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September 22, 1995

To: Charlie Rawls, OSEC  
Dennis Kaplan, OBPA  
Michael Kiely, OGC  
Stephanie Hague, NRE

From: Joel Berg JB

Subject: Most Recent Version of Forest Service AmeriCorps Reprogramming Letter

As you know, the Interior Appropriations Conference handed a major victory to the USDA AmeriCorps program by including the Senate's language that would allow the Forest Service to continue funding AmeriCorps if we follow "appropriate reprogramming guidelines."

Attached is the revised letter which reflects both the actions of the Conference and comments by OGC and OBPA. The revised version --- along with a cover decision memorandum for the Secretary --- is once again working its way back through the Forest Service controlled correspondence system, and I will get you the official copy for clearance as soon as I get it. In the meantime, I would greatly appreciate it if you could concurrently review the revised version that is attached. The White House has expressed their interest in us getting the letter to OMB as soon as possible.

Given that the second year of the USDA AmeriCorps program --- including the Forest service component --- is scheduled to begin October 12, it is critical we resolve this issue rapidly. Thank you for your help.

Please call me at 720-6350 if you have any questions.

The following notes were brought back from the subject meeting: 1) The proposed June AmeriCorps training planned in DC for the 4H Center has been changed to the week of July 17th. The location will be announced at a later date. Cost of attendance will come out of individual units budgets. 2) Jury time is to be counted toward service hours however pay received for jury service is to be deducted from their stipend. 3) The Corporation has issued us new site ID numbers. We will be adding these to the second quarter reports and you'll get your new number when I send the final entire document back to you hopefully today. 4) We are recommending that all sites try and participate in some kind of activity on April 25th, the National Service Day. 5) The Corporation has asked that we keep very good records of our partnerships with non-profit organizations. 6) A very special THANKS to Mindy Martin, Tony Montana, Sam Mejia, Joe Rios, John Seymour, and John Sebelius for evaluating the final FY 96 proposals and the 2nd quarter reports. They did a GREAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAT Job!!!! Once we get the EBLI problem solved (need your input by Thur. at noon), I'll get a formal announcement out on who was selected. With a couple of exceptions, we had some outstanding PL&E and RDT proposals. Thanks to each of you. v/r Lou

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File Code: \*  
Route To: \*

Date: Aug.16

Subject: \*AmeriCorps Member Slot Reduction

To: \*AmeriCorps Project Directors and Regional Coordinators

The Department's number of AmeriCorps Member slots has been reduced. We have been told to reduce our '96 Program number of AmeriCorps Members. We now have a total of 434 Public Lands and 36 Rural Development Members.

There is no plan to make a further reduction in the number of RD members. The new numbers Public Lands and Environmental Projects are:

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- \* Greater Yellowstone Project-----48 (FTE's) part time =1/2 slot
- \* National Forests in Arizona Project-----20
- \* Ashley NF Project-----14 (FTE's)
- \* Six Rivers NF Project-----34
- \* Sequoia NF Project-----18
- \* San Bernardino NF Project-----80
- \* Olympic NF Project-----32
- \* Rogue River NF Project-----32
- \* Two Mountain project-----32
- \* Daniel Boone NF Project-----19
- \* Chattahoochee- Oconee NF Project-----23
- \* Greater Jackson Mississippi Project-----19
- \* National Forests in North Carolina-----27
- \* Green Mountain NF-----19
- \* White Mountain NF-----17 (FTE's)

As reflected above, the RDT's numbers remain the same as before. The funds you receive will reflect the latest allotted number of Members. Will alert you of any other changes.

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File Code: \*  
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Date: Aug 16

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Good morning All. I'm sure most of you noticed that a couple of lines were missing from the letter that designated John Seymour as the new leader for AmeriCorps here in the WO. Somehow between here and when it was signed, two sentences were left out. Anyways, here's the letter with the two missing sentences in bold. Please distribute as appropriate.

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 Also, fyi some of you may have noticed that Ann Landers carried AmeriCorps in her column yesterday. Kind of amazing to me at least. Have a good day.

v/r  
 Lou

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Reply to: 1800

Date: April 24, 1995

Subject: AmeriCorps Coordinator Change

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director,  
 IITF Director, and WO Staff

This letter is to advise you that the Washington Office AmeriCorps Coordinator position held by Lou Woltering will be assumed by John Seymour, effective April 26, 1995. Lou will be the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the National Forests in North Carolina effective May 1, 1995. John comes to this position from HRP-Job Corps. John worked on 5 centers over a 12 year period before coming to DC to help get the Young Adult Conservation Corps operational. John returned to working with Job Corps. John will work in this position through December 1995. Decisions will be made at that time for the continuation of AmeriCorps Leadership. Your unflagging efforts and cooperation has brought the program this far. Dave Johnson, AmeriCorps Director, Olympic National Forest, will serve as a consultant and technical adviser to John during John's transition to the program. Your continued support will help AmeriCorps weather the storms and build an ever stronger program for the future. Lou's leadership has been exemplary and every effort will be made to continue to provide quality leadership to the AmeriCorps Program.

Sharon Prell has been named to replace Bernie Weingardt as Deputy Area Coordinator for NFS. She, as well as John Sebelius (S&PF) and Don Hansen (ADM) will be called on to assist and provide support to John, for such things as AmeriCorps reporting and program evaluation, out-year planning, the FY 1996 budget, etc. Individual administrative staffs (PM, FAS, P&P, HRP, etc.) will be called on to assist with policy questions and direction when they arise.

Please contact John at (703) 235-8843 or DG J.Seymour:W01B if you have any questions.

/s/ William J. Riley, Jr.  
for  
KATHLEEN CONNELLY  
Deputy Chief for Administration

cc:  
AmeriCorps Coordinators  
P.Rockx  
I.Thomas

*Response For  
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*7/28/95*

MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR JOHN SEYMOUR

To J.Seymour:WO  
CC A.Steele  
CC J.Sebelius:WO  
CC P.Ebarb:s24a

From: LEW MCCREERY:S24L08A  
Postmark: Jul 28,95 7:52 AM Delivered: Jul 28,95 7:48 AM  
Status: Certified Previously read  
Subject: AmeriCorps FY 1996

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Message:

John,  
I have reviewed our objectives for the FY 1996 ACorps Program that is administered by the Northeastern Area. Based on that review I have determined that there are no references to direct help to "for profit" businesses. As a result I am not submitting an updated set of objectives for FY 1996. Please continue to use the set that were submitted on April 3.

I also understand that the Senate Inter. Approp. Committee has indicated that NO FS funds are to be used to support AmeriCorps in FY 1996. Does this effectively eliminate our ACorps efforts in FY96???

/s/Lew

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MESSAGE SCAN FOR LOU WOLTERING

CC J.LOPEZ  
To L.WOLTERING:WO

From: Gene Watson:R04A

Postmark: Sep 08,94 2:14 PM

Delivered: Sep 14,94 12:33 PM

Subject: AMERICORPS PARTICIPANT TITLE OF "MEMBER"

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Comments:

See the attached document for my concern on the use of the title Member. Lou.... I don't know if you can do anything about this problem, and maybe the problem is just my personal perception, but I feel like I need to share it, and just maybe someone in the corporation might share my concern when they realize the association this title has with gangs. gw

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September 8, 1994

SUBJECT: Title of "Member" for Americorps participants

In todays world of the 90's many words have developed new meanings. The word Gay used to mean someone who was light hearted or happy most of the time. Today it means something quite different when you refer to a person as being gay.

Today the word "member" also has a very special meaning among a growing segment of our society, specifically the gangs of our nation. Person who have been formally "jumped" into a gang earn the title of "member". Other people who hang around gangs and want to be a part of them or provide support to them are refered to as "associates" or "wanna bees". Gang "members" take their title very seriously and think nothing of assaulting or shooting non members for wearing their apparel or even wearing their colors when they are not "members".

I am personally very uncomfortable with our use of the term "member" for the individuals working on the Americorps program. The legislation refers to them as participants. Most programs, for individuals who are not official government employees, use the term "enrollee" for individuals working on the program. Since Americorps has a strong goal to be distinct and different from earlier or current programs, maybe the acceptable term should be participant, or volunteer, or even employee. Any of these terms would be preferable to the term "member" that is so closely related to gangs of today.

Gene Watson

THE UNION LEADER, Manchester, NH - Tuesday - September 13, 1994

## U.S. Forest Service Seeks AmeriCorps Recruits

**LACONIA** — The U.S. Forest Service announced yesterday it will begin recruiting for the AmeriCorps program.

As part of a year-long national service program for young people to earn college or vocational scholarships, 32 AmeriCorps members will work on trail construction and maintenance, fish and wildlife monitoring, environmental education, interpretation, facility construction, community service and more on the White Mountain National Forest.

Participants will begin in January, 1995, and earn a \$7,600 living allowance. At the completion of 1,700 hours of service, participants will also receive a \$4,725 educational award good for costs of vocation-

al or academic training.

"This is an exciting chance for the White Mountain National Forest to get a whole lot of meaningful work done on trails, in public information and safety and in other areas as well," said Rick Cables, White Mountain National Forest Supervisor. "Just as important, it is a positive way for young people to earn money for college or vocational training while they contribute to their communities. The possibilities seem endless."

Those interested in the White Mountain AmeriCorps Program should contact Rebecca Oreskes, White Mountain National Forest, 33 Rancannagus Highway, Conway, N.H. 03818 or call 447-5448.

## NH's First AmeriCorps Volunteers Are Sworn in for Domestic Projects

By **DONN TIBBETTS**  
State House Bureau Chief

**CONCORD** — The first score of New Hampshire AmeriCorps volunteers were sworn in yesterday by the state's first lady, Heather Merrill, in a ceremony attended by U.S. Rep. Dick Swett and held on the State House Plaza.

Volunteers were told that their efforts in the next year will follow in the footsteps of former New Hampshire governors Hugh Gallen and John King in the old Civilian Conservation Corps and those of the current state Deputy Attorney General Dana Bisbee, who served in the Peace Corps.

A total of about 140 Granite Staters, ages 17 and older, are being recruited for AmeriCorps, which is President Clinton's domestic version of the Peace Corps. They must demonstrate a willingness to improve the lives of others and an interest in learning new skills.

Corps members agreeing to a full-time, one-year commitment receive a stipend and a post-service benefit of \$4,725 a year which can be used to pay college tuition or education loans.

Aldedge Turgeon yesterday recalled his service in the White Mountains with the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1939, and how people today still use the many facilities built by the CCC.

Bisbee told of his service 20 years ago with the Peace Corps in Gabon, Central Africa.

There are 20 AmeriCorps-N.H. volunteer positions open for a Monadnock State Park project unit in Jaffrey, and 32 positions for a unit based in White Mountain National Forest in Gilead, Maine.

Another 16 positions will work under a Public Service Compact in Bedford, with volunteers being placed at various college campuses to develop learning projects to meet needs of local communities. The emphasis will be on education partnerships and having campuses link with K-12 schools to develop mentoring and tutoring programs.

Another 30 volunteers will work with the state Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Assistance Program, based in Concord.

Prospective volunteers for any of the assignments can get full details at 800-772-7001.

Green Mtn NIF

## MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR LOU WOLTERING

CC m.walker:R09A  
To L.Woltering:W01C

From: JOAN M. MCCLOUD:R09F20D02A  
Postmark: Sep 14,94 8:20 AM Delivered: Sep 14,94 8:25 AM  
Status: Previously read Urgent  
Subject: Reply to

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## Reply text:

From: JOAN M. MCCLOUD:

Date: Sep 14,94 8:20 AM

Hi Lou, the kick-off went very well! There were news paper, radio and TV at the site. Americorps members (not ours) were sworn in. I'll send along an information sheet that was sent to 11 different news papers for Sept.12th. Things moving, cooperater has hired a full time coordinator. I have meetings setup with interested organization to inform them about recruitment, I will also fax to you the extra info that Joel wanted (organization list to attach to recruitment plan). Also please look at mailing lists Americorps/APD I'm getting everything twice, my mail is overflowing. Thanks Joan PS do you have any more brochures/posters that you could send me?

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Get tips

Green Mtn NF  
Planned Event  
9/9/94

Contact: Joan McCloud 802 362 2307  
Greg Wright 802 747 6700

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No SCS?

MONTPELIER -- President Bill Clinton will join ceremonies here via satellite hookup on Monday as AmeriCorps in Vermont is officially inaugurated in a program conducted by the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service. AmeriCorps is the president's jobs program for young people that sends them into public service work and in turn earns them money for college. Forty-two Americorps projects are run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Forest Service, an arm of the USDA, has selected some work projects for a 20-person residential work force on the Green Mountain National Forest. Clinton will address the gathering here at Vermont College via satellite starting at 1:13 p.m. AmeriCorps members will be sworn in by the president at 1:30. Other addressess will include Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) by videotape at 12:20 and Sen. James Jeffords (R-Vt.) at 12:50. The Vermont Youth Consevation Corps will operate a residential portion of the program and supervise work crews. Officers of the Green Mountain National Forest based in Rutland will oversee their projects to include trail maintenance, wilderness management and contacts with the public at recreation sites on Vermont's National Forest. Events similar to the one here will be staged at the same time on Monday, 11:30 to 1:30, in all 50 states. AmeriCorps was designed to put people to work on programs their communities want and need.

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Monday's inauguration will feature participants in earlier national initiatives such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, the GI Bill and the Peace Corps. The event, to begin with registration at 11, is open to the public. Lt. Gov. Barbara Snelling will speak at 12:25 and former governor Thomas Salmon, president of the University of Vermont, will appear at 1:33. The program will include tethered rides on hot air balloons, exhibits and displays, a bag lunch and music by the Norwich University band.

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Previous comments:

From: Erna Smith:R05A

Date: Sep 13,94 7:47 AM

Lou-- Shirley Moore, Acting DRF and myself attended the AmeriCorps Launch in San Francisco. It was a great session!! AmeriCorps participants and supporters from throughout the Bay Area attended (approx. 200). Launch began with a Band rendering several songs. Welcome, given by Linda Forsyth, Director California Commission on Improving Life Through Service and Mayor Frank Jordan San Francisco. The Mayor presented Ms. Forsyth with a proclamation from the City of San Francisco. Other guest included Maureen Di Marco, Ca. Office of Child Development & Education (represented the Governors office); Peter Edelman, US Dept. of Health & Human Service (Washington) and Dusty Baker, San Francisco Giant Mgr. AmeriCorps members Rachel Banks and John Simpson spoke about their experience in AmeriCorps and their commitment to the service. There was a "American Tradition of Service Torch Ceremony". A representative from each service program that has operated over the year (ie. CCC; GI Bill; Peace Corps; and AmeriCorps) spoke on what it has meant to them to participant in these programs and their committment to service. In all the Launch was very up beat. I left with the sense that individuals are committed to the program, they want to serve their communities, help others and to make this country a better place to live.

MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR LOU WOLTERING

To Lou Woltering:WO  
CC tony

From: Mary McManus:R05F10A  
Postmark: Sep 12,94 1:04 PM

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Subject: Reply to: addresses

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Reply text:

From: Mary McManus:R05F10A

Date: Sep 12,94 1:04 PM

Lou- I think you have Six River's address- we received tee shirts this morning right before our press conference. Our Forest Supervisor held up the tee shirt and showed same to some of our applicants. This was part of our press conference on launch day. Our address is: Six Rivers NF, ATTN: Tony Montana, 1300 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501

## MESSAGE DISPLAY FOR LOU WOLTERING

To Amcor Team  
 CC ~~L.~~ Beasley  
 CC C. Pytel  
 CC G. Smith

From: Lou Woltering  
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Subject: Forwarded: Reply to: AMERICORPS LAUNCH

Comments:  
 From: Lou Woltering:WO  
 Date: Sep 13, 94 11:47 AM  
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 Lou

Previous comments:  
 From: Elizabeth Crane:R8  
 Date: Sep 13, 94 10:10 AM  
 Thanks Richard... I don't know if you sent anything on to Lou on the Jackson MS Kickoff, so I am forwarding your note. Sounds like ya'll were delayed by the White House airplane crash too.  
 In New Orleans on Monday, around 200 AmeriCorps members from LA, and one group from MS, were sworn in by both the Lt. Governor and Pres. Clinton (since the satellite link up was nearly an hour late. Very diverse group, ranging from inner city Youth Corps, Delta Service Corps, VISTA, and an "adopt a grandmother" group, along with the 5 FS AmeriCorps:RD members and the 7 SCS AmeriCorps:RD members. The RD members sat together on the front row and will all be here at the Kisatchie on WED for a joint FS/SCS (TEAM USDA) orientation session. SCS made a video of the kickoff event, took pictures. Videos and both SCS and FS photos will be shared. Another example of Team USDA.

Message:  
 From: RICHARD HEASLIP:R08F07A  
 Date: Sep 12, 94 1:09 PM  
 FOLKS, WE HAD 100+ IN ATTENDANCE AT OUR LAUNCH LOCATION. WE WOUND UP HAVING ART BROWN, STATE DIRECTOR CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE ACCOMPLISH THE SWEARING IN SINCE THE WHITE HOUSE TIME SCHEDULE GOT MESSED UP. ANY HOW THEY ARE IN AND WE ARE OFF AND CRAWLING. NEXT WEEK IS WHEN WE SHOULD HIT OUR NUMBERS OF MEMBERS. RICHARD

Jackson MS

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Previous comments:

From: LEWIS KEARNEY:R08F04A

Date: Sep 12, 94 5:31 PM

Lou, hope you are not about to run out of gas. We had a great kickoff in Nashville yesterday and today with an orientation from 8 to about 11. There were Americorps members here from 5 states -- the papers said 700. Of course, the majority were state members. Tomorrow the Forest Service/SCS/Farmers Home will plan for the weeklong training session/orientation for the 5 Forest Service members/19 SCS members. The Forest Service/SCS partnership in this endeavor really is a showcase for Team USDA -- those were the words this morning from Jerry Lee, SCS State Conservationist. (Cherokee folks -- Appalachian forests got 15 slots -- we got 5 of those. They are all targeted for rural development type projects. The Forest is in a partnership with SCS (RC&D Councils) in supervision, projects, training, etc. We recruited through the media, our 1890 -- Tenn. State Coordinator -- and we contacted every university in East TN. For 5 slots we got way more applicants than available slots. Each and every applicant was approved by the Washington office for the organization established to launch Americorps).

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MESSAGE SCAN FOR LOU WOLTERING

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 CC AmeriCorps Coordinators  
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 CC Reg. HRP Directors:W01B  
 CC G.Smith  
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 CC RF:R05A

*Goer to all FS Deputy Areas*

From: Lou Woltering  
 Postmark: Dec 14,94 8:01 AM

Host: W01C  
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Subject: AmeriCorps

Comments:

Good morning and best holiday wishes to all of you. Enclosed please find a very exciting 4 1/2 page update on the San Bernardino National Forest AmeriCorps program led by Randy Scurry. Please forward this to your Associates, Deputies, and Directors.

The San Bernardino is following the AmeriCorps motto of "Gettings Things Done for America" to the fullest!!!! Several people are rightfully recognized for their significant contributions to the program. I would like to also recognize and thank Forest Supervisor Gene Zimmerman for his leadership and support, and for empowering his people and allowing this to be such a dynamic program. As previously reported, this is the largest AmeriCorps program and one of two non-residential camps in the FY 95 Forest Service AmeriCorps program. My thanks and congratulations to all of these fine people and the AmeriCorps Members for a job very well done!

To all, my best wishes for a superior day and joyful week.  
 /s/ S.E. "Lou" Woltering

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AmeriCorps  
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 San Bernardino National Forest

"getting things done..."

...ON THE SAN BERNARDINO AND OTHER NATIONAL FORESTS  
 AND PUBLIC LANDS THROUGHOUT  
 SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

PROGRAM UPDATE - NOVEMBER 23, 1994

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written by A.Hotchkiss

\* 80 MEMBERS KICKOFF THE PROGRAM

The AmeriCorps program began it's year-long tour of service on October 31. 80 individuals met at the Loch Leven Conference Center where they began a week of orientation which included trips around the Forest. One trip was to Ryan Air Attack Base and the San Jacinto. Members particularly enjoyed the tanker drops at Ryan. The other trip was to Jenks Lake, Fawnskin, the Children's Forest, and the FICC.

The orientation at Loch Leven included guest speakers from the San Bernardino, the Cleveland, and other VIPs. Two gentlemen from the Civilian Conservation Corps shared their memories of the projects they worked on in the thirties. Clay Hage, the California Commissioner on Improving Life through Service, also gave the members a motivational talk. He told them that they were taking on a great responsibility to their nation and that they must rise to that task. Carol Petersen, who gave an amusing talk to the Forest at the Reorganization workshop at Cal State San Bernardino last spring, shared her ideas with the AmeriCorps about having a healthy outlook on work and life.

Forest Service speakers at Loch Leven were Gail Van Der Bie, who gave the members a history of the conservation movement, Lorraine Lawrence, who spoke on overcoming failure, Sandy Hogan, who spoke on the mission of the Forest Service, and Margo Erickson from the Cleveland, who spoke on safety and defensive driving.

Over the week, AmeriCorps members received a great introduction to the kind of work they will experience in the oncoming months.

**\* MEMBERS ARE MOTIVATED**

AmeriCorps crews are filled with motivated people. AmeriCorps members are education and environmentally-minded people who want to work outside and they want to learn. Many want to be in the Forest Service as firefighters, wildlife biologists, and foresters. Others just want to help the environment. They all want to get a higher education. Some members have already volunteered for the Forest Service on projects and others are volunteer firefighters in local companies. A lot of them have already had quite a few units in college. They came into this program trying to decide what they want to do in their career and to earn money to get them there. This is a program for go-getters.

**\* AMERICORPS IS HERE TO HELP THE FOREST**

The advantages of having an AmeriCorps program on the Forest are not just for the members in the program. San Bernardino employees will reap huge benefits from the crews. AmeriCorps is here to assist. If you have a project in mind that has been put off for lack of human-power, apply for AmeriCorps crews. If you have a project planned that would benefit from a few more hands to supplement the assigned staff, apply for AmeriCorps crews. The projects will remain in your control. The application process is simple and quick and the sooner you apply, the further up on the list your project will be.

AmeriCorps crews have already been put to work by Robin Butler, Wildlife Biologist on the Big Bear, doing rehab on the Devil Fire. The size of this project required the use of all 8 crews at one point. So think BIG! Call us at Mill Creek or contact Sue Zahn by DG for information on getting staffing for your projects. Also, there are applications available at your district offices and the SO right now.

**\* INITIAL PROJECTS**

AmeriCorps crews have already put in many hours of work on the Forest. Besides the Devil Fire Rehab project, crews have put in barriers at Thurman Flats picnic area, assisted with reclamation of trampled areas at Jenks Lake, and helped to reclaim an area on the Big Bear with sensitive plants that was ripped up by a wandering dozer.

**\* PROSPECTIVE PROJECTS**

So far, the Big Bear, the San Gorgonio, and the San Jacinto have planned to use our crews on projects in the coming year. The San Jacinto is already planning to use some crews for line construction in their burn prescriptions. In March, AmeriCorps crews will be taking the Basic 32 hour fire fighting training, so they could be up chasing spots on the burns as well.

Prospective projects also include service on land outside the Forest. Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks are among those places that have requested crews for projects within their boundaries. San Bernardino county wants crews for projects in their regional parks: Yucaipa, Glen Helen, and Mojave Narrows. Other National Forests want the San Bernardino's AmeriCorps crews too. The Inyo, the Sequoia, the Angeles, and the Los Padres are among them.

#### \* FURTHER RECRUITMENT

In the oncoming weeks, our program, which is already the biggest AmeriCorps program of its kind throughout the country, will get even bigger. Supplementing the 80 existing members will be 25 more.

Recruitment this time around has been targeting folks that have construction experience. They will become part of our Engineering crew. This crew will do the more intricate construction jobs that will arise on the Forest. They will also oversee the more basic construction projects of the rest of the crews.

We have also targeted our recruitment in specific geographic areas. These prospective members do not have to possess specific skills. They will supplement crews with only seven or eight existing members to take the crew to its full capacity of ten members per crew. Targeted areas are north San Bernardino and the low desert cities of Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Indio, and others.

#### \* WHO'S WHO AMONG SUPERVISORS

The AmeriCorps is directed by Randy Scurry (radio designation is AmeriCorps 1), who had the idea and the perserverance to put a proposal in to Washington for the program. Randy brought this program to the Forest and it is Randy who sits at the helm of this program.

Supporting every aspect of our program is the Administrative Officer, Doreen Lawson. Doreen's essential role is to make sure we have everything we need. Its a very big job taking care of 80 members in addition to the staff, which Doreen does with grace.

Doreen is supported by an assistant, Jeanie Hull. She helps Doreen in payroll, ordering, hiring, personnel issues, budget issues and also serves as a receptionist for the whole office. It is Jeannie's voice that answers our phone and greets you when you come into the office.

Sue Zahn (radio designation AmeriCorps 2) is the Project Coordinator for the program. It is her responsibility to keep these crews working. Sue decides which projects to take on and when. She then "dispatches" crews to their projects.

Each AmeriCorps crew is led by one crew supervisor. Many crew supervisors were taken from the ranks of fire personnel on the Forest. Some come from other Forests in Region 5. All are bright, responsible, and dedicated. Each supervisor shares the enthusiasm of mentoring their crew people and helping them to become responsible and valuable members of the program and excellent future employees.

Crew supervisors are: Bob Campbell (AmeriCorps crew 7), Jackie O'Brien (AmeriCorps crew 8), Kristel Johnson (AmeriCorps crew 9), from the San Gorgonio. Jeff Wiley (AmeriCorps crew 10) and Steve Larrabee (AmeriCorps crew 11) come to the San Bernardino from the Tahoe. Cesar Ocampo (AmeriCorps crew 12) comes to the San Bernardino from the Cleveland. Oscar Montijo (AmeriCorps crew 13) is from the San Jacinto and Jesse McIntire (AmeriCorps crew 14) is from the Cajon.

Another supervisor, Elizabeth Kerwin, comes to us from Grand Canyon National Park. Elizabeth's role is unique in the program in that she does educational projects, not labor projects. Once set up, she will have a crew of her own to go to area schools to teach children about the environment, the Forest, wildlife, habitats, and survival in the wilderness. AmeriCorps' goal is to give environmental education presentations in 1700 classrooms by the end of the year of service.

**\* A LITTLE ABOUT THE SUPERVISORS NEW TO THE FOREST**

Sue Zahn is not really new to the Forest. She was a fire fighter on the San Geronimo for seven years before going to the Cleveland to be a Wilderness and Trails Manager. She spent two years there and is now detailed back to the San Bernardino as Project Coordinator.

Elizabeth Kerwin has a multi-subject elementary school teaching credential from the University of California, Riverside. Her interest lies in environmental education. She has spent three seasons at the Grand Canyon. While there she mentored the children's interpretive program and did many different kinds of interpretive work, including language interpretation to visitors who could only speak french.

Jeff Wiley was a Recreation Technician on the Tahoe. He has extensive knowledge of trail construction and maintenance. He has worked in Timber where he used his Humboldt State forestry degree. Jeff has also had previous experience in running project crews in the YCC program. Jeff's AmeriCorps crew is located at the Big Bear Ranger Station and is made up of Big Bear area residents as well as Victorville, Lucerne Valley, and Apple Valley residents.

Steve Larrabee was a hydrological technician on the Tahoe. He is going to lead a crew of "para-professionals" in our program. He will teach his crew the procedures and paperwork of the National Environmental Policy Act as well as taking the lead on projects that involve a knowledge of hydrology, such as the Devil Fire rehab. Steve is well-versed in winter survival techniques, is a graduate of the 90-day Wilderness academy, and is an EMT. He will share some of his knowledge in these areas with AmeriCorps members.

Cesar Ocampo was an El Cariso Hot Shot on the Cleveland. Cesar is very proud of his Hot Shot heritage. He has many crew members who are eager to become fire fighters and Cesar is eager to make his crew a valued and respected fire resource next summer. His crew comes from San Bernardino and areas west like Upland and Ontario.

\* THANKS

AmeriCorps wants to recognize all that made the opening of our program very special and very helpful to our members.

Thanks to Gail Van Der Bie for her presentation on the history of the conservation movement.

Thanks to Lorraine Lawrence for her talk on overcoming failure and achieving success.

Thanks to Sandy Hogan for her presentation on the role of the Forest Service.

Thanks to Bob Loudon for his introduction to the Children's Forest.

Thanks to Robin Butler for her presentation on wildlife.

Thanks to Fran Colwell for his talk on recreation resources.

Thanks to Daniel McCarthy for his presentation on archaeological treasures of the San Jacinto District.

Thanks to the Federal Interagency Communication Center for their tour.

Thanks to Ryan Air Attack Base for their tour.

AR	Dry Fire Hydrant Program Central Arkansas RC&D	\$12,000
AR	Holly Grove Housing Relocation Central Arkansas RC&D	\$ 9,000
AR	Forest Biomass Energy Education Project Ozark Foothills RC&D	\$12,000
LA	Winn Parish Tourism Brochure Winn Parish Chamber of Commerce	\$ 1,350
LA	Byerley Parks Plans Doorway to LA, Inc.	\$15,000
LA	Tourism Development Project (3 parts) Northeast Delta RC&D	\$32,000
NC	Cherokee Island Project Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	\$24,000
MS	Centennial Park Plaza and Green City of Belzoni	\$10,000
MS	O'Bannon Elementary Outdoor Conservation Class Western Line School District	\$10,500
MS	Comprehensive Recreation & Educ. Program City of Indianola	\$17,000
SC	Williamsburg Nature Adventures Williamsburg County School District	\$12,500
SC	Kellahan Park Renovations Town of Kingstree	\$ 3,200
SC	Williamsburg County Recreation Beautification Williamsburg County Recreation Department	\$10,000
SC	Dry Fire Hydrant Project Santee-Wateree RC&D	\$34,250
TN	Environmental Education Program Clinch-Powell RC&D	\$12,000
TN	Consumer Source Reduction Program Clinch-Powell RC&D	\$12,000
VA	Outback Visitors Center VA Coalfield REgional Tourism Dev. Authority	\$12,000
VA	Timber Bridge Feasibility Study New River Highlands RC&D	\$12,000

VA	Master Logger Program New River Highlands RC&D	\$12,000
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VA	Nail-Laminated Pedestrian Timber Bridge New River Highlands RC&D	\$12,000
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DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES R. LYONS, Assistant Secretary, NRE

FROM: Jack Ward Thomas  
Chief

SUBJECT: Forest Service Participation in the USDA National  
Service Application due to Corporation by April 29.

ISSUE:

In February, Chief and Staff earmarked up to \$3 million of State and Private Forestry FY 1995 program funds and \$4 million of National Forest System program funds to support Secretary Espy's and the President's National Service initiative.

BACKGROUND:

State & Private Forestry

Application and budget information for 74 Rural Development positions in key geographic locations is being submitted. This represents \$2.6 million of the up to \$3 million of FY 1995 State and Private Forestry program funds earmarked by Chief and Staff. Any additional funding requirements would negatively impact program activities presently underway. Funding required from the Corporation would be \$740,000. A Summary List of State and Private projects and funding is enclosed.

National Forest Systems

Application and budget information is being submitted for eight Environmental and Public Lands Corps projects on the National Forests. We are submitting eight projects to ensure the greatest flexibility in the decision process and broad coverage within the USDA proposal.

The \$4 million earmarked from FY 1995 National Forest System program funds will not cover all projects. Thus, we are presenting two funding options. Five of the eight projects are residential sites with excellent growth potential. Three are located in the Pacific Northwest where some of the greatest economic need is visible in communities. Several projects are joint with the U.S. Department of Interior. Others include funding commitments from the Soil Conservation Service. We would be pleased to furnish a full report on any or all of the projects.

Option 1: would require funding of approximately \$7 million. Approximately 50 percent of the funding would come from the Corporation for National Service and 50 percent from Forest Service funds. A total of 270 participants would be involved in five residential camps and in three non-residential projects.

If funding is constrained at the \$4 million level, both projects and participants would need to be dropped.

Option 2: would require funding of approximately \$8 million. The Forest Service would fund \$4 million and the remaining funds would need to come from the Corporation or another source. There would be approximately 530 participants. Per Departmental request, we are submitting this request level. It is \$4 million over and above what we are able to fund from the Forest Service budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

We recommend a 2.6 million program for State and Private Forestry. If the funding issue can be resolved, we recommend that Option 2 be approved for the National Forest System program. This would be an aggressive program for USDA with 616 participants. The program can be carried out on-the-ground in a successful manner. This Option is consistent with discussions with Joel Berg.

DECISION BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

State & Private Forestry at \$2.6 million

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

National Forest System: Option 1 - 50/50 cost share with Corporation

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with me \_\_\_\_\_

National Forest System: Option 2 - \$4 million; \$4 million from other sources

Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with me \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Summary List - S&PF

Rural Development Positions

Forest Management and Utilization

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Northeastern Area: Minnesota, New Jersey, Northern New England, and West Virginia (18 participants)

(1) Appalachia W. Va Americorps - A cooperative effort between the West Virginia Division of Forestry, WV. Appalachian Hardwood Center and the Minnesota Division of Forestry, along with the University of Minnesota will have Corps students working on sustainable natural resource base economic development.

Southern Region - Southern Appalachia - (20 participants)

Economic Development opportunities for this area of TN, GA, NC, KY, and VA through partnerships with federal, state, and private efforts.

Mississippi Delta - (15 participants)

Provide the region with financial and technical assistance to develop economic opportunities through the 20-county area.

South Carolina - (5 participants)

Develop and identify communities leaders in disenfranchised areas to provide leadership in sustainable economic development.

Alaska Region - (5 participants)

Provide Rural Community Assistance to forest and farm owners to develop economic opportunities.

4 Corners: (12 participants)  
(CO, AZ, NM, UT)

Develop a strategy for economic empowerment with the Indian tribes of the region.

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Summary Listing - NFS

Environmental and Public Lands Corps Projects

Eastern Region

New Hampshire Americorps - (White Mountain NF partnering with Student Conservation Association, National Forest Foundation, Maine National Guard and Boston City Year)  
(32 participants)

Vermont AmeriCorps - (Green Mountain and Finger Lakes NFs partnering with Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Student Conservation Association, plus 7 other partners)  
(20 Participants)

Southern Region

Mississippi NF Americorps - (Partnering with Greater Jackson Conservation Corps)  
(40 participants)

Southwest Region

Arizona Americorps - (Partnering with USDI, (BLM and NPS), National Guard, Arizona State University, Arizona Dept. of Youth Treatment & Rehabilitation, Arizona Conservation Corps and JTPA)  
(90 participants)

Pacific Southwest Region

Southern California Americorps - (San Bernardino NF partnering with DOD, USDI, SCS, California Forest Association)  
(200 participants)

Northern California Americorps - (Six Rivers NF partnering with California Conservation Corps, College of the Redwood and Humboldt State University)  
(40 participants)

Pacific Northwest Region

Oregon Americorps - (Rogue River NF partnering with Northwest Youth Corps)  
(70 participants)

Washington Americorps - (Olympic NF partnering with Northwest Youth Corps, National Forest Foundation, USDI (NPS) and Dept. of Defense)  
(50 participants)

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Environmental and Public Lands Corps Funding Alternatives

Option 1

<u>Project</u>	<u>No. of Participants</u>	<u>Cost to Corporation</u>	<u>Cost to F.S.</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>% Cost Corp/FS</u>
New Hampshire White Mtn. NF AmeriCorps	32	\$255,638	\$348,337	\$603,975	42/58
Vermont AmeriCorps	20	245,075	368,845	613,920	40/60
Mississippi NF AmeriCorps	20	\$404,168	\$141,890	\$546,058	74/26
Arizona AmeriCorps	45	\$583,798	\$572,556	\$1,156,354	50/50
Southern California San Bernardino NF AmeriCorps	66	\$675,350	\$818,529	\$1,493,879	45/55
Northern California Six Rivers AmeriCorps	20	\$234,193	\$145,565	\$379,758	62/38
Oregon AmeriCorps Rogue River AmeriCorps	35	\$406,095	\$472,381	\$878,476	46/54
Washington Americorps Olympic Americorps	32	\$479,256	\$546,256	\$1,025,512	47/53
<b>Totals</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>\$3,283,573</b>	<b>\$3,414,359</b>	<b>\$6,697,932</b>	<b>50/50</b>

NOTE: This 50/50 split represents the present detailed budgets as submitted. This could be adjusted to reflect a \$4 million FS contribution.

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Option 2  
 Environmental and Public Lands Corps Funding  
 \$8 Million

	<u>No. of Participants</u>	<u>Cost to F.S.</u>	<u>Cost to Corp.</u>
New Hampshire White Mtn. NF AmeriCorps	32	\$571,975	\$ 32,000
Vermont AmeriCorps	20	593,920	20,000
Mississippi NF AmeriCorps	40	571,258	40,000
Arizona AmeriCorps	90	**1,349,354	90,000
Southern California San Bernardino NF AmeriCorps	200	2,883,631	200,000
Northern California Six Rivers NF AmeriCorps	40	580,650	40,000
Oregon Rogue River AmeriCorps	70	620,476	70,000
Washington Olympic NF AmeriCorps	50	743,476	50,000
Total Participants	542	\$7,914,740	

\*\*USDI will provide at least \$370,000 for this level project.

MESSAGE SCAN FOR KATHERINE ALLEN

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NICE WEEK-END. HRP IS THE GREATEST, DON

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RON DEMUNBRUN: THIS IS A EBLI BUDGET SUMMARY SHEET ON THE STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY AMERICORPS PROJECTS.

Budget Period: 10/01/94 to 09/30/95  
 Applicant Name: USDA - Forest Service, Cooperative Forestry

AmeriCorps Application - Consolidated EBLI Distribution of FS Earmarked Funds, by Region

EBLI Description / Code	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Total	Proposal	Proposal	Proposal	Total	Proposal &	GRAND	
	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	NA Coop F	NA Coop F	NA Coop F	Region 8	Region 8	Region 8	Region 8	Total R10	TOTAL	
Proposal Name----->	4 Corners	4 Corners	4 Corners	Appalachia	Minn		MS Delta	Appalachia	South		Alaska		
>									Caroline				
>													
-Urb & Com Forest	SPUF	0	0	0	89,500	+ 91,050 = 180,550	60,000	+ 100,000	+ 0 = 160,000	40,000	380,550		
-Rural Developmnt	SPRD	145,000	145,000	150,000	145,000	377,900	522,900	180,000	300,000	100,000	580,000	60,000	1,602,900
-Forest Products	SPIW	0	0	0	89,500	91,050	180,550	60,000	0	0	60,000	0	240,550
-Econ Div Studies	SPED												
** Forest Service In Kind.	SPRD	14,566	14,567	14,567	56,000	55,000	111,000	84,000	50,000	32,000	277,000	55,000	375,000
Grand Total* 2,599,000		159,566	159,567	164,567	388,000	+ 615,000 = 995,000	384,800	+ 450,000	+ 132,000 = 1,070,000	155,000	2,599,000		

\* Grand total excludes Educational Awards.

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JUN 17 1993

Subject: Legislative Update

To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director  
and Director, IITF

As promised, we are sending several items to give you an update on key issues.

Enclosed is a press release and testimony by Secretary Espy before Senator Kennedy's Labor and Human Resources Committee on June 8 on the National Service Trust Act of 1993. He outlines briefly the three models that he wants to see implemented across USDA agency lines to integrate the national service movement with delivery of service opportunities. These models were developed by the USDA Task Force on National Service.

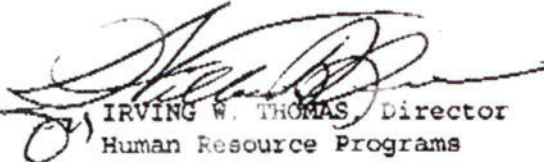
The National Service Trust Act of 1993 has just been marked up by Committees in both the House and Senate. The Hearings have received considerable support with sometimes hundreds in attendance. Expected action is passage this Fall with initial small implementation nationally in FY 1994 - growing maximum participation in FY 1996-1997.

Enclosed is a copy of legislation introduced in the House to create a Public Lands Corps within Interior and Agriculture. In addition to the FS, the National Association of Conservation Corps (NASCC) and the Student Conservation Association (SCA) participated in development of the language. The legislation has also been introduced in the Senate.

We are keenly interested in its passage as this will give the FS the program authority it needs to work with the National Forest Foundation to serve youth up to age 25. At this time, we do not know if it will be a separate Act or if it will be included as an Amendment to the National Trust Act of 1993.

This will also facilitate the expansion of our Hosted Program partnerships and work with the State and local Conservation Corps as well as the Student Conservation Association at all levels.

Questions may be directed to Katherine Allen - 703-235-8840.

  
IRVING W. THOMAS, Director  
Human Resource Programs

Enclosures

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES WORKSHEET

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS:

CONCERN/ISSUES WITH  
THIS COMPONENT:

A. REGION 8 (Appalachia, Mississippi Delta, and South Carolina)

1. The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to communities to improve the rural living conditions in the Southern Region through natural resource opportunities related to tourism, forest resources business development and culturally diverse community development.

2. The project will develop workable plans for an estimated 80 communities that will identify community needs, available resources and alternatives for improvement.

3. The program evaluations for this project will be in accordance with the Forest Service's Program Review process. A program review will examine accomplishments based on the regions objectives.

4. The overall program hopes to provide the technical assistance in this region to existing rural and urban businesses and with entrepreneurs wishing to start a business. These activities will focus on enhancing production of value-added products from forest resources, helping rural and urban communities capitalize on travel and tourism opportunities, developing businesses based on recycled products.

5. It is estimated that the program will effect 80 communities. The results of this effort will enhance the quality of life for an undetermined number of citizens in the region.

Each participant will be required to provide technical assistance to the communities utilizing their special skills. These skill level include: economic, planning, forester, wood technologist, industrial engineer, education specialist, environmental specialist, travel/tourism specialist and business management specialist.

Wherever it is possible the Forest Service will work with the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies to enhance each project. The participants will attend monthly meeting with other Team USDA members to share work experiences and overall view of projects.

June 7, 1994

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES WORKSHEET

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS:

CONCERN/ISSUES WITH  
THIS COMPONENT:

A. NORTHEASTERN AREA (Minnesota, and Appalachia)

1. The objective of the project is to assist communities in planning for and implementing sustainable economic development strategies based on natural resource with an emphasis on value added enterprises that include wood processing, Tourism, marketing, recycling, urban forestry, and special products.

2. The project will develop workable business plans for any estimated 100 communities and businesses. This effort will support development of a community-based strategies required for sustainable economic development.

3. The program evaluations for this project will be in accordance with the Forest Service's Program Review process. A program review will examine accomplishments based on the Northeastern Areas objectives.

4. The overall program hopes to provide the technical assistance in this region to existing rural and urban businesses and with entrepreneurs wishing to start a business. These activities will focus on enhancing production of value-added products from forest resources, helping rural and urban communities capitalize on travel and tourism opportunities, developing businesses based on recycled products.

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JUNE 7, 1994

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE  
COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES WORKSHEET

COMPONENTS OF OBJECTIVE STATEMENTS:

CONCERN/ISSUES WITH  
THIS COMPONENT:

A. 4-CORNERS (PROJECT (Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado))

1. The objective of the "Strengthening Partnerships for Active Rural Communities" SPARCS is to build on the existing partnerships, as well as initiate actions that are of regional scope for the entire 4-corners area that have broad-based community support. This project will provide a Federal/State collaborative framework for delivery of services to communities and Tribes in the Four Corners area.

Each participant will work in various communities utilizing their skills to providing technical assistance to tribal leaders.

2. Through regional workshops and local seminars, help Tribal leaders develop the skills to support sustainable rural economic development, by prompting dialogue and collaborative learning activities organized around regional development concerns.

Wherever it is possible the Forest Service will work with the Soil Conservation Service and other agencies to enhance each project. The Participants will attend monthly meeting with other Team USDA members to share work experiences and overall view of the projects.

3. The program evaluations for this project will be in accordance with the Forest Service's Program Review process. A program review will examine accomplishments based on the regions objectives.

4. The overall program hopes to provide the technical assistance in this region to existing rural businesses and with entrepreneurs wishing to start a business. These activities will focus on enhancing the Tourism industry and economic development, which will help rural communities capitalize on travel and tourism opportunities, and developing a variety of businesses.

5. It is estimated that the program will effect 20 communities. The results of this effort will enhance the quality of life for an undetermined number of citizens in the region.

**The Greening of Urban America: A National Service Collaboration of the Parks Council, the City Volunteer Corps and Gateway National Recreational Area**

*Program Concept*

The Greening of Urban America Program will link national service volunteers and community organizations to create a vital fabric of open space in New York City communities and serve as a model for urban greening programs throughout the United States. Six teams of national service volunteers from the City Volunteer Corps (CVC) will directly respond to the need for high-quality open space in distressed communities through using city-owned, vacant land to create and maintain Success Garden sites. The result will be verdant, blooming neighborhood gardens and parks, which will play a substantial role in creating more stable and viable neighborhoods. At Gateway National Recreational Area, volunteers will complete critical land management projects that will benefit the users of the country's largest urban national park.

Each Success Garden includes a network of schools, social service providers and community development agencies that are directly involved in designing community uses for the Success Garden as an educational and recreational resource. The stewardship of these sites by community organizations such the Black United Fund and Abyssinian Development Corporation in Harlem, in combination with assistance from agencies like the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the New York City Department of Sanitation, makes the Success Garden initiative a model partnership for greening urban America. Building on this partnership, City Volunteers will develop new Success Garden sites and maintain existing sites in Harlem, Mott Haven and Bathgate in the South Bronx, and Greenpoint/Williamsburg, East New York and Red Hook in Brooklyn.

*Service Activities*

At the Success Garden sites volunteers will build planting beds, lay sod, plant shrubs and construct fences. In addition, volunteers will complete other initiatives that link the community to the Success Garden. City Volunteers will teach public school students from local schools a science curriculum based in the Success Garden. Elderly residents from the community will join in recreational and educational activities led by City Volunteers.

The presence of City Volunteers at the Success Garden sites will make them neighborhood centers where community development is linked with quality open space.

This collaboration will not only involve volunteers in service with garden sites, but will engage them in a range of projects with the organizations associated with the sites. For example, the volunteers will work in day care centers and schools connected with the Success Gardens. During their service with the network of community organizations associated with the Success Garden sites, volunteers will continue their connection with the site as a base in the community.

The federal Gateway National Recreational Area is another key component of the Greening of Urban America Program. Gateway's extensive trail network and park facilities will offer a number of meaningful service opportunities to City Volunteers, and serve as the environmental "common ground" for all participants. Each of the six teams of volunteers involved in the Greening of Urban America will spend a month of their service year at Gateway completing priority projects ranging from trail restoration to facilities maintenance.

#### *Relation to Need*

The problems that this program addresses are well-documented: twenty-three (23) of the fifty-nine New York City community districts have less than 1.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, and many of them are characterized by poverty, high crime and social problems. However, the city has more than 20,000 parcels of vacant and abandoned land and buildings, which present wonderful opportunities for open space development. The country's largest urban national park, Gateway National Recreational Area, has deep needs for assistance in the maintenance and protection of its natural areas.

Two key themes which are connected with this work are public safety and environmental justice. Success Gardens transform urban territory that was once filled with criminal activity like drug dealing into a centerpiece of a strong neighborhood. Through the creation of high-quality open spaces in low-income, minority neighborhoods, the Greening of Urban America Program answers the call for environmental justice that has been sounded from the streets of Harlem to the White House.

The Cobbs Creek Community  
Environmental Education Center

835 South 59th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143

April 1, 1993

Anne Bohnet  
Educational Coordinator  
USDA Forest Service  
5 Radnor Corporate Center  
100 Matsonford Road  
Radnor, PA 19087

Dear Ms. Bohnet

The Cobbs Creek Project and the Forest Service Northeast Station have a rich history of collaboration and cooperation. From their funding of the Feasibility Study, a vital informational piece for the Center, to the most recent collaboration on a teacher development program, the Forest Service has demonstrated remarkable commitment. You have worked admirably to support the efforts of this African-American community to establish an environmental education center in an abandoned stable building.

The Summer Service program will provide wonderful opportunities for everyone involved--the host community, the student participants and the youth who will benefit from pilot programs. Young people who can view old problems with a fresh eye will create innovative solutions where others may not see hope.

The Center encourages the Forest Service's work with inner-city youth and its efforts to develop leaders who will become the public servants of the future. We applaud your efforts.

Sincerely,  
  
Carole Chew Williams  
Chair

cc: Valerie Minor, Education Coordinator



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Date: MAR 30 1994

DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

THROUGH: James R. Lyons  
Assistant Secretary, NRE

FROM: Jack Ward Thomas *JWT*  
Chief

SUBJECT: Youth Environmental Service Program (YES)

ISSUE:

Attorney General Janet Reno and Secretary Bruce Babbitt have created a framework to cooperate and support the implementation of the YES program. Under the enclosed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the USDA, Forest Service has been asked to participate in the YES program with sites in three States; Indiana, North Carolina, and Oregon. We request your approval and signature on the enclosed letters to allow USDA, Forest Service to be included in the MOU.

BACKGROUND:

The YES program was developed to support the implementation of innovative environmental, conservation, and improvement programs for juvenile offenders and at-risk youth on Federal lands. The YES pilot phase is being developed as part of a collaborative effort between the DOJ and DOI in accordance with the enclosed November 18, 1993, Sense of the Senate Resolution. Three sites have been selected in Florida, Utah, and the District of Columbia. Also enclosed is a copy of the Youth Environmental Corps Characteristics which will give you a better understanding of the programs character.

OPTIONS:

This is an excellent opportunity for the Forest Service to expand its Hosted Program activities to accommodate needs of the State-level juvenile justice system. Necessary funding will be provided by the States. The Forest Service has been asked to commit to three sites located in Indiana, Oregon, and North Carolina. We are currently working to identify the specific locations.



New England Forest Youth Camp - Region 9 - White Mountain NF

This proposal serves Maine, New Hampshire, and New England. The partners include the National Forest Foundation, Student Conservation Association, Inc., and the White Mountain National Forest. The project proposal would work 42 full-time participants. Work to be accomplished includes the areas of recreation facility backlog, trail backlog, recreation operations and maintenance, wilderness management, watershed improvements, fisheries and wildlife habitat improvements, visitor and community services, mountain stewardship, resort naturalist program, and environmental education and interpretive programs.

Minnesota Conservation Corps - Region 9 - Superior NF

The Minnesota Conservation Corps and the Superior NF propose to establish a year-round, young adult residential camp at the Isabella Ranger Station. The 25 participants and staff will be housed at the station and provide direct services to the Forest and Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Participants will be recruited primarily from the distressed Arrowhead Region of Minnesota. A backlog of tens of thousands of person hours of essential natural resource work requires attention. The Superior NF and Boundary Waters Canoe Area will directly benefit from the proposed expansion of the Minnesota Conservation Corps through timberstand improvement, campsite and trail maintenance, fire suppression, reforestation, wildlife habitat management, etc.

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April 8, 1994

## D R A F T

POTENTIAL AMERICORPS/USDA PROJECTS  
Forest ServiceSan Luis Valley - Region 2 - Rio Grande NF

This proposal is located in the south-central part of Southern Colorado know as the San Luis Valley. The Rio Grande National Forest would host the project with cooperation from USDI agencies in the area (BLM, NPS, and FWS) and a partnership covering general administration with SCA. The project proposal would work between 50-60 participants and seven staff. Work to be accomplished would almost all be outdoors. Specific work would include trail maintenance, trail re-construction, dispersed recreation maintenance, range maintenance, wildlife and fish habitat improvement such as fish sampling and stream improvement, soil and watershed improvement, facility maintenance and improvement, sign maintenance and other backlog work. Environmental Education curriculum program introduced to 13 local high schools.

Fort Worden - Region 6 - Olympic NF

Fort Worden is located at Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, Washington. Port Townsend is located 60 miles west of Seattle, on the corner of the Olympic Peninsula. Some 32 participants will be from both urban and rural areas. This residential camp has access to facilities including a cafeteria at the Fort Worden State Park. The project work will be based around a very critically needed watershed restoration package on the Olympic NF in partnership with the National Forest Foundation. The purpose is to help to restore the Salmon run and get it off the endangered species list as well as to insure the water quality of the watershed.

Camp Katydid - Region 6 - Rogue River NF

Camp Katydid is located near Prospect, Oregon adjacent to the Rogur River National Forest approximately 50 miles northeast of Medford, Oregon. Rural and urban areas will be represented by 35 participants. The camp has the following facilities: mess hall and kitchen, office building, tool house, multi-purpose room, bathhouse with male and female facilities, laundry, and bunkhouse. Some partners include Crater Lake National Park, Medford District, BLM, Boise Cascade Corporation (they own the facility), Northwest Youth Corps, The Job Council (JTPA), Oregon State Sheriff's Association, National Forest Foundation, and the local Education Services District. Project work will include trail development and maintenance, maintenance of recreation facilities, riparian enhancement, resource inventories, data collection, fence building, tree netting, handpiling, mulching, deer netting, gopher trapping, etc.

Mississippi National Guard - Region 8 - NF's of Mississippi

(to be written by Sam Mejia)

**DECISION MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend that Public Law 94-148 be used as the authority to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements to host the YES program which will benefit Forest Service programs. Public Law 94-148 gives specific authority, "to engage in cooperative manpower and job training and development programs" (see enclosure).

**DECISION BY THE SECRETARY**

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss with me \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure



# Human Resource Programs

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### FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

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## URBAN FORESTRY VOLUNTEERS

States	Total Grants		Leveraged Funds	Grants to Volunteer Groups		Volunteers Involved
	Funded	Dollars		Dollars		
Alabama	35	225,000	301,883	3	27,500	228
Alaska	10	32,984	85,900	10	32,984	162
Arizona						
Arkansas	24	90,015	107,309	9	25,658	45
California	54	253,400	253,400	54	253,400	4,100+
Colorado	29	46,679	535,046	4	20,575	5,300
Commonwealth Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-
Connecticut	30	93,443	135,787	11	31,450	unknown
Delaware	45	68,000	102,000	45	0	500
Dist. of Columbia	6	16,854		30	30,000	120
Florida	41	320,000	869,912	11	99,530	N/A
Georgia	34	268,600	500,124*	14	71,432	1,000
Guam	0	0	50,000*	0	0	0
Hawaii	30	136,573	512,076	20	93,883	1,000
Idaho	0	149,000	149,000+	-	-	-
Illinois	40	400,000	400,000	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**
Indiana	26	171,221	255,228	7	68,684	unknown
Iowa	13	101,600	118,923	1	44,000	1,010
Kansas	19	26,689	34,307	6	23,292	240
Kentucky	19	123,285	142,226	3	15,465	32
Louisiana	36	145,000	189,208	13	56,400	85
Maine	2	67,500	67,500	0	0	0
Maryland	47	22,500	38,620	47	22,500	3,800
Massachusetts	5	195,000	195,000	3	75,000	500
Michigan	24	146,992	496,256	8	13,380	not clear
Minnesota	30	65,000	334,295	16	22,287	N/A
Mississippi	23	170,000	244,296	9	94,655	167
Missouri	51	118,313	82,076	3	8,414	30
Montana	11	12,200	15,700	0	0	0
Nebraska	26	43,081	126,651	5	10,396	40
Nevada	15	51,672	-	13	49,875	1,340
New Hampshire	0	0	0	1	36,000	48
New Jersey	42	581,500	641,500	15	102,000	-
New Mexico	5	128,700	257,400	3	113,000	1,600
New York	26	152,822	465,044	15	120,222	9,090
North Carolina	54	133,000	276,000	10	24,424	316
North Dakota	34	233,944	163,944	26	132,581	1,110
Ohio	58	483,409	966,818	-	-	-
Oklahoma	24	162,872	242,060	8	68,434	***
Oregon	17	64,000	92,000	1	6,723	125
Pennsylvania	141	294,545	370,296	77	162,017	5,800
Puerto Rico	20	75,000	320,314	15	47,850	389
Rhode Island	12	135,080	172,872	4	42,300	105
South Carolina	30	190,000	266,290	3	18,000	unknown
South Dakota	29	45,200	32,110	29	45,200	unknown
Tennessee	20	155,000	170,788	3	33,289	20
Texas	46	282,944	459,532	25	147,590	1,649
Utah	17	38,600	40,752	1	30,000	5,388
Vermont	37	31,019	46,932	22	16,614	282
Virginia	37	185,000	359,660	13	74,583	73,210
Washington	15	265,418	359,661	3	17,182	259

West Virginia	5	55,000	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wyoming	56	36,667	95,042	11	10,285	490

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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>7,290,321</b>	<b>12,141,738</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>2,439,054</b>	<b>119,580</b>
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\* \$50,000 provided as Grant to UCF Program.

*956,640 hours*

\*\* Law only gives us the authority to provide grants to municipalities.

\*\*\* Have not completed project yet, impossible estimate.

*Forest Service*

April 5, 1993

## Volunteerism in the Forest Service

The Forest Service entered into a partnership with Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences in February 1993. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the Superintendent of Fairfax Schools to provide a framework for cooperation to promote agriculture, forestry, environmental and conservation education, and to encourage youth to consider careers in USDA.

Bailey's Elementary School is unique in that it epitomizes the concept of the United States as a "nation of nations," and includes students who come from 43 different countries and speak 22 languages in addition to English. The plan is for Bailey's to host enhanced instructional programs and technology facilities and to become a model for the country and the nation.

FS employees will provide guest lecturing, participate in Career Planning activities, do mentoring, tutoring, role model activities, coordinate tours on National Forests, and provide surplus materials and supplies, such as tree seedlings and office equipment.

A copy of the FS MOU and brochures on Bailey's are attached. <sup>previously furnished</sup>

To help the FS celebrate "Earth Day" on April 20, about a hundred students will be sharing their cultural messages relating to the natural world and lead in a chorus "It's a Small World".

Volunteerism opportunities abound at Bailey's and other schools in the area.

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All around the country, FS employees are very involved in providing community service. During the past 2 years, the Secretary and Chief of the Forest Service recognized 1029 Forest Service employees for their personal contributions of volunteer time to their community and fellow man. Some FS retirees have also been recognized. Recognition certificates and plaques were presented in local ceremonies, with meaningful publicity, on their contribution of community service.

A few examples of volunteerism by specific focus areas follow:

### WORKING WITH YOUTH

--contributes time weekly as Tutor in reading, spelling and English at the Washington Literacy Council

--Coordinator and counselor for World Experience - a Foreign Exchange Program for High School students.

- Instructor and mentor at Van Ness (USDA's adopted school)
- Participate in drug awareness programs such as DARE
- Instructor for Presidential Classroom in Washington to provide leadership training for High School Seniors
- Organized Club Wild on Job Corps Center to stimulate interest in the environment. Money raised from recycling is used for Christmas presents for disadvantaged youth.
- Organizing baseball leagues for socially, economically or ethnically disadvantaged.
- Instructor at local Job Corps Center

#### ENVIRONMENT

- Organized Can-Do-Kids Recycling Program to teach recycling and provide a small business opportunity to make money and learn good work habits.
- Organized an abandoned car removal and trash clean-up for Earth Day.
- As president of local Audubon Society, works with scouts and other groups on environmental issues such as monitoring bluebird nest boxes and conducting old growth inventories.
- Develop and conduct environmental education programs in local schools
- Organized a Solid Waste Management Board and serves as volunteer Vice President
- Gives hour long programs in local school on how to enjoy the outdoors - how to camp, go on hikes, identify trees and animals, collect rocks and insects.
- Help with High School Nature Trail program
- Help with Project Learning Tree activities

#### COMMUNITY NEEDS

- Serve on Volunteer Fire Departments and as Emergency Medical Technicians
- Serve as First Aid and CPR Instructor for Red Cross.
- 25 years as coach with local Recreation Department, providing role model and counseling with 13-16 year olds.
- Work with local organizations such as Lions Clubs, Jaycees, Optimists, Kiwanis, veterans groups and senior citizens organizations.

--Organize Craft Bazaars, Fashion Shows and other activities to raise funds for college scholarships, battered women's shelters, Meals on Wheels, homeless organizations, etc.

--Serve as Reserve Peace Officers for County Sheriff's Department and on Search and Rescue organizations.

--work with local Town Council to identify and implement economic diversification projects due to changing timber base

--Coordination of work by local prison trustee unit and local youth forestry camp to provide meaningful project work.

--Serve on Hospital Boards, Town Councils,

--Teach Adult Education classes.

--Obtain grants for restoration work on Historical Society buildings

--Headed task force that successfully implemented 911 service in rural area

--Organized "Friends of the Day Care" that established standards, support group and services needed for child care in local area.

#### CONSERVATION

--Teach Natural Resource course on the Crow Reservation at the Little Bighorn College.

--Teach Adult Education classes on outdoor subjects.

--Founding President of State Interpretive Association

--Organize and help conduct week long resource career expo for Indian students to learn about forestry.

--Provided materials and developed publicity to organize local Adopt-A-Campground

#### HUMAN SERVICES

--Organized a Single Parent Support Group.

--Facilitator and leader for Marriage Encounter to improve communication in relationships.

--Advisory Council Member for RSVP

- On Citizens Advisory Board for local Mental Health Organization
- Outreach ministry to prisoners; speaker to groups of harm of drug addiction; works with So Others May Eat (SOME) - a local organization that feeds the hungry.
- Board of Directors for Family Service Center
- conducted "patterning" (physical therapy) for woman injured in a bicycle accident
- On Board of Directors for County Association for Retarded Citizens; responsible for planning and public relations to achieve legislative and financial support for halfway housing, day schooling and other services.
- Supplies transportation for Light House for the Blind and arranges for public services such as food stamps, meals-on-wheels
- Literacy tutor at local Native American Reservation
- Organized tax assistance service for seniors in 4-county area
- Actively work with local Habitat for Humanity

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The Forest Service had about 109,000 volunteers helping with management of the National Forest System. The volunteer program is managed under provisions of the Volunteers in the National Forest Act of 1972.

The Touch America Project (TAP) is a special component of the overall volunteer program effort. It provides opportunities for youths ages, 14-17, to gain work experience and environmental awareness while working on the public lands. In FY 1992, private sector organizations sponsored over 4,600 youths in TAP. Projects included maintaining and building trails and constructing recreation areas. The FS and cooperating private sector entities provide tools, training, and supervision. The government assumes tort and workmen's compensation liability.

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The FS actively participates in USDI's Take Pride in America program. On the average about six national winners come to Washington to participate in the Awards Ceremony in the summer.

POINTS OF LIGHT NOMINATIONS  
thru MARCH 30, 1993

	<u>INDIVIDUAL</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
REGION 1	74	7 = 130	204
REGION 2	79	1 = 25	104
REGION 3	37		37
REGION 4	18		18
REGION 5	34	2 = 55	89
REGION 6	205	1 = 30	235
REGION 8	23	2 = 86	109
REGION 9	64	1 = 32	96
REGION 10	18		18
STATIONS:			
RM	4		4
SO	6		6
SE	5		5
NE/NA	33		33
PSW	3		3
FPL		1 = 14	14
WASHINGTON OFFICE	54		54
<u>TOTAL</u>			1029

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Subject: Volunteer & Training Site Info

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To: Joel Berg, National Service Program, USDA

Enclosed is the information you requested of the Forest Service during the USDA Working Group meeting on April 9:

- Information on community service volunteers and volunteer programs
- Matrix of urban forestry volunteer information shown by States receiving urban forestry grants
- Listing of potential youth training sites. Additional analysis would be required should there be interest in a specific geographic area. This data was prepared in the Fall of 1992 based on available information on potential Military site closings.
- Department of Labor publication showing location of the 18 Job Corps Centers that the Forest Service manages. Also included are USDI and centers managed under contract. The "USDA Forest Service" is shown immediately under the Center name for those managed by the Forest Service.

We look forward to working closely with you on volunteer and national service program initiatives. Feel free to contact Katherine Allen if additional information is needed 703-235-8840.



IRVING W. THOMAS, Director  
Human Resource Programs

Enclosures

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Summary:

I MET WITH RON DEMUNDERUM 5/27. HE REQUESTED A SUPPORT STATEMENT FROM S&PF ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PIECE OF THE FOREST SERVICE PROPOSAL TO THE CORPORATION, WHO WILL BE REVIEWING THE PROPOSALS FOR APPROVAL ON TUESDAY MAY 31, 1994.

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john, enclosed is an update for alaska. I hope this will help  
complete cf package. thanks for coming to the fore front. don

STATE AN PRIVATE FORESTRY

AMERICORPS 1995 PROPOSALS

SUPPORTING PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Forest Service through its State and Private Forestry Programs strongly supports the concept and approach of National Service and Americorps project. Most of the State and Private Forestry Program is directed to technical assistance, through partnerships, collaborative planning process and the Administrations Team USDA concept of extending Government to reinvent ways to improve its management concept. Through the current legislative mandates i.e Rural Development, Urban and Community Forestry, Wood and Transportation, along with Economic Development State and Private Forestry will be able to fund the \$2.6 million (48 participants) commitment to the Americorps project. Listed below are some of the expectations of the Forest Service.

Expectation:

Environment

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Development of a community-based sustainable economic development strategies using renewable natural resources in ways that protect and enhance the environment is the primary need to be met by this program. The program will help communities identify environmentally sound economic alternatives, provide professional and technical assistance in analyzing these alternatives, and work with community and business leaders to implement essential projects that lead to sustainable economic activity. Participants will provide both professional and technical support skills often unavailable in rural and urban communities.

Participants will provide technical this in a wide variety of areas to existing rural and urban businesses and entrepreneurs wishing to start businesses. Activities will focus on enhancing production of value-added products from forest resources, helping rural and urban communities capitalize on travel and tourism opportunities, developing businesses based on recycled products, and supporting development of community-based economic development organizations.

Education

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Participants will be working in a mentored environment where professional Forest Service and State Forester's staff provide guidance and direction.

Training will focus on developing interpersonal skills, collaborative planning skills, group involvement skills, consensus building skill, and meeting management skills. Participants will be utilizing their professional and technical skills in a real world environment. They will learn much about the decision-making process in rural and urban communities and how to help diverse groups reach consensus on difficult issues.

#### Human Needs

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Participants will become part of a team effort to assist rural and urban communities in making informed decisions as citizens identify, develop and implement sustainable economic development strategies. Participants will be asked to apply their professional and technical skills in real world situations which will affect the future of the communities in which they work. This involvement at the local level will familiarize participants with the resources, needs, and aspirations of rural and urban communities and increase their awareness of rural and urban people. These efforts will improve the decision-making capabilities of the Participants, and provide new experiences to broaden their cultural awareness.

Participants activities are expected to have a significant positive impact on the economy in both rural and urban America. The professional and technical expertise that participants will bring to bear in assisting existing businesses will help them become more competitive in both domestic and international markets. Targeted market research efforts will identify new products, business development efforts will improve the use of technology, updated management systems, improved advertising/sales techniques, and worker training programs implemented on-site will help improve business profitability and competitiveness. Business growth, job creation, and increased opportunities for value-added manufacturing opportunities will result. Participants will also support the development of home-based and micro-businesses. Participants will help prepare business plans, assist in the preparation of financing packages, assist in grant writing, and develop micro-loan programs in rural communities to help generate successful small businesses.

#### Program Design

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Participants will be working throughout the State. Rental housing assistance is available through local housing placement service. Travel and per diem expenses will be paid when overnight travel is required. When project work requires extended travel periods, arrangements will be made for housing with local families through out the state.

#### Program Elements

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Self-confidence and practical experience in project planning, group process, consensus building, team work, multi-cultural awareness, and in natural resource based sustainable economic development will be gained from this program. Work experience will involve a variety of technical efforts done in conjunction with a variety of partners. This includes designing, producing, mailing and analyzing several broad-based surveys aimed at a determining community needs such as improvement in the local businesses and what these companies are producing and what they are capable of producing, what new sales opportunities may exist or be potentially available. These will lead to the development of business plans. These will be used to address employment and management needs. Additional work experience will be gained in group decision-making, consensus building, and grass roots planning processes.

#### Recruitment Goals

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Our primary recruitment goal is to identify college students from rural and urban communities that are enrolled as juniors, seniors, or graduate students in local colleges or universities, or students that wish to gain appropriate job experience. Contacts have been made with the 1890 and other minority schools to determine student interest in participating in this program. We hope to create a diverse crew workforce through these strategies.

#### Administering Organization

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The USDA Forest Service through State and Private Forestry and it's field units will be the administering organization. Currently, we hire many summer interns for a variety of activities. This program will be an extension of that effort. The emphasis will be to provide practical experience within the framework of community-based economic development and urban and community forestry activities. Such practical experience should improve the employability of the Participants. This practical experience will be supported by specific training designed to meet the needs of the participants.

#### Program Partners

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The program will be run in cooperation with a variety of partners. These partners will assist in planning, coordination, training, implementation, and monitoring the program. These program partners are:

The Rural Development Councils  
The Urban and Community Forestry network

The Tribble councils  
The Private sector  
Foundations  
Small Business Development Centers  
Cooperative Extension Service  
State Forestry Organizations  
Other USDA TEAMS (SCS, ASCS, etc.)  
Non-Profit Organizations  
Professional Organizations  
States Agencies

ARIZONA AMERICORPS PROGRAM

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SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Arizona AmeriCorps program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 90 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

**PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

Enhance trails, campgrounds, picnic areas and other developed recreation sites on National Forests and National Parks in Arizona, meeting guidelines set by each agency at the specific locations, and completing 75% of all projects by September 1, 1995;

Construct 300 foot bridges on trails across stream crossings at 300 specific sites throughout the National Forest and National Parks,

Reconstruct, relocation, and/or replacement 200 miles of hiking trails on National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, National Parks and Arizona State lands, and

Retread work and erosion control on over 1,500 miles of hiking trail.

All work to be coordinated through each agencies recreation specialist staffs.

Cut and remove 300 acres of suppressed seedlings to improve forest health and tree growth, utilizing standards set forth by project specialist, by October 1, 1994. Survival rates (80% successful) and growth increase will be measured by district specialist during the spring of 1996.

Plant 100 acres of trees in post-wildfire and timber harvest sites, under the supervision of timber management specialist, completing the projects by July 1, 1995. Survival rates will be measured by district specialist during the spring of 1996, 80% survival will be considered successful.

OLYMPIC NATIONAL FOREST - WASHINGTON  
AMERICORPS - FORT WORDEN

SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Olympic National Forest program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 32 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Restoration and enhance ecosystems for threatened and endangered sensitive species throughout the Olympic National Forest. Projects would include the construction and installation of 50 bird and bat nest boxes, construction and installation of 20 structures in streams to improve habitat for endangered salmon stocks. Projects would meet wildlife and fisheries specialist guidelines, and 80% of the work completed by October 1, 1995.

Watershed restoration projects would include placement of erosion control matting, willow and grass seed planting and fertilization for protection of municipal watersheds and salmon bearing streams on over two miles of stream bed. Community development projects in cooperation with State of Washington and local counties with the aim of reducing the potential for listing of threatened salmon species would be completed. 80% of the projects would be completed in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 1, 1995. Guidelines would be developed by fisheries specialist and monitored for one year following completion.

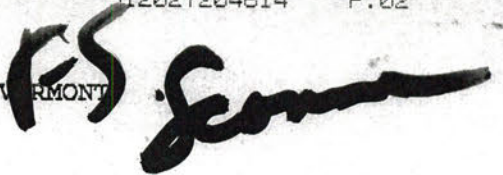
Complete rehabilitation and maintenance on campgrounds, picnic areas and other developed recreation facilities on fifteen sites on the Olympic National Forest. Meet established guidelines and universal access design guidelines as identified in the 1994 transition plan. Work may include removal of hazard trees, repair or replacement of tables, fireplaces, comfort stations, water systems and parking barriers. Projects would be completed by September 1, 1995. Recreation specialist would approve final work prior to the project sites being open to the public.

Construction and maintenance of 100 camp sites throughout the Olympic National Forest, to regional standards, as identified in the Forest Plan. All work to be completed by September 30, 1995.

Construct 10 "front country" (non-wilderness) horse camps at select locations on the Forest to regional standards, in order to lessen impact of stock use in Wilderness areas and on water resources. Projects to be coordinated with Watershed Initiative and 80% completion by September 1, 1996.

Maintain approximately 250 miles of trails throughout the Forest and five Wilderness areas, completing lower elevation work by June 1, 1995 and higher elevation work by September 30, 1995. Maintenance would include the rehabilitation of trail structures including shelters, bridges, puncheon, turnpiking, cribwalls, gabion, information boards, and signing.

## GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST - VERMONT

SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Green Mountain National Forest - Vermont program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 20 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Enhance campgrounds, picnic areas and other developed recreation sites on the Green Mountain National Forest, meeting guidelines set by project specialist at specific locations, and completing the projects by September 30, 1995, at the following (non-inclusive) locations;

Grade and gravel sites and pathways for resource protection and accessibility for people with disabilities at the following recreation sites:

- Moosalamoo CG
- Robert Forest Wayside and Interpretive Trail.
- Chittenden Brook CG
- Texas Falls Picnic Area
- Brandon Brook Picnic Area
- Silver Lake CG
- White Rocks Picnic Area
- Greendale CG
- Grout Pond Recreation Area
- Red Mill CG
- Hapgood Pond Recreation Area
- Various developed trailheads forest wide.

Replace 50 campfire rings and construct 25 picnic tables to meet current standards for accessibility and resource protection at recreational sites, for safer public use, complete 80% of the work by October 1, 1995, under the direction of a recreation specialist.

Repair signs and improve restroom facilities at the 22 developed recreation sites. Meet accessibility retrofit needs as identified in accessibility transition plans. Attempt to complete 25% of the sites in the first year.

Enhance wildlife habitat throughout the forest, following guidelines set forth by the project specialist, and completing projects in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 30, 1995. Work would include wildlife habitat improvements on 300 acres of forest land, monitoring 30 wildlife plots and participation in collecting and identification of small mammals as an element of wildlife monitoring activities. Reduce the backlog of maintenance of permanent wildlife openings by cutting approximately 200 acres of openings per year.

Utilize the "Forest as a Classroom" to provide environmental education to local elementary schools, accomplish by June 15, 1995. Participants would provide environmental education to approximately 1500 children in 50 to 60 classrooms by November 1, 1995.

SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST - NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Northern California - Six Rivers National Forest program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 20 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Enhance campgrounds and picnic areas in the Smith River National Recreation Area, completing 100 sites for general public use, meeting guidelines set by regional standards and approved by the Forest Recreation Specialist by September 1, 1995.

Improve the ecosystems for threatened and endangered sensitive species at 30 remote locations throughout the forest, effecting at least 20,000 acres of forest lands, following guidelines set forth by the project wildlife specialist, and completing projects in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 1, 1995.

Cut and remove 300 acres of suppressed seedlings to improve forest health and tree growth, utilizing standards set forth by project specialist, by September 1, 1995. Survival rates (80% successful) and growth increase will be measured by district specialist during the spring of 1996.

Plant 100 acres of trees in post-wildfire and timber harvest sites, under the supervision of timber management specialist, completing the project by July 1, 1995. Survival rates will be measured by district specialist during the spring of 1996, 80% survival will be considered successful.

## GREATER JACKSON YOUTH SERVICE CORPS - MISSISSIPPI

SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Greater Jackson Youth Service Corps program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 20 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Enhance the habitat of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker in 80% of 91 colonies at sites selected by the forest wildlife biologist, utilizing herbicides on the midstory vegetation, and complete by September 1, 1995. Survey for performance to be conducted during winter/spring of 1996.

Reroute and retread the Bienville Scenic Pine Trail, on a 1.8 mile section, meeting regional trails standards for hikers and handicapped forest visitors, including proper directional and informative signs, and complete the project by April 1, 1995. Open to handicapped forest visitors after approval by the forest recreation specialist.

Recondition 23 miles of the Shockaloe Trail, maintain to regional standards for horseback riding and hiking and complete 80% of the trail work by August 20, 1995. Trail considered completed after final approval received by forest recreation officer.

Release 30 acres of suppressed seedlings to improve forest health, utilizing standards set forth by project specialist, by September 1, 1995. Improve the growth of 80% of the residual seedlings, as determined by site surveys made by the timber management officer.

ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST - OREGON  
KATYDID AMERICORPS CAMP



SET OF ANNUAL OBJECTIVES

(The final size of the Katydid - Rogue River National Forest program will be determined by funding and application approval. For the purpose of this document the program size is 35 participants. The program is dependent upon start-up funds prior to October 1, 1994 in order to meet the targets identified in our objectives.)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Enhance campgrounds and picnic areas and other developed recreation sites on the Rogue River National Forest, meeting guidelines set by project specialist at specific locations. Complete 100 sites for general public use by September 1, 1995.

Replace 10 trail bridges on trails at 10 specific streamcrossing on the Rouge River National Forest, meeting regional engineering standards, and approved by Forest Engineer prior to public use. Complete 60% of the bridges by September 1, 1995.

Maintain 100 miles of hiking trails at high elevation sites determined to be priority maintenance locations, meeting regional hiking trail standards, and completing 80% of the trail and making available for public use by August 30, 1995.

Enhance spotted owl ecosystems at 10 locations on the forest, following guidelines set forth by the wildlife biologist, and completing projects in a time frame that would be sensitive to the needs of individual species, but no later than September 1, 1995.

will forward to appropriate agency i.e. Community Action Agencies, Food Pantries

- Respond to an average of 25 calls per day
- Generate media campaign (radio & television commercials and billboards) via public service announcements promoting the 1-800 number

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**C. Increase public awareness about the opportunities available through local, state, and federal agencies for resource problems.**

1. The work to be done is to produce slide and video materials that can be used for statewide information and education activities. Other services available from the participating agencies will be included in any materials that are put together.
2. Increased awareness level by all Oklahoma's concerning the importance of protecting our natural resources.
3. The impact will be measured by the number of requests received for informational materials and any increase in participation for services related to windbreaks or natural resource conservation.
4. The awareness campaign will be a success if 50 requests are received for more information and a 10% increase in program participation occurs concerning windbreak restoration.
5. The main benefactors are the people in western Oklahoma, but all Oklahoma's will benefit by learning more about the fragile environment they live in.

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FOREST SERVICE CONTRIBUTION  
TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION

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

SUMMARY

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

ASSUMPTIONS

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

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

PROJECT PROPOSALS

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

South Carolina

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

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

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

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

#### Mississippi Delta

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Alaska

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

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

### Appalachia

(1) Southern Region Component:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Northeastern Area Component:

This section addresses the needs of the State of WV.

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

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

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

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

Four Corners

This area includes the States of AZ, CO, NM, and UT.

Prior to the initiation of the regional agency and community "Strengthening Partnerships for Active Rural Communities" (SPARCS) collaboration, the Forest Service was actively working with many partners in the 4 Corners area, including a dozen Community Action Teams, and projects with the Navajo, Zuni and Jicarilla Apache tribes. The intent of SPARCS was to build on the existing partnerships, as well as initiate actions that are of regional scope for the entire 4-Corners area that have broad-based community support. The agency's desire under the Americorps program, is to strongly support both its longer term partnerships at the individual community level, as well as to accelerate the projects identified in the last six months within the SPARCS process.

The 4 Corners Site is defined for the Americorps proposal as the lands contained within the boundaries of the 4 RC&D areas that touch at the 4 Corners Monument. Included within the area are the lands or influence zones of the San Juan, Rio Grande, Manti-La Sal, Carson, Cibola, Santa Fe, Coconino and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

The Forest Service plans to use AmeriCorps members to work on four projects as follows:

(1) Devise social, economic and demographic shared data bases to support sustainable economic development. Specifically these data bases are needed to establish baseline information regarding current local conditions and trends. They will be used to suggest and validate strategies for diversifying or strengthening local economies.

(2) Train people for community capacity building and leadership development throughout the 4-Corners region by conducting regional workshops and local seminars; increasing preparedness and skill to support sustainable rural economic development; and promoting dialogue and collaborative learning activities organized around regional development concerns, such as value-added forestry, agriculture and tourism.

(3) Develop a tribal tourism and 4 Corners Heritage Council throughout the 4-Corners area, with emphasis on tribal lands. All of the Tribes within the 4-Corners are pursuing tourism development as an economic development strategy. The Heritage Council was commissioned by the Governors of the four affected states with a charter to develop locally-based heritage tourism opportunities, with an emphasis on providing an economic boost to the tribes and rural communities. They have 4 mutual objectives (projects) for 1994-97:

- a. Community Tourism Development Plans on the Navajo Reservation
- b. Tourism / Recreation Facilities Site Plans on the Navajo Reservation.
- c. Train Native American Resource Interpreters
- d. Archaeological Research, Guided Tours, and Ruin Stabilization on the Ute Mtn Ute Tribal Park.

(4) Develop a 4 Corners business and expansion program through a business retention and expansion (R&E) program for the Four Corners region. The purpose of this program is to identify and solve business problems related to survival, expansion and start-up and thereby to strengthen and/or increase economic activity. The program would require a full-time coordinator familiar with the area who would serve all the program participants.

The Forest Service allocates \$483,700 to fund 12 positions in the Four Corners area. All funds are RCA program dollars. The skills for the 12 positions are as follows: two AmeriCorps members with undergraduate degrees having a socio-economic and data base management background; one AmeriCorps member with a masters degree in community/regional planning; six AmeriCorps people - one regional planner requiring a masters degree, one community development specialist with a masters degree, one public or business administration with a masters degree, one landscape architect with an undergraduate degree, one recreation planner with an undergraduate degree, and one interpretation and environmental educator with an undergraduate degree; and three AmeriCorps members - one with a masters degree in business and economic development and two people with community planning skills and undergraduate degrees.

In the Four Corners area, AmeriCorps members will also be used to address projects contained in the State specific plans of AZ, CO, NM, and UT. Examples of State specific projects include a community and public land partnership in CO and a local community partnerships and networks effort in AZ and NM.

#### Minnesota

Forest Service efforts are directed to those counties with the highest unemployment rates and with resources available for natural resource-based economic development. AmeriCorps members will carry out sustainable natural resource-based economic development activities identified by local communities and planned cooperatively by the communities, the Minnesota DNR, the Minnesota Department of Economic Development, the University of Minnesota, and the Northeastern Area's Economic Action Program.

Those counties where natural resource based industries make up more than 15% of the economy and with above state average unemployment will be targeted for initial efforts.

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

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

The Forest Service commits \$615,000 (including funds for project related activities) to Minnesota to fund 11 AmeriCorps positions as follows: (1) \$315,000 of RCA funds for 6 AmeriCorps positions, (2) \$100,000 of FPC&R dollars to fund 1 AmeriCorps individual, (3) \$100,000 of U&CF program dollars for 2 AmeriCorps people, and (4) \$100,000 of WIT money for 2 AmeriCorps positions. These AmeriCorps members will possess the following skills: marketing

specialist (undergraduate degree), business development specialist (graduate degree), computer specialist (undergraduate degree), travel/tourism specialist (graduate degree), industrial engineer/wood processing specialist (graduate degree), aquaculture specialist/fisheries biologist (undergraduate degree), industrial education specialist (graduate degree), environmental engineer (graduate degree), civil engineer (undergraduate degree), and operations management specialist (graduate degree).

Forest Service Submittal To USDA Regarding Rural Development Team											
SITES	REGION	RECYCL. U&CF or FPC&R # PEOPLE	RECYCL. U&CF or FPC&R Dollars	RCA ER,RD & EDS # People	RCA ER,Rd & EDS DOLLARS	WIT # PEOPLE	WIT DOLLARS	IN-Kind DOLLARS	OTHER DOLLARS	TOTAL # PEOPLE	TOTAL DOLLARS
S. Carolina	R8			5	\$100,000			\$32,000	\$100,000	5	\$132,000
MS Delta	R8	3	\$60,000	9	\$180,000	3	\$60,000	\$84,000	\$240,000	15	\$384,000
Alaska	R10	2	\$40,000	3	\$60,000			\$55,000		5	\$155,000
Appalachia	R8	5	\$100,000	15	\$300,000			\$50,000	\$50,000	20	\$450,000
Appalachia	NA	1	\$89,500	3	\$145,000	2	\$89,500	\$56,000		6	\$380,000
4 Corners	R2,R3,R4			12	\$440,000			\$43,700		12	\$483,700
Minn.	NA	2	\$91,050	7	\$377,900	2	\$91,050	\$55,000		11	\$615,000
TOTAL		13	\$380,550	54	\$1,602,900	7	\$240,550	\$375,700	\$390,000	74	\$2,599,700
The Mississippi Delta includes MS, AR, & LA											
Appalachia (R8) includes KY, TN, GA, VA, & NC											
Appalachia (NA) includes WV											
4 Corners includes CO, NM, AZ, UT											
U&CF is Urban & Community Forestry											
FPC&R is Forest Products Conservation & Recycling											
RCA is Rural Community Assistance											
RCA consists of Economic Recovery, Rural Development, & Economic Diversification Studies											
WIT is Wood in Transportation											



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INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

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FROM: Jack Ward Thomas  
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J. Lamar Beasley

SUBJECT: Youth Environmental Service (YES)

ISSUE:

Forest Service participation in the YES program.

DISCUSSION:

Under the direction of Attorney General Janet Reno, the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of the Interior (DOI), have developed the Youth Environmental Service program.

The YES program supports the implementation of innovative environmental, conservation, and improvement programs for juvenile offenders and at-risk youth on Federal lands. The YES pilot phase is being developed as part of a collaborative effort between the DOJ & DOI and in accordance with the November 18, 1993, Sense of the Senate Resolution (see enclosed). Three sites have been selected in Florida, Utah, and the District of Columbia. Also enclosed is a copy of the Youth Environmental Corps Characteristics.

SUMMARY:

This is an excellent opportunity for the Forest Service to expand the Hosted Program activity to accommodate needs of the State-level juvenile justice system who has the necessary funding. The Forest Service has been asked to commit to three sites located in the States of Indiana, Oregon, and North Carolina. We are working with the Regions to identify the specific location. Senator Bob Graham will be contacting Secretary Espy to get his commitment to participate. The Secretary will receive an invitation to participate in the national dedication of YES on Friday, February 18, 1994 at the Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida.

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosures



103D CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GRAHAM submitted the following resolution; which was \_\_\_\_\_

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## **RESOLUTION**

To express the sense of the Senate that programs for children and youth, utilizing Federal land, should be established and supported.

Whereas various Federal land, especially environmentally sensitive Federal land, should be made available to the States and territories for certain programs for children and youth;

Whereas federally owned land, such as national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, Bureau of Land Management land, and National Forest Service land, offer an excellent option to solve the problems of siting and zoning commonly faced by programs for neglected, abused, runaway, homeless, disturbed, "at-risk", and delinquent children and teenagers;

Whereas Federal land and personnel administering it offer great educational and personal development opportunities

for our young people, who offer in return significant work on the ecology and the promise of a planet-sensitive next generation;

Whereas wilderness settings provide the public security from seriously delinquent, violent teenagers for whom constructive discipline and a challenging environment are proven, effective correctional tools;

Whereas programs for youngsters who pose no threat to the public or themselves may be placed in less remote sites, even within communities;: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, It is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) the Departments of Justice, Interior, De-  
3       fense, Agriculture, Commerce, Labor, Education,  
4       Health and Human Services, and any other execu-  
5       tive branch agencies having properties or resources  
6       to devote to a project to make such properties and  
7       resources available to programs for children and  
8       youth are urged to act cooperatively in the establish-  
9       ment and ongoing support of such programs; and

10              (2) a nationwide network of small, specialized,  
11       residential or nonresidential programs, principally  
12       operated by the private sector, under State or local  
13       control, and Federal approval and supervision should  
14       be established and supported.

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS  
CHARACTERISTICS

1. Performance based programming, completion based upon exhibiting specific competencies.
2. Vigorous, hard work, varied assignments/projects that integrate educational and vocational experience.
3. Strong mentoring by staff and volunteers who will work alongside youth on projects.
4. Community involvement in supporting the program in the residential phase, transitional planning, and aftercare.
5. The potential for paid work that will be dedicated to transitional living and victim restitution.
6. Mental health and substance abuse overlay services as needed.
7. A strong recreational component.
8. Aftercare planning that is individual in nature and begins at the point the youth enters the program.
9. Consistent family interventions both while the youth is in the residential and aftercare phases.
10. Commitment to cultural diversity.
11. Evaluation, both implementation and outcome.