest threat to local water quality is erosion, and that silt fencing and other traditional erosion control methods may not be doing the job.

The finding has prompted some environmental soul searching. A possible solution, notes West, is to grow certain kinds of plants along stream banks for erosion control.

"We'll be conducting experiments with different plant materials to test their effectiveness," she said. "And Alpharetta may need tougher development regulations regarding erosion controls. This is something we'll be looking at during the next few months."

Also within the near future, Environmental Services hopes to hire a Litter Tipper Coordinator who will respond to calls about littering in streams and storm drains and report offenders to appropriate local or state authorities. The part-time job will pay \$6,760 and is a 12-month contract position.

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Meanwhile, Alpharetta's Environmental Education Center needs more and better equipment for analyzing water samples, including:

- Incubator for bacteria cultures;
- Bar stool measuring 25-1/2" to 26-1/2" for lab counter;
- Waterproof hip waders; and
- Protective goggles.

Donations are welcome.

Call Environmental Services at 442-9057 for more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, such as cleanup projects and monitoring streams for physical, chemical, biological and other elements.

For more information about the Atlanta/AmeriCorps team, call Cindy Haygood at (404) 528-2218, or USDA/AmeriCorps at 1-800-880-4183.

MEMORANDUM

TO	AMERICORPS STAFF COPY: CINDY HAYGOOD <i>FX 528.2212</i>
FROM	DEE WEST, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT	GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS
DATE	NOVEMBER 17, 1994

It is important to reemphasize some guidelines for working together. Adhering to these guidelines allows work goals to be achieved in a fair and equitable way since many of our goals are achieved only through team efforts.

1. Your work hours are 9 am to 5:30 pm, with a 30-minute unpaid lunch break. It is expected that you will work a full 8-hour day. I believe that is the intent of your contract with the Americorps program.
2. If an absence becomes absolutely necessary, you should make a call to me no later than 9:30 am, stating the reason you are out and when you will be returning. If I am unable to take the call, please speak with Peggy and give her the same information. Giving the information to the other Americorps staffer is not sufficient. Activities are planned around the availability of two Americorps people, starting at 9 am. When one person is not available, it means that certain activities can not be done and independent activities must be put into motion. It is critical to our "plan of action" to know as soon as possible of any tardiness or absence. It is also the fair thing, respecting the other Americorps staffer's time.
3. By arriving on time, by 9 am, you will be able to be out in the field to do the water quality monitoring activities by 10 am. Even if you do 3 segments per day plus take your lunch break, you should be back in the office by 1:30 pm and therefore available for other facets of the agreed upon scope of work.
4. Any outside activity must be concluded so that you can be in the office for the daily wrapup by 5 pm. Special events will be discussed prior to occurrence.
5. I've arranged for the loan of a truck to be used for our field work Monday through Wednesday. However, if the truck is not picked up before 10 am, we forfeit the right to use it that day. The truck must be returned by 4:30 pm so that you can return to the EEC by 5 pm.
6. Should one of you not be on time or absent, the other will proceed to substitute storm drain stencilling (a singular activity) for water quality monitoring (a team exercise) and go ahead into the field by 10 am. Other required activities may also be substituted such as the streambank stabilization project.

Sometimes, going over basic work ethics and guidelines establishes a clear playing field for all concerned. I commend you both for doing some good work and I hope this reaffirmation will keep us all working as a strong team. Goodness knows, there is enough work!

FAX MEMO

To: Cindy Haygood, NRCS
From: Dee West, Alpharetta ES
Date: December 12, 1994
Pages: 1

This is a restatement of the telephone conversation we had early this morning:

On December 8, I did ask Ruthie Davis if she was comfortable continuing the water quality work through December, on her own. She said "yes", but indicated very strongly that she would not drive her car. I explained this stopped the project dead in the water. I couldn't let her drive any loaner vehicle because she doesn't have a Georgia license. This is per the City. She said that she was going to speak with you about this.

My concern is my expectations for "full time" Americorps staffers is not working out. Once staff meetings are held, plans of action defined, I don't have time to "spoon feed" every day or worry about what isn't going to be done and end up doing it myself or arranging for others to do it. There is PLENTY to do, but I don't think there is a complete willingness to do it. Maybe there is more education needed. If so, I expect these staffers to ask me... let me know what is missing or until I notice a problem, I assume that all is well. In addition to school and public education programs, which we've never really gotten into, and the water quality related field work, there is the actual plan to be generated for the streambank rehab/vegetation project. I've gone over this several times and I've not received the first part of the plan development, yet. Too, in Ruthie's case, she is afraid of "critters", the storm drain stencilling proximity to the road, etc. So when she says, there is nothing for her to do, that's not quite the case. She may not choose to do what is necessary. She is a lovely young lady, and very capable. However, it looks like we have another snare.

I'm suggesting that I be relieved of expecting an 8-hour obligation to cover the various scope of services identified in my original proposal. It would mesh better with reality if I trained a group of Americorps volunteers to do the water quality monitoring and they come out 3 days per month and cover all the bases. The same with the storm drain stencilling. With respect to the rehab project, I'll get others to help with designing the project and perhaps Americorps can come out during specific times and implement the plan, with on site direction.

As you and I agreed, I will talk to Ruthie on Wednesday. I'd like to keep her involved as one of the team, if she is interested.

Cindy, this is a very worthwhile program and there are some very good people involved. I want to continue to be a productive participant in this program and not a headache. If you have some other thoughts that might work better, let me know. THANKS!

*P.S. Ruthie called.
She's not coming in today
and is not sure about
Wednesday. Talked
to Peggy.*

Bus #1

WALKING THE WATERSHED... A BIG CREEK EXPEDITION

ITINERARY - OCTOBER 30, 1993

STOP #	TIME	DESCRIPTION	EXPEDITION LEADER
Registration, Field Packets	9 am	EEC (Buses will depart promptly at 9:10 am)	
1. Kelly Mill Branch Tributary	9:25- 9:50	Productivity; Habitats; Pollutants; Erosion	Alfred Mauldin, Sr. Wildlife Biologist, DNR - Game & Fish
2. Kelly Mill Branch Tributary	9:55- 10:05	Biodiversity and Abundance of Benthic Fauna	Dr. Fred Sherberger, Entomologist, Fernbank Science Center
3. Big Creek Headwaters	10:20 - 10:45	Natural and Man-made Impacts on Big Creek	Dee West, Director ES/ACB
4. Big Creek at Union Hill Road	11:00 - 11:25	Floodplain of Hardwood Forest	Dr. Ed Bostick, Plant Taxonomist, Kennesaw College
5.	11:45	LUNCH at American Honda	Lunch Over at 12:30 pm
6. Baptist Home Mission, N.Point Pky.	12:45 - 1:10	Wetlands Values and Functions	Jennifer Derby, Public Outreach, EPA - Region IV
7. Natural & Constructed Drainage Basin off Autumn Sage in Park Bridge	1:20 - 1:45	Landuse Impacts; Georgia Law	Jim Frederick, Planner, Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs
8. Buice Road Stream	1:55 - 2:15	Impacts of Sediment and Erosion in the Absence of Proper Controls	Dee West
9. North Point Mall	2:30 - 2:55	Erosion and Sediment Controls; Violations in Georgia	David Perez, Engineer, Georgia Soil and Water Conservation
10. Mitigated Wetlands Site, Morrison Pky.	3:10 - 3:35	Federal Regulations	Eric Hughes, Unit Chief of Wetlands Planning, EPA - Region IV
11. Vickery Creek/Roswell	3:50 - 4:20	Sewer Line Impacts on Stream Flow	Jimmy Sanders, Engineer, Roswell
12. Ful. Cty. Pump Station, Riverside Dr.	4:35 - 5:00	Waste Water Treatment; Tour	Charles Dickens, Fulton County Public Works
Return to EEC	5:15	Dismiss	

FAX MEMORANDUM

TO	JOHN GENT RY - NPS 392-7045 CINDY CARR - SWCS 528-2212 BUBBA MAULDIN - DNR/G&F 706-557-3040 JENNIFER DERBY - EPA/WP 347-1798 DANNY ORLANDO - EPA/AQ 347-2130 FRED SHERBERGER - FBSC 370-1336 ED BOSTICK - KC 423-6625 BARBARA MCLENDON - GF 294-3591 JIM FREDERICK - DCA 656-9792
FROM	DEE WEST, ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PHONE 442-9057 FAX 751-7868
SUBJECT	1994 WALKING THE WATERSHED... A BIG CREEK EXPEDITION
MEMO DATE	AUGUST 22, 1994

You're invited to attend a planning session for the 1994 WALKING THE WATERSHED... A BIG CREEK EXPEDITION on MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 6:15 PM AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER IN ALPHARETTA. A SANDWICH SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED.

The meeting will last no longer than 8 pm. Discussion will define the scope of the "expedition" including transportation, educational content, locations of stops as well as the important, lunch break.

The tentative date for the event is Saturday, October 28, 9 am - 5:45 pm. An itinerary from the '93 event is attached to provoke your thoughts. You may choose to confirm your attendance at the 8/29 planning session by calling 442-9057 or by faxing your preliminary ideas to 751-7868.

Your participation means so much to the success of this public awareness program. I hope that you will be able to attend.

NORTH METRO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AMERICORPS TEAM

November 30, 1994

The AmeriCorps site on which I am presently working is at the North Metro Technical Institute in Acworth, Georgia. The AmeriCorps members assigned to this site are Timothy Frazier, Stephen George, Harold Herbert, Lavelda Ross, Vincent Washington and myself, Tireon Tilley.

There are two major projects in the works at NMTI. One of those projects is the construction of a greenhouse. It will be used by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, upon its completion, as a plant materials center. During our first few weeks at NMTI we worked closely with one of the instructors preparing the greenhouse. We did things ranging from pouring gravel onto the greenhouse floor to setting up the bench tops.

The second major project is the nature trail. Some students of NMTI began work on the nature trail some time ago. Now the AmeriCorps participants are widening the path of the trail, removing the limbs and, in some cases, entire trees. After the path is cleared completely, we will then decide which plants we want removed and which plants we want to bring in, with our focus being on those plants which are native to Georgia.

In addition to the greenhouse and the nature trail, we have prepared a turf grass area to be used in the ALCA competition that will be held at NMTI in March.

In working on the greenhouse, nature trail and turf grass area, we have each had the opportunity to operate and use several different tools and machinery. Some of those include: pourer drills, pruners, loppers, planimeters, chain saws, aerators, mowers, chippers, along with the tractor and Bobcat. Those two we have had the chance to use with different attachments such as the tiller and box blade on the tractor and the tree spade on the Bobcat.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CLEANUP

**EAST LAKE MEADOWS
(CORNER GLENWOOD AND SECOND AVENUE)**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1994
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
COME JOIN US!**

*Bring your gloves
and
Dress for the weather*

Sponsored by:

**East Lake Meadows Residents' Association,
DeKalb Clean and Beautiful,
Natural Resources Conservation Service, and
Americorp Program**

For additional information, contact Eva Davis at 377-4902

Also, the thousands of conservation practices placed on the land by farmers to control erosion during the last 5 to 7 years significantly reduced damage to crops and fields from this storm."

X The AmeriCorps pick-up has begun in Marietta, Georgia. This week, four NRCS AmeriCorps teams have joined forces with the community for a litter pick-up in the East Lake Meadows housing area. "Right now, kids are having to cross over areas of trash and litter just to catch the school bus," said District Conservationist Cynthia Haygood. "We'll begin by cleaning what we can, and then we'll begin to reseed grassways, mulch walking trails, and clean the stream channels." Future AmeriCorps projects in Marietta might include an urban garden on elementary school grounds, landscaping and beautification efforts, and streambank stabilization.

CONSTITUENCY/ALLIANCE NEWS -- USDA Under Secretary Jim Lyons signed an interagency agreement on November 21 to implement a \$6 million jobs program focusing on Pacific Northwest habitat restoration. The Natural Resources Conservation Service will receive funds from Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to implement the program that will help fishermen whose income has dropped substantially as a result of the collapse of salmon stocks in the region. The commercial fishery off Washington and northern Oregon was closed this year, and remaining ocean salmon fisheries off central and southern Oregon and northern California are at record low levels. The Habitat Restoration Jobs program will be coordinated with other local, state, and Federal watershed restoration work and jobs programs, such as Forest Service's Jobs-in-the-Woods program.

NEWS FROM SCS PARTNERS -- Last month's issue of NatureConservancy magazine featured an article on how sustainable agriculture is protecting economic and environmental health in the Big Darby Creek watershed in central Ohio. Highlighting the piece were the cooperative efforts between USDA, the Nature Conservancy, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the Ohio State University Extension Service. The article notes successes in working with local farmers, reducing soil erosion and sedimentation, protecting a dozen rare or endangered species in Big Darby Creek, and applying no-till farming methods.

QUOTES -- "Soil conservation is essential to the very continuance of our civilization."--Hugh Hammond Bennett

USDA, NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
AMERICORPS, PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
APRIL 1, 1995

1. NUMBER OF MEMBERS AT TIME OF LAUNCH- 20 MEMBERS
2. NUMBER OF MEMBER ENROLLED AT END OF QUARTER- 13 MEMBERS
3. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN DIRECT TRAINING- 800 HOURS
4. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS IN TRAINING-
approximately 60 hours per person
5. PROGRESS TOWARDS MEETING COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

The second quarter of our AmeriCorps program has been excellent. Team leaders have been given more responsibilities and team members have settled into a routine. The team leaders have been given the opportunity to assist in selection of activities and assumed responsibility for planning, coordinating, and supervising these activities. Community outreach activities have tripled since last quarter and the team has learned the meaning of "teamwork" even more than before.

Water quality is the first of our community service objectives. Two corps members monitor thirty locations each month within the Big Creek Watershed. This information is entered into a computer and sent to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources annually. One Corps member is assisting the District Conservationist with beginning a new Adopt-A-Stream program in Cobb County (a program does not exist there). This Corps member has successfully become "certified" to instruct and has taken the first steps towards organizing the new program--mapping out watersheds, attending meetings with interested government agencies, scoping out monitoring locations, and contacting schools.

Parks within the Metro Atlanta area have been assisted by the team. A total of six parks have been assisted. Approximately 40 acres of parks have been cleaned of litter and debris. A total of 2950 linear feet of trails have been installed. Three water bars have been installed. Approximately 210,000 visit these parks annually. Approximately 9000 trees have been planted on parks and local schools.

Conservation education is the second community service objective. Participants coordinated "Spring into Recycling" activities this year as well as Christmas tree recycling programs. Five dump trucks of mulch were delivered to area parks as a result. Also, AmeriCorps participants organized individual community outreach events, created fliers, handed out tree seedlings, and environmental literature. (Forty thousand trees were chipped in one county as a result!) Educational programs have been done at fifteen schools, a total of 27 programs, and approximately 850 students have attended. Urban gardening activities have been cosponsored with the Cooperative Extension Service. Fifteen inner city groups have been assisted with these gardens. Ten schools have been assisted. Approximately 100 students have been taught about composting, urban gardening, and tree planting. Outdoor classrooms have been constructed at two schools and a soil profile was installed at a local park.

The AmeriCorps team also had an opportunity to assist with the Atlanta Home Show. This event lasted four days and reached 75,000 people. The team set up and worked an exhibit that included the construction and display of a wetland habitat as well as distribution of educational materials. This exhibit was for the Urban Resources Partnership. Several agencies were represented at the exhibit, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, Georgia Forestry Commission, National Park Service, and U.S. Geologic Service.

Results: Public outreach goals have been met.
Programs for schools have been met.

Plant materials is the final community service objective. The construction of the greenhouse has been completed during the second quarter. The 5000 square feet of nursery area has been prepared to provide suitable growing space for the new Plant Materials Center. The nature trail has been cleaned of undesirable species and mulched. All plant materials on campus have been mapped and identified. The team travelled to south Georgia and hauled back to Atlanta 8000 seedlings from the Georgia Forestry Commission. (These were seedlings that were not used and were destined to be plowed under.) These seedlings are now heeled into a local land fill to be used later on school sites, parks, and stream banks.

Results: Approximately 20 people have toured the new greenhouse and nature trail, including PMC representatives. The satellite PMC contract has been signed and plant materials will be moved in soon.

6. PRIMARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The team has learned what responsibility and "teamwork" is about. Many of the members are developing their own skills. The team leaders are gaining valuable leadership experience as well as coordinating and planning experience. Many of the team are now working through the field offices. This has allowed them to experience what NRCS work is about. Three team members had the opportunity to attend the Rural Development Regional Forum with Mr. Glickman held at Fort Valley State College.

The Atlanta School system has been polled to determine how many schools are interested in outdoor classrooms and educational programs. Schools are still responding to the request. Approximately fourteen requests have been made for outdoor classrooms. At this time, six inner city schools have been visited. Two nature trails have been planned and installed.

Training that has been accomplished during the second quarter includes chainsaw safety training, AIDS awareness, and Defensive Driver training.

7. PROJECTED OUTCOMES FOR NEXT QUARTER

The upcoming quarter will be a busy one! Fourteen requests for nature trails on school grounds have been made (and more coming in!). With school letting out soon, it will be a perfect opportunity to install several nature trails. Also, the Plant Materials Center will be underway. Approximately 15,000 plants will be moved in during the late spring and early summer. Propagation will begin as soon as possible. Finally, the Cobb County Adopt-A-Stream program will be underway by early summer. Plans are to begin coordination and identify a few High School students to volunteer during the summer months to do monitoring within one small watershed. Approximately three training programs will be offered.

Training have is being planned for the next quarter. Surveying techniques, public speaking, work ethics, and conflict resolution have been suggested as new topics.

8. PRIMARY CHALLENGES

This second quarter has been a "settling-in" time for the entire team. Our challenges have worked themselves through. Problems that still exist include coordinating transportation and child care.

9. PRIMARY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS

Public speaking and work ethics.

10. MEDIA COVERAGE--Attached.



Chattahoochee

NATURE CENTER

March 1, 1995

Louise McPherson
U.S.D.A
Natural Resources Conservation Service
7741 Roswell Rd.
Room 202
Atlanta, Georgia
30350

Dear Louise,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your "AmeriCorp" team for your assistance at the Chattahoochee Nature Center. Your AmeriCorp team of 8 people provided an extremely beneficial work day at our facility. They cleared brush from the dam on the upper pond, they installed water bars thus preventing erosion on our woodland trail and they mulched the trail thus allowing moisture retention and stabilization of a well traveled trail. Your group worked extremely hard and provided a service that would otherwise be very difficult for us to achieve.

The Chattahoochee Nature Center is a 501-c-3, non-profit environmental education facility. Our programs provide environmental education to over 50,000 students annually and close to 200,000 visits each year. Without the assistance of organizations like the "AmeriCorp" group, we would not be able to provide the valuable service to schools and the community that we do.

Again, many thanks for your contribution to the Chattahoochee Nature Center.

Sincerely,

Greg Greer
Executive Director



PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
1792 County Farm Road
Marietta, Georgia 30060-4026
(404) 528-8800 / FAX (404) 528-8813

cc: [signature]
Kathy A. Simpson
DIRECTOR

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Julie Stephens, Ronnie Edwards
FROM: Gloria Rogers *[signature]* Horticulturist
SUBJECT: Volunteer pruning and clean up of Bishop Complex
DATE: Feb. 28, 1995

Thanks for bringing your volunteer group to assist us with the pruning and general clean up of Al Bishop Complex. This assistance allowed our park employees to devote their time to field preparation for spring games.

The short notice somewhat reduced our options. We have several projects during the year on which we could use a helping hand. An upcoming tree planting project at Al Bishop is one of these. Trees are scheduled to arrive on March 9th and will be planted when weather permits.

Please call me at 528-8831 if you can work with us on this project.

Thanks again for volunteering your services. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

CC: Nick Pratt
Jeff Reese

Board of Commissioners

Bill Byrne
CHAIRMAN

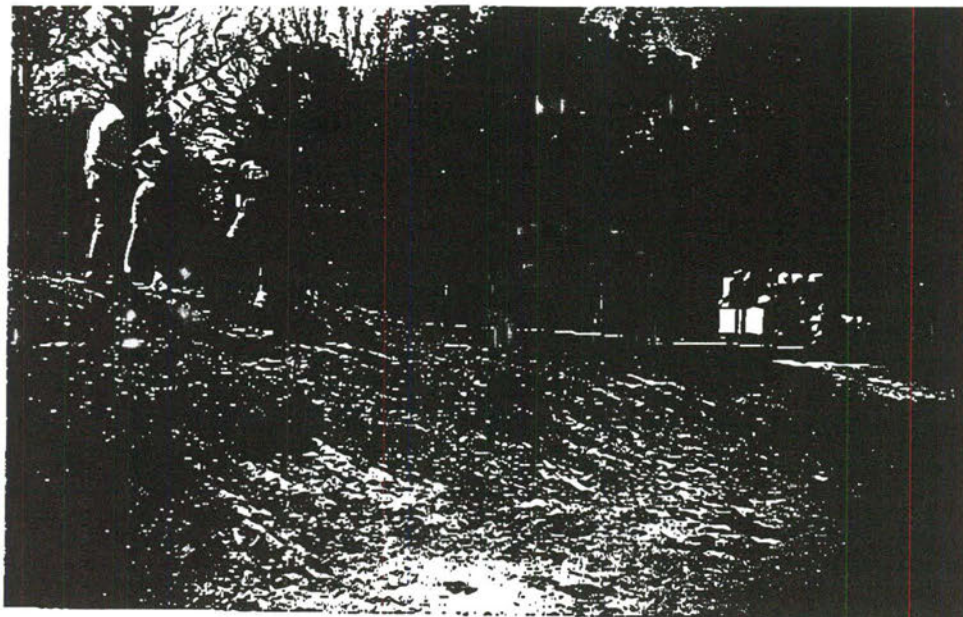
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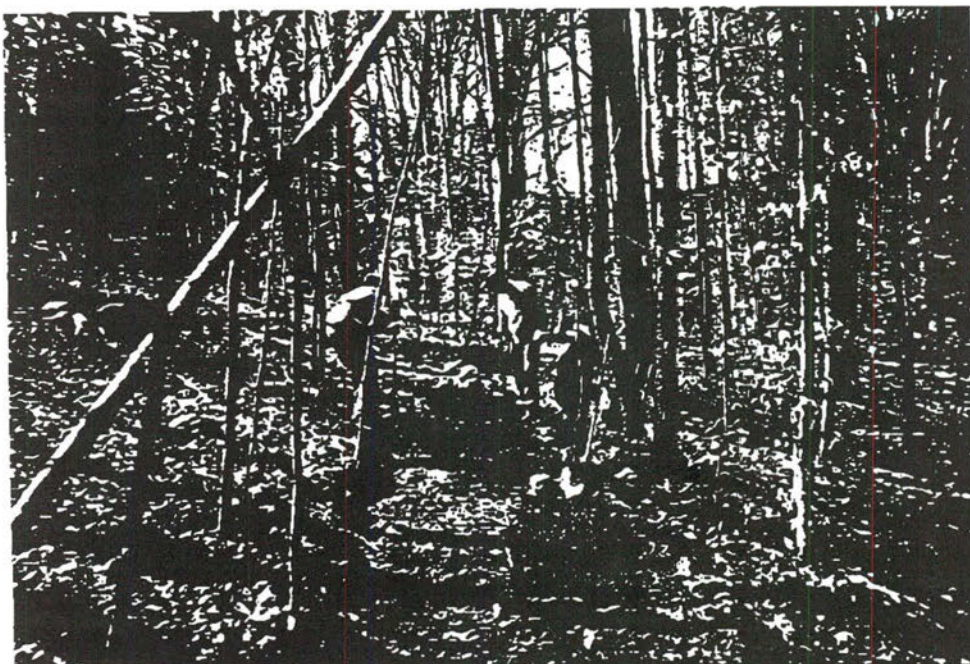
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CREATION OF A
SOIL PROFILE AT
A PARK



NATURE
TRAIL
CONSTRUCTION
IN A PARK
FOREST



BOTH PICTURES ARE OF TREE PLANTING
IN A NATIONAL FOREST



The Millstone

The new letter for the Cochran Mill Nature Center & Arboretum, Inc.

Spring, 1995

1994 - A Great Year for CMNC



Cochran Mill Nature Center is well into 1995 and the demand for environmental education and outdoor recreation programs has never been greater. Although the Center did not officially open until June of last year, it is estimated that the total participation in its programs, special events, and volunteer activities in 1994 was more than 10,000! Visitors, volunteers and school groups came from most of the surrounding metro counties including Clayton, Gwinnett, Coweta, Fayette, Douglas and north and south Fulton. There were over 200 environmental education and challenge-by-choice programs facilitated and many special events that brought hundreds of visitors to the Center and nearby park. There were also 85 paid members and hundreds on the mailing list.

What a great response! It is so exciting to know that the dream of a Nature Center in south Fulton county has finally become a reality and that the community support has been incredible!

We are hoping and expecting that 1995 will bring more of the same. Within the first quarter of 1995, the Nature Center staff and volunteers have facilitated over 40 programs with audiences that included school groups, church groups, small businesses, and government organizations. With the continued support of the community, 1995 is sure to be even better. Cochran Mill Nature Center is well on its way to becoming an exemplary Center thanks to volunteers and supporters like you!

**Cochran Mill Nature
Center**
celebrates
the 25th anniversary of



EARTH



DAY

**Saturday, April 22, 1995
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Earth activities and educa-
tional programs offered
throughout the day.
(Free of charge!)**

**Call 306 - 0914 for more
information**

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

1738 County Farm Road
Suite 275
Marietta, GA 30060-4012
Ph: 404-528-2218
FAX: 404-528-2212

TO: Paula Cole Jones

FROM: Cindy L. Elwood

NUMBER OF PAGES: 20

COMMENTS: Some of this info is attached
to show some of the activities that
they have been involved with. I will
mail you all of this too.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

1738 County Farm Road
Suite 275
Marietta, GA 30060-4012
Ph: 404-528-2218
FAX: 404-528-2212

TO: Paula Cole Jones
FROM: Cindy L. Haygood
DATE: December 15, 1994
PER: Quarterly Report

Attached is the first quarterly report as you requested. I am still missing some information to make it a little more complete. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!



FALL INTO RECYCLING

NOW YOU CAN GET RID OF:



Leftover household paint

Batteries

Used tires

Motor oil

Anti-freeze

Plastic bags

Junk mail

Used clothing & furniture



AND MUCH MORE

BRING YOUR HOUSEHOLD LEFTOVERS TO SITES IN:

DeKalb, South Fulton, Clayton, Gwinnett and Newton Counties,
ALSO in Smyrna, Sandy Springs and city of Atlanta.

SATURDAY OCT. 8 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**CALL 730-7986 FOR DIRECTIONS TO A SITE NEAR YOU
AND A COMPLETE LIST OF RECYCLABLES ACCEPTED**

FALL INTO RECYCLING: sponsored in DeKalb County by DeKalb Sanitation Dept., DeKalb Clean & Beautiful, local and corporate sponsors and WXIA-TV, CHANNEL 11.

MORE RECYCLING INFORMATION

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Yard trimmings: cut trees, limbs, grass clippings and leaves may be brought to DeKalb County's Seminole Landfill on Clevemont Rd. The trimmings are shredded and composted. Citizens pay no fee to drop off yard trimmings and may take home free wood mulch. Landscapers and other businesses pay \$30 per ton to drop off.
#244-4893

Curbside Pickup

DeKalb County Sanitation Dept.
294-2900

Aluminum cans (Mon. or Tues.)
Newspaper (Thurs. or Fri.)

City of Chamblee
986-5010

Aluminum and metal cans,
newspaper, plastics #1 & 2,
cardboard, box board (cereal
box type), glass, scrap metal.
(Call for schedule and drop-
off information)

Pine Lake
292-4250

Aluminum and metal cans,
newspaper, plastics #1 & 2,
glass. (Wed.)

Stone Mountain
498-8984

Aluminum and metal cans,
newspaper, clear and white
#1 & 2 plastics, glass. (Tues.
or Wed.)

Avondale Estates
294-5400

Aluminum and metal cans,
newspaper, plastic containers
(no bags), glass. (Wed.)

DeKalb Clean & Beautiful programs:

DeKalb Clean & Beautiful sponsors a yearly program in cooperation with Georgia Power Company, whereby residents can recycle their used Christmas trees.

Spring Into Recycling and Fall Into Recycling in May and October, provides an opportunity to recycle tires, oil, paint, cardboard and other recyclables in cooperation with WXIA-Channel 11.

Telephone Book Recycling is offered in cooperation with Bell South Advertising. This program goes covers a month long period and coincides with delivery of the new telephone books.

Catalogue Recycling J.C. Penny stores accept all catalogues for recycling in April and October.

9/5/94

AFTER CHRISTMAS—RECYCLE YOUR TREE
ON JANUARY 7TH
**BRING ONE FOR THE
 CHIPPER!**



Georgia Power 
 We Sell Efficiency.



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DAVEY 

Bring your old Christmas tree to one of Chipper's handy collection sites. You'll be giving a priceless gift to your community while saving valuable landfill space. Your tree will be used as mulch, fish habitat or fuel. In return for your tree, you'll get a free tree seedling (while they last) and finish off the holidays with an enjoyable family outing. Don't miss this chance to feel like Santa and help give Georgia a greener New Year.

THERE'S A LOCATION NEAR YOU—DETAILS ON BACK!



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Fall **INTO** **RECYCLING**

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8TH, 1994
9AM-4PM



Georgia Clean & Beautiful
The Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Forest artifacts have been cataloged and partially analyzed, and more than 3500 prehistoric artifacts have been washed and the cataloging/analysis process is being started. Also completion of personal interviews of 2 local residence and mapping of the historical areas of interest from interview information. Transcribed 7 existing interviews on personal computers. All information to be shared with State Archaeologists

Cost of Force Account = \$7500; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$5650

Other Selected Projects:

Emergency Dispatch Update - update the District law enforcement, fire and medical maps. Includes phone numbers and contacts for quick visual emergency dispatching reference at front desk

Cost of Force Account = \$255; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$211

Participation in Forest NEPA meeting - to provide broader perspective on resource planning issues

District Property Management - inventory, photograph and update all government District property

Cost of Force Account = \$1218; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$844

Evaluation criteria for the completion of these projects has been measured against established and approved standards within the Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plans, handbooks, operation, maintenance and construction guidelines, and project work plans.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

The Green Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps Team began on January 8, 1995 with an intense two week training session which included the following workshops: Certification in Wilderness First Aid and Anaphylactic Shock, Team Building, National Service Academy/AmeriCorps expectations and goals, individual and community expectations and goals, Community Building - policy, sensitivity, and respect, Administrative Policy, National Service History, Green Mountain National Forest History, Youth Corps History, National Service Academy History, Green Mountain College History, Orienting and Wildlife Tracking, Overview of Winter Projects and Winter Schedule; plus, an apple tree release project utilized as a team building project. This initial training was a very productive and exciting start that strongly prepared the crews for the program expectations and upcoming projects.

The main objective of National Service is 'getting things done.' AmeriCorps Members of the Green Mountain National Forest Team are, without question, fulfilling this objective.- AmeriCorps Members are accomplishing an amazing amount of quality community service on the Green Mountain National Forest, in the town we live in, and on the campus where our residential site is located.

In addition to the powerful design and implementation of the aforementioned community service projects, AmeriCorps Members have been working with many staff professionals of the Green Mountain National Forest learning aspects of many United States Forest Service fields. Some of the fields that AmeriCorps

Members have been exposed to are archeology lab and oral history; GPS Mapping; Recreation Opportunity Guide National Standard Work; Wildlife management; Timber Stand Improvement; and Fire Suppression Training.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

The aspect of 'community' plays an incredibly important role in this program. This is an intense, residential program that focuses on 'community' as a key goal to reaching our objectives and the objectives of National Service - "getting things done."

Community Building, from the start-up date, has played a significant role in this program. For instance, community building was a focal point during the initial two week training, and it continues to be a focal point of the program. Additionally, we have daily community meals, daily community Writing, Reading, and Discussion times, weekly community meetings, collaborative community service projects; plus, weekend and evening activities that strengthen the ways we work and live together as citizens and as a team.

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

A primary challenge encountered this quarter is the decision process around AmeriCorps Members being utilized as Wildland Fire Fighters. The entire Green Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps Team has completed and been certified in S190, and S130 Basic Fire Fighter courses. Although all AmeriCorps Members are not interested in Wildland Fire Fighting some are - and the inconclusive status has been disheartening.

This quarter has been challenging due to winter weather conditions. The members are looking forward to a greater variety of work that spring, summer and fall will bring.

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

AmeriCorps Members active involvement in Community Service projects on the Green Mountain College Campus and in the town of Poultney, Vermont open many avenues of local and national exposure. The surrounding communities are aware of who we are, what were doing, and the reasons we are able to do them - AmeriCorps, Team USDA. Please refer to the aforementioned Community Service projects listed in the unique successes or "great stories" section of this report.

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

This section is not applicable.

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**AGGREGATE REPORT
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
(Short Form)**

(Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency R920-95-0002		OMB Approval No. 0348-0039	Page 1 of 1 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) VERMONT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CORP., INC. PO BOX 483 92 SOUTH MAIN STREET WINDHAM, VT 05671					
4. Employer Identification Number (b)(6) [002]	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number [002]	6. First Report ☐ Yes ☒ No	7. Basis ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual		
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 07-01-94	To: (Month, Day, Year) 09-30-95	9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 1-1-95	To: (Month, Day, Year) 3-31-95		
10. Transactions		I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative	
a. Total outlays		49,403	152,196	201,599	
b. Recipient share of outlays		49,403	0	49,403	
c. Federal share of outlays		0	152,196	152,196	
d. Total unliquidated obligations				306,691	
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations				2887	
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations				297,804	
g. Total Federal share (Sum of lines e and f)				450,000	
h. Total Federal funds authorized for this funding period				152,196	
i. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (Line h minus line g)				0	
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Signature of Authorized Certifying Official THOMAS HARR			Date Report Submitted 5-31-95		

Fire Cache Maintenance - 100% completion of equipment inventory and move District fire cache readying it for prescribe burns and off-forest fire work. Ready truck for fire duty, clean and maintain equipment and clothing

Cost of Force Account = \$2400; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$1660

Timber related projects

Forest Mapping - complete mapping of 172 acres with Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment, info to be used in future forest management

Cost of Force Account = \$732; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$550

Base Mapping work preparing for NEPA - complete mapping of 12,000 acres

Cost of Force Account = \$285; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$211

Prepare Stand Records for digitizing with Geographic Information System (GIS) - complete 8 stand record maps equaling 10,000 acres

Cost of Force Account = \$285; Cost of AmeriCorps = 211

Yellow Birch Progeny Research Area - complete 4 acres of daylighting and maintenance of 2 research test areas

Cost to contract = \$2500; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$4074

Cost of Force Account = \$3709

*AmeriCorps members are not chain saw certified, so only hand tools were used on this project.

Environmental Education

Wilderness Education Class - give wilderness lecture to 25 students of Southern Vermont College

Cost of Force Account = \$38; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$17

Environmental Education Preparation - prepared to teach school classes on environmental education issues, developed curriculum and contacted schools

Cost of Force Account = \$5544; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$2992

Initiate District Recreation Spectrum Guide - start putting together photographs and verbiage for rec area spectrum guide for lectures, booths, Chamber of Commerce and District visitors

Cost of Force Account = \$285; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$211

Forest Slides - complete sorting and catalog Forest backlog of 5000 slides to be used for environmental education programs, project 50% complete

Cost of Force Account = \$840; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$597

Heritage Resources Lab

Cultural Resources - 85% organized and accessioned backlog from 16 archeology sites, completely cataloging 10 of those sites. 472 historic

Forest artifacts have been cataloged and partially analyzed, and more than 3500 prehistoric artifacts have been washed and the cataloging/analysis process is being started. Also completion of personal interviews of 2 local residence and mapping of the historical areas of interest from interview information. Transcribed 7 existing interviews on personal computers. All information to be shared with State Archaeologists

Cost of Force Account = \$7500; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$5650

Other Selected Projects:

Emergency Dispatch Update - update the District law enforcement, fire and medical maps. Includes phone numbers and contacts for quick visual emergency dispatching reference at front desk

Cost of Force Account = \$255; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$211

Participation in Forest NEPA meeting - to provide broader perspective on resource planning issues

District Property Management - inventory, photograph and update all government District property

Cost of Force Account = \$1218; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$844

Evaluation criteria for the completion of these projects has been measured against established and approved standards within the Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plans, handbooks, operation, maintenance and construction guidelines, and project work plans.

(2) AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives:

The Green Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps Team began on January 8, 1995 with an intense two week training session which included the following workshops: Certification in Wilderness First Aid and Anaphylactic Shock, Team Building, National Service Academy/AmeriCorps expectations and goals, individual and community expectations and goals, Community Building - policy, sensitivity, and respect, Administrative Policy, National Service History, Green Mountain National Forest History, Youth Corps History, National Service Academy History, Green Mountain College History, Orienting and Wildlife Tracking, Overview of Winter Projects and Winter Schedule; plus, an apple tree release project utilized as a team building project. This initial training was a very productive and exciting start that strongly prepared the crews for the program expectations and upcoming projects.

The main objective of National Service is 'getting things done.' AmeriCorps Members of the Green Mountain National Forest Team are, without question, fulfilling this objective.~ AmeriCorps Members are accomplishing an amazing amount of quality community service on the Green Mountain National Forest, in the town we live in, and on the campus where our residential site is located.

In addition to the powerful design and implementation of the aforementioned community service projects, AmeriCorps Members have been working with many staff professionals of the Green Mountain National Forest learning aspects of many United States Forest Service fields. Some of the fields that AmeriCorps

Members have been exposed to are archeology lab and oral history; GPS Mapping; Recreation Opportunity Guide National Standard Work; Wildlife management; Timber Stand Improvement; and Fire Suppression Training.

(3) Community Building/Strengthening Objectives:

The aspect of 'community' plays an incredibly important role in this program. This is an intense, residential program that focuses on 'community' as a key goal to reaching our objectives and the objectives of National Service - "getting things done."

Community Building, from the start-up date, has played a significant role in this program. For instance, community building was a focal point during the initial two week training, and it continues to be a focal point of the program. Additionally, we have daily community meals, daily community Writing, Reading, and Discussion times, weekly community meetings, collaborative community service projects; plus, weekend and evening activities that strengthen the ways we work and live together as citizens and as a team.

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

A primary challenge encountered this quarter is the decision process around AmeriCorps Members being utilized as Wildland Fire Fighters. The entire Green Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps Team has completed and been certified in S190, and S130 Basic Fire Fighter courses. Although all AmeriCorps Members are not interested in Wildland Fire Fighting some are - and the inconclusive status has been disheartening.

This quarter has been challenging due to winter weather conditions. The members are looking forward to a greater variety of work that spring, summer and fall will bring.

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

AmeriCorps Members active involvement in Community Service projects on the Green Mountain College Campus and in the town of Poultney, Vermont open many avenues of local and national exposure. The surrounding communities are aware of who we are, what were doing, and the reasons we are able to do them - AmeriCorps, Team USDA. Please refer to the aforementioned Community Service projects listed in the unique successes or "great stories" section of this report.

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

This section is not applicable.

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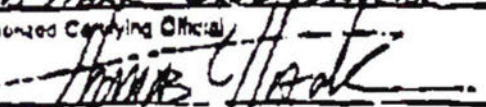
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AGGREGATE REPORT
FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT
 (Short Form)
 (Follow instructions on the back)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned By Federal Agency R920-95-0002		OMB Approval No. 0348-0039	Page 1	of 1 pages
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address, including ZIP code) VERMONT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CORP. INC PO Box 483 92 SOUTH ALBANY STATION WINDHAM, VT 05671						
4. Employer Identification Number (b)(6) 00037		5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number 00-90-95		6. Final Report ☐ Yes ☒ No		7. Basis ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
8. Funding/Grant Period (See instructions) From: (Month, Day, Year) 07-01-94		To: (Month, Day, Year) 09-30-95		9. Period Covered by this Report From: (Month, Day, Year) 1-1-95		To: (Month, Day, Year) 3-31-95
10. Transactions				I Previously Reported	II This Period	III Cumulative
a. Total outlays				49,403	152,196	201,599
b. Recipient share of outlays				49,403	0	49,403
c. Federal share of outlays				0	152,196	152,196
d. Total unliquidated obligations				(b)(6)		306,691
e. Recipient share of unliquidated obligations						8887
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Corporation for National Service
Operating Site Quarterly Report

1. Operating site name: Youth Corps - National Service Academy
2. Program name: Green Mountain National Forest Public Lands and Environment
3. Corporation grantee name: USDA-Forest Service
4. Mark the reporting quarter to which this form applies:

☐ First Quarter (10/1-12/31) ☒ Second Quarter (1/1-3/31) ☐ Third Quarter (4/1-6/30) ☐ Fourth Quarter (7/1-9/30)

5. On what date did your AmeriCorps Members begin service or training? 1/8/95
6. In the table below indicate (a) the number of full and part-time AmeriCorps Members that were enrolled as of the last day of the reporting quarter and (b) the total cumulative service hours completed by the AmeriCorps Members as of the last day of the reporting quarter.

Number of AmeriCorps Members		Total Cumulative Hours of required Service	
start 20/ now 19		per person 522 / total 9918	Full-time
			Part-time

7. Please provide estimates of the following:
 - (a) Total number of non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers who were involved in AmeriCorps service activities: 20 people
 - (b) Total hours of AmeriCorps service activities completed by non-AmeriCorps Member volunteers: 15 Hours

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

The Public Lands and Environment Green Mountain National Forest AmeriCorps program started January 8, 1995. This nine month, 1700 hour endeavor began with training, team building, first aid and orienting.

Along with our major partner Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (YCC), the Green Mountain College of Poultney VT has contributed many hours of time, equipment and funds. One of the reasons the program has been so successful is that the members live in their own dorm and take advantage of the College facilities and programs. Green Mountain College has seen this program as such a benefit to the community and public that they give or members access to all extracurricular activities, classes and even discounts on tuition if the members want to take courses while in our AmeriCorps program. The National Service Director for YCC, Keith Hughes, is an adjunct professor at the College. Keith has arranged a curriculum which will allow each member of AmeriCorps to accumulate up to 6 credits at the 400 level in Environmental Studies. All Corps members and staff live in Poultney, Vermont. The members prepare and cook their meals in a suite of renovated rooms. The basement area includes classrooms, tool storage and work room along with camping equipment storage. The main living area has a large community room and dining room. There are two office rooms utilized for administrative work, report writing and conferences.

Projects that were worked on:

Wildlife apple tree release and pruning in areas where old orchards have been overgrown and have not been pruned for many years. Cut surrounding trees and remove 1/3 of tree limbs. Purpose is to save fruit bearing trees for many different wildlife.

Wood duck box building, maintenance and monitoring project is to maintain existing nesting site and to put up new boxes. Purpose for the project is to support wood duck nesting in areas where there are no tree cavities available.

Ski trail debrushing is an ongoing maintenance program and clearing standards needing attention on a yearly bases. The purpose is for the health, safety and happiness of public using the National Forest.

Vista opening on the Appalachian/Long Trail (AT/LT) is also an ongoing maintenance issue. The crew has started reclaiming these preexisting scenic views and will continue though the field season. Purpose is to maintain scenic views for local and long distance AT/LT hikers outside of wilderness.

Assembly of backboards for forest signs. The purpose of these signs is to inform visitors of fire and litter issues.

Painting of interior of CCC warehouse building. Purpose of this project is to do rehabilitation by painting interior of building, last painted in 1979.

Accessible picnic table construction project. The purpose is to build 25 new tables for persons with disabilities and to move toward accomplishment of Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guideline (ADAG) requirements.

Tool maintenance on district tool cache. Purpose is to fix and maintain tools for all of the partner groups that work with us through the year.

Timber stand improvement in two existing yellow birch progeny test sites along with fence removal and monitoring. Purpose of this project is to maintain and help control insect and fungus in two yellow birch research sites and to help with ongoing monitoring.

Moving of summer trail project material. The purpose was to work with Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (partner with FS) to bring in rail road ties and treated wood for a summer trail project.

Recreation area road access debrushing. Purpose is to allow Recreational Vehicle (RV) entrance to existing campground so that overhanging branches will not damaging the exterior of the vehicles.

Archeology lab work. The purpose is to catalogue a backlog of artifacts and do oral interviews of older Vermonters to capture forest history and contribute to project preplanning.

Start project to update Forest and District recreation opportunity guides. Purpose of this project is to consolidate and produce several new and revise older recreation guides for the use and guidance of our forest users.

Move and update fire cache and inventory equipment. The purpose is to be prepared and ready for on and off forest firefighting.

Sort and catalogue forest slides and photos. Purpose is to catalogue and also interview professionals to develop individual slide shows for the different resource areas (used for education of public).

Emergency map update of phone numbers and contacts. The purpose is to update the law enforcement/fire/medical maps for district front desk emergency dispatch.

Develop environmental education program. The purpose is to contact school children and present environmental education programs in the class room.

Global positioning system (GPS) operation. Purpose is to assist district personnel with field data collection of a timber sale area in preparation of future sale contracts.

Assist with map work for District inventory records. Purpose is to prepare for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) digitization of stand records, and improve existing maps.

Observe National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning activities. Purpose is to provide a broad perspective on resource planning.

Develop photo display of district recreational opportunities. Purpose is for use at Forest Service booths, District office, and local Chamber of Commerce.

Update property inventory for District office. Purpose was to catalog and update all government property and photograph for future reference.

Along with all of these projects our crew has donated several hours of local community volunteer work.

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

(1) Direct Service Objectives:

Cost figures are based on approximate numbers if the Forest Service were to contract for these services. All contracted services include a calculated profit. Force Account estimates were attained by using various combinations of GS 4's to GS 9's wages. All costs shown reflect completed projects not partially completed. Also keep in mind that the per hour figure used for AmeriCorps is based using FY 95 program start up costs. In FY96 the cost per member would drop considerably. Certain projects that have a star underneath the cost figures highlight projects that AmeriCorps should have been using chain saws on instead of hand tools. The use of chain saws would have shortened the length of time needed to complete the project. Through careful consideration of the safety issues in using this kind of equipment during the winter months we decided to wait until spring. After chainsaw training is completed we should notice improvement in productivity and an increase in cost savings. Force Account figures took into consideration that our crews would have been using chain saws. COST FIGURES USED ARE ESTIMATES ONLY.

Recreation Facility backlog work:

Accessible picnic tables - construction of 25 tables is 75% complete.

Cost if contracted = \$10,000; Cost of Americorps = \$5436;

Cost of Force Account = \$7137

Paint interior of CCC building - project is 50% completed

Cost contract out = \$1920; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$1796

Cost of Force Account = \$2060

Build backboards for forest posters - construction of 12 signs 85% complete

Cost contract out \$300; Cost of AmeriCorps = \$296

Cost of Force Account = \$320