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MEMORANDUM

2-28-95

TO: Jim Coyle, AmeriCorps Coordinator
RECD

FROM: Elizabeth Jones, Special Assistant for AmeriCorps
USDA Office of Communications *EJ*

SUBJECT: Request for House and Senate AmeriCorps Counties

Below is the list you requested of locations of RECD AmeriCorps members with regards to the States and Congressional Districts for the members of Congress on the attached list.

This list of serving AmeriCorps members is based on the most current accounting of rural development duty stations/project sites available as of the date of this memo. The counties listed contain at least one duty station of the serving member(s). More than one duty station may be contained within each county listed and additional/surrounding counties that are not listed may be served by a member(s) based at the duty stations listed.

U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies:

Thad Cochran (MS) - Adams, Bolivar, Claiborne, Hinds, Holmes, Jefferson, Madison, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington, and Yazoo counties

Arlen Specter (PA) - No RECD duty stations

Christopher Bond (MO) - No RECD duty stations

Slade Gorton (WA) - Chelan, Grant, Yakima counties

Mitch McConnell (KY) - Bell, Floyd, Knox, Laurel, Lincoln, and Perry counties

Conrad Burns (MT) - No RECD duty stations

Dale Bumpers (AR) - Craighead, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis counties

Tom Harkin (IA) - No RECD duty stations

Bob Kerrey (NE) - No RECD duty stations

Bennett Johnston (LA) - Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Rapides, Richmond counties

Herb Kohl (WI) - No RECD duty stations

U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies:

Joe Skeen (NM) - Luna and Dona Ana counties

Congressman Skeen is the only member of this Subcommittee who has an RECD duty station in his district.

House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Joe Skeen	New Mexico	Richard Durbin	Illinois
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Jack Kingston	Georgia		
Rodney P. Frelinghuysen	New Jersey		
Mark W. Neumann	Wisconsin		

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United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies

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April 24, 1995

Honorable Sam Brownback
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Brownback:

Enclosed is a summary of the first Quarterly Report on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's AmeriCorps programs. This report summarizes the outstanding accomplishments of AmeriCorps Members in your district and across the country who are getting things done for America.

USDA AmeriCorps projects include Anti-Hunger programs, Public Lands and Environment programs, and Rural Development programs. The Members serve in both urban and rural districts while earning credits for educational expenses.

Additionally, our second Quarterly Report will be available soon, and will provide more information about our projects.

We are extremely proud of the many achievements of the USDA AmeriCorps members and hope that you have an opportunity to visit one of our sites. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Jones at 720-6350.

Sincerely,

Joel Berg
Director
National Service

Enclosure

National and Community Service Coalition

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→ Q+ Report
→ CNCS Evaluation of MD sites
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May 9, 1995

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Conference Committee Considers Rescission Bill

Conferees are meeting to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of the rescission bill -- the legislation to take back funds for the current fiscal year. The Senate is represented in the Conference by the entire Appropriations Committee. The House named a smaller number of members to the Conference Committee. The House Conferees are as follows: Reps. Livingston (R-LA), Meyers (R-IN), Regula (R-OH), Lewis (R-CA), Porter (R-IL), Rogers (R-KY), Skeen (R-NM), Wolf (R-VA), DeLay (R-TX), Vucanovich (R-NV), Lightfoot (R-IA), Callahan (R-AL), Obey (D-WI), Yates (D-IL), Stokes (D-OH), Beville (D-AL), Fazio (D-CA), Hoyer (D-MD), Durbin (D-IL), Coleman (D-TX) and Mollohan (D-WV). Major differences remain between the House and Senate, including how much money to save overall and where to find those savings. National service is one area in which the House and Senate have sharp differences.

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Budget in the Works -- Tough Sledding for National Service

News coverage in the next few days may focus on the work of the House and Senate Budget Committees. Both have targeted cuts in national service as part of the way to reach a balanced budget. Rep. Kasich (R-OH), Chair of the House Budget Committee, has proposed to "zero out" (completely defund) national and community service. In the Senate, Sen. Domenici also proposed to end the national service program in order to balance the budget by 2002. These proposals are certainly reason for concern: they indicate the type of budget pressure that national service will be under this year. At the same time, remember that the Budget Resolutions are not binding. Final decisions on funding are made in the appropriations process, which will occur between June and September. The Senate response during consideration of the rescission bill shows there is considerable support for national service, especially when members of Congress hear the real story of what is happening in communities across the country.

Upcoming Hearings on National and Community Service

Congressional hearings on national and community service will continue in the next month. There are two hearing scheduled that could be critical to the future of national and community service. On May 18, Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT) will hold an oversight hearing under the jurisdiction of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee. Rep. Shays is one of the leading House supporters of national and community service, and this hearing is expected to highlight the program's successes. The witness list for this hearing has not been finalized yet, but Eli Segal is expected to testify along with others.

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TO: Kathryn Files Lacey

FROM: Joel Berg

The attached revised Forest Service AmeriCorps reprogramming letter was signed by the Secretary last week. We hand-delivered the letter to the appropriate appropriations sub-committee offices. Copies went to Senator Gorton, Senator Byrd, Congressman Regula, and Congressman Yates.

Approval is needed immediately in order for Forest Service AmeriCorps projects planned for this year to go forward.

If you have any questions, call me (202) 720-5746.



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TO: Sherry Kaiman

FROM: Joel Berg

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TO: Brian Jones

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To: Matt Calderone, NASC

From: Joel Berg

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To: Jeff Shockey

From: Joel Berg

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The attached revised Forest Service AmeriCorps reprogramming letter was signed by the Secretary last night. I hand-delivered the letter to the appropriate appropriations subcommittee offices this morning. Copies went to Senator Gorton, Senator Byrd, Congressman Regula, and Congressman Yates.

In order to start our very large program on the San Bernardino Forest, it would be helpful if the request could be approved immediately.

If you have any questions, call me at (202) 720-5746.

Attached is our updated summary and narrative

We have attempted to repond to all the questions.

We have droppped the Boston City Year component as we have not had sufficient time to coordinate.

We have increased the program to 36 weeks...our budget will have to be adjusted I will send in the revised application dollars via another FAX.

We propose to start in January of 95. To start in September 94 is beyond this unit's funding ability.

We feel that we have a strongly committed and quality proposal...that is realist and achievable.

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Program Summary

Environment - Restoration, maintenance, and management of national forest resources is the primary need to be met by this program. Work will reduce backlog maintenance of recreation facilities and trails. Site specific improvements will be made to meet accessibility standards for people with disabilities. Basic customer services in recreation areas. Wilderness management, watershed improvements, fisheries and wildlife projects will be completed.

Program Design

Thirty-two participants will be headquartered at Bog Brook National Guard Camp. Residential program is 36 weeks annually - March through October hosted WMNF and SCA. Recruitment of participants would begin in January of 1995 along with staff orientation and training with on site program beginning in March.

Program Elements

Work service will strengthen self confidence in areas of leadership, goal setting, teamwork, multicultural understanding, conflict resolution, work habits, and a sense of accomplishment will also be gained from work and program completion.

Recruitment Goals

The program recruitment will strive to mirror the White Mountain National Forest multicultural organization goals. Over the past 8 years, a statewide recruiting network, which includes among other professionals, educators, guidance counselors, peer leaders, and law enforcement officials, has been established. Materials will be distributed to appropriate youth by these individuals, as well as through all high schools and through an array of state and community organizations.

Administering Organization

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources and the environmental education of youth. Since its beginning in 1957, SCA has become a leader in providing opportunities for nearly 2,000 high schools and college-aged young people annually from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.

Program Partners

Student Conservation Association
Maine National Guard

National Forest Foundation
White Mountain National Forest

Other Work Partners - based on specific project needs including historic societies, trail maintainer clubs, and others.

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implemented exemplary crew leader training sessions and developed effective models for field supervision and support.

Training SCA's field supervisors are rigorously and individually screened. The selection process includes a comprehensive written application, interviews with SCA's management, and reference checks. Selection criteria includes outdoor living and work experience, first-aid skills and certification, and experience working with youth from diverse populations. All supervisors receive additional training by SCA on an annual basis.

Institutional Strengths SCA's years of experience in operating residential youth programs is their greatest strength. The recruitment, selection and training of field staff provided quality control of work and education programs offered to youth. Safety training, environmental education and job training material have been developed and proven to be effective. The support of a wide array of alumni add value to working with youth, they draw on alumni for role models and mentors of recent program participants.

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each project, national forest staff or resource professional will evaluate the work. Every 6 weeks, a national forest staff and an SCA camp director will evaluate the program accomplishments and set goals for the next evaluation period.

SCA will provide tracking to assess and evaluate the progress of participants from the program. This tracking will be completed in three phases. First, these youths will be entered into the alumni data bank and receive updates regarding SCA activities in their area. Second, the youth will be surveyed within 2 months of completion of the program. The survey will focus on changes in attitude, work habits, general maturity, and follow through on individual goals. Finally, all participants will be involved in environmental activities, such as White Mountain Trails Day and Earth Day activities that occur annually.

Institutional and Personnel Information

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of natural resources and the environmental education of youth. Since its beginning in 1957, SCA has become a leader in providing opportunities for nearly 2,000 high schools and college-aged young people annually from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. SCA staff is well trained and is a very matched partner to meet gender and multicultural needs stated in Americorps and Forest Service goals.

Principle Staff

Sott Weaver, Vice President, Field Operations joined SCA in 1978. Mr. Weaver oversees all of SCA's field programs--including those for at-risk youth and the international conservation youth exchanges operated by SCA. He worked in the field for ten years, and has extensive experience in program development and outdoor work and education projects.

Jay A. Satz, Director of Field Operations, has worked with SCA since 1986. A former crew leader and director of the Wilderness Work Skills Program, Mr. Satz was instrumental in the design and development of much of SCA's Seattle programming. In his current position, he is responsible for the quality, training and safety associated with all of SCA's field programs.

Marta Cruz Kelly, National Director of the CCDF, brings over ten years of conservation and minority program experience to her position. Before joining SCA, Ms. Kelly served as Training, Recruitment, and Interpretation Director, as well as Education Director, for the Philadelphia Ranger Corps. Previously, she was a Supervisory Park Ranger with the National Park Service at Indiana Dunes National Park.

Robert B. Coates, Director of NHCC, previously served with both SCA and NHCC as National Service Coordinator, assisting with development of applications to the Corporation on National and Community Service. Before joining SCA, Mr. Coates worked for both United States Senator Warren Rudman and Congressman Dick Swett, completed a Master in Public Administration Degree from the John F. Kennedy School of Government and a two-year tour with the United States Peace Corps.

Deborah Hinman, Administrative Director of the NHCC, brings eight years of youth training experience to her position, before joining SCA, Ms. Hinman served as a director for Work Options Network which provided education and training to out of school youth. In her current position she has developed and extensive recruiting network which provides applicants for NHCC's statewide programming.

William R. Twombly, Operations Director of the NHCC, has been working with NHCC since 1991 leading residential crews of youth and training crew leaders. Before serving adjudicated youth. In his current positions he has designed and

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Participants Placement and Supervision All participants will be part of an eight-person crew. The crew leadership will be provided by SCA staff. Work supervision will be provided by SCA with oversight and project design, standards and accomplishment monitoring carried out by the national forest staff and resource professionals.

Participants Characteristics

Thirty-two participants - The racial or ethnic and gender make of the participants will strive to mirror the multicultural employee goals of the White Mountain National Forest.

Participant Recruitment Over the past 8 years a statewide recruiting network, which includes other professionals, educators, administrators, guidance counselors, peer leadership directors, and law enforcement officials, has been established. Materials will be distributed to appropriate youth by these individuals as well as through all high schools and an array of state and community organizations such as DCYS, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA and YWCA, foster care, court diversion programs, and welfare offices. In addition, recruitment materials will be distributed to recipients of food stamps. This program will be coordinated with other efforts targeting youth with similar needs.

Participant Selection Participants will be asked to submit a brief descriptive application, write an essay on the goals they have set and how this program will assist them in meeting their goals, and two recommendations for a school counselor, teacher, and other community members they have as a supporter, mentor or employer.

Participant selection will be based on a normal ranking of their essays and recommendations, and contribution toward meeting the multicultural goals. Additionally, applications will be ranked on their need for educational assistance. Some participants will be drawn from the national recruitment system.

Participant Benefits

Each participant will receive:

- Health care coverage
- Part or full-time education award based on service completion
- Clothing, room and meals
- Weekly living allowance of \$75.00. The decrease in pay is because this is a resident program and participants will be provide room and meals.

Participants work service experince will strengthen their self confidence in areas of leadership, goal setting, teamwork, multicultural understanding, conflict resolution, work habits, and a sense of accomplishment gained from work and program completion.

The program will provide mentors, tutors, and education counselling for participants. Participants will receive training and education in self esteem and citizenship so that they know of opportunities to break the cycle of public assistance.

Evaluation and Monitoring

Each participant will be required to set individual goals for themselves and weekly they will meet with their crew leaders to discuss the goals attainment and to set additional goals. Each crew member will weekly assess the team work effort using a standardized team work assessment instrument of their crew and discuss the successes and shortfalls. Crew leaders will keep a weekly log of crew accomplishments and observations of the crew members. At the completion of

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Wilderness Management - Maintenance of Wilderness Trails - Work would also include restoration of dispersed user sites and removal of non-conforming structures within five Wildernesses. Project accomplishment would be 25 miles of trails to standards, 10 dispersed users sites restored, and 6 non-conforming structures removed.

Watershed Improvements - Work would include restoration of closed roads, seeding and clearing of drainage structures; riparian revegetation. Project accomplishment would be 5 acres of restorations.

Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Improvements - Monitoring wildlife plots and participation in collecting and identification of small mammals as an element of wildlife monitoring activities - Work would include monitoring and maintenance and/or installation of five instream fisheries structures and stocking of juvenile Atlantic salmon in headwater streams. Project accomplishment would be the 10 wildlife and fisheries sites monitored, 15 acres of habitat improvement, and the 200 acres of headwater streams stocked with juvenile Atlanta salmon.

Visitor and Community Services - A mountain stewardship program will allow us to reach hikers and backpackers in the largest alpine area in the Eastern United States. From June to August, stewards will provide information, education and interpretation to protect the scenic beauty and integrity of a unique--but fragile alpine ecosystem. Stewards will also provide information on low-impact camping and hiking, mountain safety and wilderness ethics. Project accomplishment would be the 6,000 individuals contacted.

Environmental Education and Interpretive Programs - Using "the forest as a classroom," participants would provide environmental education in coordination with Project Learning Tree and other resource-based environmental education curricula to local elementary schools. Project accomplishment would be 300 school students attending classes.

Relation to Need The projects were directly identified in the needs assessment and were detailed in three documents or data banks. First, the White Mountain National Forest Plan identified specific natural and recreation resource needs. Second, the 1993 Plan Monitoring Report described the natural resource program and project shortfalls. Finally, Forest project data bank listed all of the unmet needs in backlog resource work and their accomplishment needs.

Participant Training and Support The training and support needs of each individual will be met through either classroom style teaching, work practicum, and experience or direct services. The program will provide mentors, tutors, and education counselling for participants. Participants will receive training and education in self esteem and citizenship so that they know of opportunities to break the cycle of public assistance. A typical week will include training and education, in addition the first 2 weeks of the program cycle will be training and education.

Participants will be linked to existing components of other youth programs. They will have opportunities to participate in community service projects, educational field trips, college and career workshops, and a variety of activities with mentors and professionals.

Skills required to complete resource work will be taught by resource staff of the White Mountain National Forest and the SCA. Currently, the national forest and SCA host backcountry and wilderness training in all of the primary skills. This seasoned training staff will conduct the training programs for the participants.

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Crew leaders will be chosen from a pool of highly qualified individuals in competitive recruitment and interview process which ensures the safety and success of all education and field programs. Prior to the start of the program, all crew leaders will be rigorously trained during a 2-week program that includes certification in SOLO first aid, youth development, and supervision, backcountry living, and wilderness work skills. In addition, crew leaders receive training that allows them to manage safe and productive work crews as well as provide support and comfort to youth. Special topics such as multicultural sensitivity training, conflict resolution, team work, and leadership are given additional attention. Educational and vocational counselling will be provided through cooperative agreement with community school and youth supporting services.

Camp headquarters will be located at Bog Brook National Guard Camp facility. The camp consist of eight barrack buildings, messhall, laundry, and two training buildings. The headquarters will be used for all group training and during cold weather.

Field camps will be located near the project work sites. The purpose of the field camps is threefold: to provide project efficiency; to better facilitate team development; and to build the confidence of the individuals as they develop and experience backcountry living conditions. A natural outcome of field living is learning of lifelong skills in outdoor recreation in a safe environment.

Participants will be linked to existing components of other youth programs. They will have opportunities to participate in community service projects, educational field trips, college and career workshops, and a variety of activities with mentors and professionals.

SCA will provide tracking to assess and evaluate the progress of participants from the program. This tracking will be completed in three phases. First, these youths will be entered into the alumni data bank and receive updates regarding SCA activities in their area. Second, the youths will be surveyed within 2 months of completion of the program. The survey will focus on changes in attitude, work habits, and general maturity, follow through on individual goals. Finally, all participants will be involved in environmental activities, such as White Mountain Trails Day and Earth Day activities that occur annually.

Service Activities

Recreation Facility Backlog - Restoration of recreation facilities in five campgrounds and four day use sites - Work would include grading and graveling of sites and pathways for resource protection and to better meet accessibility standards; replacement of fire rings and construction of picnic tables; and repair signs and restrooms. Project accomplishments would be 80 individual sites to standard and accessibility.

Trail Backlog - Restoration and maintenance of hiking and snowmobile trails - Work would include cleaning and repairing of trail drainage structures; repairing trail treadway; building small bridges; clearing down trees and trailside vegetation; repairing and replacing trail signs. Project accomplishment would be the 27 miles of trail to standard and 50 miles of trail maintenance.

Recreation Operations and Maintenance - Daily operations at 10 major campgrounds - Work would include making visitor contacts; and doing site cleaning and routine maintenance to facilities. In addition to the daily operations at campgrounds, evening interpretative activities would be provided twice weekly in each of the campgrounds. Staff would also assist with visitor contact at three Forest Service Offices. Project accomplishment would be the 480 staff days provided at recreation sites.

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Program Narrative

This program is centered on meeting the national priority for natural environments. Restoration, maintenance, and management of national forest resources is the primary need to be met by this program. Work will reduce backlog maintenance of recreation facilities and trails. Site specific improvements will be made to meet accessibility standards for people with disabilities. Basic customer services in recreation areas, environmental education, and recreation use ethics will be provided to national forest visitors. Wilderness management, watershed improvements, fisheries and wildlife projects will be completed.

Secondly, the national priority of public safety will be met. This priority will be met by the following activities: improving conditions to recreation infrastructure, trails, and campgrounds; increasing presence in campgrounds and day use areas; role modeling by camp staff and national forest employees to participants in work habits and lifeskills.

The national priorities of education and human needs will be met through program activities and direct services to the participants. The program will provide mentors, tutors, and education counselling for participants. Community education needs will be met by outreach in environmental education and outdoor education of national forest visitors. Participants will receive training and education in self esteem and citizenship so that they know of opportunities to break the cycle of public assistance.

Needs Identification The primary program need of environment was identified through the 1993 Land and Resource Management Plan Monitoring Report for the White Mountain National Forest. This report was the most comprehensive monitoring that assesses the status of the 1986 Forest and Resource Management Plan. Development of the WMNF Forest Plan and review of the 1993 Monitoring Report have involved local communities and national forest public. In addition, the national forest works closely with other natural resource agencies and private individuals in managing the natural and recreation resources identifying specific environmental needs.

The report detailed the condition of various resources and past national forest accomplishments in producing a range of goods and services to the American public while maintaining the integrity of the social and environmental ecosystems located on the White Mountain National Forest.

Projects have been identified that will have significant and measurable accomplishments in the areas of recreation and trail backlog maintenance; demonstrated recreation operation shortfalls in developed sites and backcountry areas; wilderness management; watershed improvements; fisheries and wildlife habitat improvements; and visitor and community services.

Program Design

Concept Thirty-two participants will be headquartered at Bog Brook National Guard Camp. Residential program is 36 weeks annually - March through October hosted WMNF and SCA. Recruitment of participants would begin in January of 1995 along with staff orientation and training with on site program beginning in March.

In designing and developing the New England Youth Forest Camp, we have carefully addressed a number of essential components: crew leadership; work projects; camp headquarters; field camps; climatic conditions; environmental education, mentoring, tutoring, and individual counselling; evaluation criteria teamwork and leadership.

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HEARING SUMMARY

DATE: May 18, 1995

COMMITTEE: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

SUBCOMMITTEE: On Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations Relations

WITNESS: Eli SEGAL---CEO of The Corporation For National Service

WITNESSES: Panel

John P Walters - President of The New Citizenship Project
Jill K Lacey - Research Associate--Capital Research Center
Allyson Tucker - Manager--Center for Educational Law and Policy
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WITNESSES: Panel

Mrs. Eugenia (Jeanie) Bloom - Bartlesville, OK.
John Timoney - First Deputy Commissioner
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Philip Edward Wu, Jr - AmeriCorps Member

WITNESSES: James A Joseph - Chair, Board of Directors, Corporation for National Service

James L Witt - Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Rep.Christopher Shays, Morella, Davis, Chrysler, Martini, Lantos, Towns, Green, Fattah

MEMBERS OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Congressman Shays opened citing this oversight hearing as the first attempt to evaluate the performance of the National Service effort. The Chairman announced the goals for the Hearing were:

- * To take a balanced look at the implementation of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993
- * To measure the benefits of National Service in terms of the tangible and intangible value of those programs to the participants, the communities served and our nation.
- * To advance the congressional debate over spending priorities

The Chairman reminded that with bi-partisan support, President Clinton's AmeriCorps initiative was enacted in the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The Chairman said his own belief in the value of such service was grounded in the personal experience of serving two years in the Peace Corps. The Chairman thought the CNCS should be held to a higher standard than applied to other Federal Programs. In coming months, both the General Accounting Office and a private research group, Kormendi-Gardner Partners of Washington DC will be completing evaluations.

The focus of the Hearing was the quality and quantity of the service opportunities afforded by the AmeriCorps programs. Also discussed was the appropriate role of Federal Service programs in relation to the broad array of private volunteer efforts. In response to a concern that AmeriCorps adversely affects volunteerism, Mr. Joseph stated there is a reason why most nonprofit

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charitable organizations welcomed AmeriCorps into the folds of service. As Independent Sector reports, the percentage of citizens able to volunteer their time for charitable causes has declined since 1989. The AmeriCorps infrastructure is a nucleus for occasional uncompensated volunteers while it supports full time service.

The Chairman, who has long advocated greater Federal Budget discipline, never-the-less concluded that the AmeriCorps program promised to be a wise investment, yielding benefits to participants and communities many times greater than expenditures. To earn its place in the Final Appropriations Bill, The Corporation and its AmeriCorps programs will have to prove their worth. The Chairman stated he stood up for the value of National Service during consideration of the FY 95 Rescissions Bill, and he would continue to do all in his power to make that case.

Mr. Green commented: The program passed with bi-partisan support and it has supplemented volunteerism. It also builds on the CCC's program which did so much for this country.

Mr. Lantos and Mr. Towns thanked the Chairman for the leadership shown.

Mr. Segal stated:

- * the Chair has been even-handed
- * we've done what we were asked to do
- * we need to be held to rigorous standards

Concerns were related by the Chair to Mr Segal, one of which was AmeriCorps Members are working in Federal Agencies instead of doing work in communities. Mr Segal responded that no AmeriCorps Members are working in Federal offices---in some cases they help fulfill mission and act as leverage in the community to induce others to contribute. Mr Segal stated he would not define them as employees. Then, for the most part, they are working on sites under the supervision of the agency. In the ideology of citizen participation, AmeriCorps is little more than a delivery system to get done what communities need. The results of their work has to be clear and demonstrable. The Chairman asked that the list of partnerships with Federal Agencies be submitted to the record. Mr Segal stated the drop out rate is under 10%. There is a clear sense of and commitment to mission, as indicated by the low drop out rate.

Mr. Joseph emphasized the 1993 Bill that created The Corporation For National Services, also passed with Bi-partisan majorities in both houses. This Bill folded and downsized several entities into one, to create an integrated support system for all ages. It also created AmeriCorps. National Service should continue to be nonpolitical. It is a founding principle of our democracy, that it is important for us to remember that National Service is neither liberal nor conservative, but uniquely American.

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THE AMERICORPS/USDA PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT TEAM

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS AND STRATEGIC PLAN

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Summary

In small pilot projects in rural and urban areas across America, USDA will help coordinate AmeriCorps national service programs to improve the environment and protect public lands.

The Forest Service is leading efforts to identify public lands projects. Some areas under consideration are: Southern California, New Hampshire, the Pacific Northwest, Arizona, and Montana.

The Soil Conservation service is leading efforts to identify work projects on private lands. The pilot locations under most serious consideration are Atlanta, New York, Chicago, Seattle, Southern Illinois, the Mississippi Delta, Columbia River, Southern Florida, and South Dakota.

In New York, Seattle, Atlanta, and Chicago, the programs may interact in conjunction with the Urban Resource Partnership, which shares many anticipated outcomes: reinventing government to be responsive to people's needs, using existing resources to improve and rehabilitate the nation's environment, and supporting community-based conservation projects.

These sites will ultimately be chosen using the Department's best judgement of how to obtain funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service under a exceedingly short timeline between publication of final regulations and the deadline for application. These sites will be picked by considering a balance of rural and urban areas, a wide range of ecosystems, different regions of the country, and locations with youth service infrastructures prepared to run the programs.

Participants will earn small living stipends of about \$7,400 while performing the community service work. For each year of service successfully performed, participants will also earn an educational voucher of \$4,725, which they may use to pay for college, vocational school, job training, or graduate school.

Work Projects Outside National Forests:

The following are some urban and rural AmeriCorps projects that USDA has been considering for private lands:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Work projects on Forest Service lands

Because all team members will be at least 18 years old, all of them will be able to use equipment and machinery that will allow them to perform the most valuable work needed on public lands. Some possible work:

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

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

Recreation Operations and Maintenance - This activity includes the day-to-day care and operation of developed recreation sites cleaning, painting, routine maintenance, and other operational tasks are included. Increased attention over current budget levels is needed to prevent deterioration of facilities and to avoid potential health and safety problems.

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

Range Improvements - Range improvements consist of fencing and water development structures, and revegetation of denuded areas to improve forage conditions, wildlife and fish habitat, and soil and water quality.

Wildlife Habitat Improvement - Construction and maintenance of structures and enhancement of habitat. Improvement activities include prescribed burning, opening construction and rehabilitation, wildlife stand improvement, seeding and planting, and water hole construction.

Fish Habitat Improvement - Reservoir rejuvenation and enhancement, stream bank stabilization, construction of fish ponds and spawning riffles, access trails for the disabled, and fish viewing stations.

Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species Habitat Improvement - Protection and enhancement of required habitats, including breeding and nesting sites, feeding areas and escape cover, protection from adverse developments and disturbing human activities.

Timber Stand Improvement - Treatment of timber stands to remove excess and competing vegetation to improve species composition, quality, growth rates, vigor and resistance to attacks from insects and diseases. Treatments are generally labor intensive as they favor the enhancement of selected trees.

Insect And Disease Control - The Forest Service provides protection and control services from insects and diseases on both Federal and non-Federal lands. Work includes suppression of pests such as the gypsy moth, southern and mountain pine beetles, and the tussock moth.

Minerals (Inactive Mine Rehab) - Work includes stabilization of mine waste dumps and spoil piles, and the elimination of acid and other pollutants from abandoned and inactive mines or oil and gas wells.

Fuels Management - Treating fuels through prescribed burning and other methods to reduce fire hazard and the severity of fires that do occur. This also greatly enhances the vigor and healthiness of treated areas.

How Each Pilot Site Would Work:

Most sites would have between 40-50 participants. Each site would also have the following staff members: a Project Director in charge of the entire project; a Service Coordinator in charge of identifying service projects and specifying agreements with project sponsors; a Recruitment, Training, Education, and Job Placement Coordinator; an Administrative Coordinator and Office Managers; and a Crew Leader for each crew of ten participants.

Each program would last about a year. For the first two weeks of the program, participants will receive general training in citizenship, team building, work habits, multi-culturalism, and conflict resolution. They will also receive specific training in environmental and natural resources issues. For the second two weeks of the program, all the team members will work together on a large, labor-intensive, signature project of high visibility.

The local project designers, in consultation with USDA, will select their own local service priorities. It is critical that each community make its own determination of what five projects areas most needing completing at that pilot site. The environmental needs of D.C. are very different than those needs in Chicago. Each pilot site will pick a list of five anti-hunger and nutrition projects in which they choose to focus. Most of those five projects should be selected from The above list of 28 potential projects, but USDA will consider new ideas or combinations of some of the above-listed ideas.

For the remainder of the program, the fifty participants will be broken up into four or five crews of ten to complete work projects focused on those areas. In work on National Forests, each individual pilot site in the ways will vary in ways that work projects are rotated through by the crews.

In work done **outside** of National Forests, in months two through six of the program, each of the five teams would rotate through working in each of the five project areas. Thus, at the end of the first six months of the programs, each of the five teams will have worked for one month in each of the five priority areas. This will allow the team members enough time to be properly trained in each priority area and become good at the task, but will also allow them to work on enough different projects that they understand the complex interconnections of environmental issues.

For the final six months of such work in urban and rural areas, each crew will adopt one or more smaller geographical entities to adopt. In a rural area, these entities might be one county or a few small towns. In a city, these entities might be a ward, neighborhood advisory districts, zip codes, census tracts, or blocks,. Each crew would then provide help in all five of the priority areas in that geographic entity. By making the service geographically concentrated yet holistic, the program hopes to demonstrate significant progress in environmental protection and restoration. approach with visible results, rather than a scatter-shot approach where the program helps a few people in a lot of places, is the best way to build visibility and future community support for larger service programs.

Throughout the year, team members will be available for emergency work in the case of disasters.

At the end of the program, participants will participate in a graduation ceremony. Following the program, they will receive a transcript verifying the work they performed and the education garnered during the program.

Key Principals of the Program

We intend to make our programs models of reinventing government. Each and every AmeriCorps/USDA pilot project will be guided by the following critical 20 principles:

- * Reunite the interests of the middle class and the poor by allowing young people from all types of families to earn their way through post-secondary education.
- * Recruit groups of participants in each pilot project that are socio-economically diverse.
- * Ensure that citizens of every race, class, gender, age, and region work side-by-side.
- * Give the participants at least a minimum-wage living expense, as well as adequate supervision, training, and education.
- * Allow young people to perform service either before, during, or after attending post-secondary education.
- * Provide valuable service to the community by systematically filling unmet social needs.
- * Ensure that none of the work performed duplicates existing programs.
- * Limit the work performed to tasks that fulfill significant missions of USDA.
- * Base participant and site selection on quality, not patronage.
- * Reinvent government by promoting opportunity, responsibility, and community.
- * Provide models for how the federal government can manage national service programs.
- * Build a distinct identity for the President's AmeriCorps program that is explicitly different from either targeted jobs programs or diffuse "Points of Light" volunteerism efforts
- * Expand dramatically in the next few years as full-scale national program is phased-in.
- * Forge links to other key Administration initiatives such as empowerment zones, youth apprenticeship, welfare reform, microenterprise, and health care reform.

- * Act as a multiplier of other national service programs throughout the country.
- * Forge a new form of entrepreneurial and non-bureaucratic government.
- * Emerge from the grass-roots up -- based on each local community's needs -- rather than fulfill mandates of Washington-based bureaucrats. Projects will be expected to build effective partnerships between community, state, and local groups and the federal government.
- * Obtain funding from a combination of sources, including the Corporation for National and Community Service, USDA program monies, non-profit organizations, charitable foundations, corporations, contributions from USDA employees, and state and local governments.
- * Build a management team from existing USDA personnel.
- * Be managed across traditional USDA agency lines.

The above 20 principles are essential and must be evident in every pilot proposal. AmeriCorps can only succeed if every entity helping carry out the program insists on the highest standards of consistent quality.

II. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

By Tuesday, March 29: All members of environment and public lands will meet and decide upon tentative list of sites

Paula Jones and Dee DiFiore will coordinate Soil Conservation Service involvement.

Katherine Allen, Irv Thomas, Don Hansen, and Vertis Stovall will coordinate Forest Service involvement.

Ron DeMunbrun of OPA will coordinate all budget and administrative issues.

Katherine Gibney of OPA will coordinate any interactions with other federal agencies such as Interior, EPA, Energy, Commerce, Peace Corps, DOD, and VISTA.

Joel Berg of OPA will provide general guidance on how to incorporate the Public Lands and Environment Team as part of the larger USDA application to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Steve Mullen of the Extension Service will be responsible for coordinating Extension Service involvement in the programs. He will also be responsible for designing and writing a description of how the programs will interact with existing 4-youth problems and with institutions of higher education.

(Name to be determined) of AMS will be responsible for determining program interacting with farmer's markets.

Dr. James Coppedge will be responsible for coordinating ARS participant in sustainable agriculture projects.

Jim Lucas of ASCS will be responsible for coordinating ASCS involvements in the projects.

Mary Ames of the Peace Corps will be responsible for designing the training components of the program.

By Wednesday, March 30: Information will be sent to all members of the Urban Resource Partnership

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

By Wednesday, March 30: All local non-profit organizations at pilot sites working on sustainable agriculture, environmental and natural resource issues

Our files need to be reviewed to contact all those groups that have already communicated with us.

By Thursday, March 31: Contact National Non-Profit Partners such as America the Beautiful, NACD, ect.

Thursday, March 31: Eli Segal, Special Assistant to the President and Chief Executive of the Corporation for National and Community Service, will brief the sub- cabinet

By Friday, April 1: Precise geographical locations for each site must be finalized; agencies agree on lead agency roles for each site

The Mississippi Delta program would operate in the following counties of Mississippi: Desoto, Tunica, Panola, Coahoma, Bolivar, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Leflore, Washington, Sunflower, Carrol, Sharkey, Holmes, Humphreys, Yazoo, Warren, Issaquena, Claiborne, and Jefferson. The program would operate in the following counties of Arkansas: Crittenden, Lee, Phillips, Desha, and Chicot. The program would operate in the following counties of Louisiana: East Carroll, West Carroll, Madison, Tenas, and Concordia.

By Friday, April 1: Write a detailed description of the environmental problems to be solved, both nationally, and at each pilot location

By Friday, April 1: Ron DeMunbrun, working closely with the agencies and other members of the planning group, finalizes budgets from the FS, SCS, ES, ARS, ASCS, AMS, and FCIC

Ron needs to determine how money each agency will spend directly or in-kind in FY95, what appropriations lines they will use to obtain that funding, the statutory authority conferred with that appropriation, and a summary of what other projects in the agency might not be funded as a result of the national service allocation.

By Monday, April 4: Needs to contact state commission contacts, key committee members, and key state government officials

By Monday, April 4: Need specific role of state and urban forestry agreed to at each non-forest site

By Monday, April 4: Steve Mullen will have contacted 4-H groups, other youth service groups, school districts, colleges, land grant universities, 1890's and HAACU institutions, community colleges, and trade schools to determine which may be partners

By Tuesday, April 5: Finalize USDA Agency involvement in terms of programs and personnel.

We also need to determine which of the following types of USDA employees may be detailed for a year or for less, full-time, or part-time to help run the programs not on Forest Service land:

- 1) ASCS Employee Focusing on Program Outreach -
- 2) ASCS Conservation Expert -
- 3) Agricultural Research Service Sustainable Agriculture Specialist -
- 4) Extension Agent in 4-H -
- 5) Extension Service Sustainable Agriculture Expert-
- 6) Extension Service Urban Gardening Expert -
- 7) AMS Farmer's Markets Expert-
- 8) Forest Service state and private forestry employee
- 9) SCS Spoil Expert -
- 10) SCS Earth Team Coordinator -
- 11) SCS Water Quality Expert -

By Wednesday, April 6: Katherine Gibney will have identified which federal government agencies will be partners

By Thursday, April 7: Identify Local USDA Application Coordinator at Each Site

The person at each site must commit to a significant amount of specific work in the following two weeks to provide specific information and coordination from that site.

By Thursday, April 7: Hold conference calls with all members of Urban Resource Partnerships

By Thursday, April 7: Finalize agreements with national non-profit partners

By Thursday, April 7: Ron DeMunbrun will answer how the following USDA administrative offices will do the following:

The National Finance Center will provide payroll for the participants and the management team. The Office of Personnel will provide support in hiring, detailing, and evaluation. The Office of Information and Resources Management will provide assistance in creating and maintaining a computer network and bulletin board for the program. The Office of Operations will help obtain and maintain office space.

Friday, April 8: Finalize Responsibilities for Local Coordinators

All local coordinators must answer the following questions:

How will they help recruit participants?

How many participants are they willing to take from a national recruitment pool?

How will they ensure the socio-economic, gender, and racial diversity of participants?

How will they ensure the socio-economic, gender, and racial diversity of the management team?

How will they select crew leaders?

How will they involve the participants themselves in planning a management of the program?

What kind of rules and discipline code will be set for participants?

What kind of general citizenship training and specific project training will they provide?

What kind of ongoing educational classes and GED classes will they provide?

How will they work with the other partners and with local stakeholders to plan the projects?

How will they payroll their staff and participants?

How will they need the CNCS grant and the USDA money to be transferred?

How will they provide ongoing evaluation of the program?

How will they continuously tie themselves to the national USDA program?

What kind of uniforms should the crew leaders wear?

How will the program promote civic responsibility and produce positive change in participants through training and participation in meaningful service with opportunities for reflection?

What measurable goals can we set for personal benefits obtained by Team members?

Where, and how quickly, should the program grow? How will we create a program that will grow on its own regardless of the Administration in power?

What management staff will be needed, and how much of it will come from existing USDA employees?

How can our program utilize the latest communications technologies?

How will liability be covered? How will child care and health care be delivered?

By Monday, April 11: All local non-profit organizations in or near pilot locations should have agreed to specific program responsibilities

By Monday, April 11: Steve Mullen will finalized any partnerships with 4-H groups, other youth service groups, school districts, colleges, land grant universities, 1890's and HAACU institutions, community colleges, and trade schools to determine which may be partners

By Monday, April 11: Specify details of at least five different service projects at each pilot site

Explain direct benefits of each project. What activities will the participants engage in, and how do these projects or activities result in direct, measurable service that addressed the identified needs? If possible, describe a typical week in the life of program participants, giving concrete examples of the types of activities or duties participants will perform. How are the individual programs connected through common program elements or activities, including participant training, in-service education, or service-learning curriculum employed to improve participants' skills, prepare them for placement, and foster positive civic values? What will be the principal applicant's role in placing, training, and matching participants with assignments, and orienting and preparing sponsors or host-sites for that placement?

By Monday, April 11: Specify office site or sites for each project

By Monday, April 11: Specify the following about the management structures and teams:

Institutional and Personnel Information. This section should provide a description of your past experience and institutional capacity to operate or coordinate a program comparable to the program(s) proposed. Describe the project director's background, experience and major accomplishments as they relate to his or her duties in and responsibilities for the proposed programs.

Administering Organization. What is the principal applicant's past experience in operating and coordinating a comparable program, and capacity? Indicate your experience and capacity to administer the program.

Principal Staff. What are the background, experience and major accomplishments of the program director and principal staff. How do their qualifications relate to their duties in the proposed program? If not yet hired, what qualifications must the candidate fulfill? If appropriate, describe the outreach, recruitment, and selection strategies used.

Training. What kind of orientation and training, if any, will you provide for staff?

Institutional Strengths. What institutional resources or expertise will the administering organizations(s) provide that will contribute to the overall success of the program?

By Tuesday, April 12: Finalize interactions with Urban Resource Partnerships

By Tuesday, April 12: Recruitment, training, education, and evaluation plans are finalized

What are the expected number and characteristics of participants, including racial or ethnic background, socioeconomic status, gender and educational attainment? If the program will recruit fewer than 20 participants, please explain why this small number is appropriate to the purpose and design of the program. What will be your role in achieving the desired number and characteristics of participants through recruitment and selection? If appropriate, describe outreach, recruitment, and selection strategies. Any discussion of participant selection should include a description of selection criteria (including minimum qualifications for participants) and whether any participants will be drawn from the national recruitment system.

Describe Internal Evaluation and Monitoring. How will we monitor progress toward aggregate objectives? How will the principal applicant assess, on an on-going basis, the quality of services and the satisfaction of both the participants and the individuals or institutions served? How will the principal applicant collect the required descriptive and demographic data?

By Tuesday, April 12: Describe the Needs Identification Process

What was the process by which the needs were identified? Who was involved in identifying the needs? To what extent were residents of the community in which the service will be provided involved in the needs assessment activities?

By Tuesday, April 12: Major elements of application are drafted

By Tuesday, April 12: Ron DeMunbrun will finalize total budgets, as well as Corporation request, USDA funding, and partnership funding

By Wednesday, April 13: Issues relating to program responsibilities, budget, and personnel are resolved by partnering federal agencies under guidance from Katherine Gibney

By Thursday, April 14: Complete draft application

By Friday, April 15, submit proposals to the USDA Office of General Counsel, the USDA Office of Budget and Program Analysis, Under and Assistant Secretaries, and Agency Administrators for review

By Tuesday, receive all USDA and agency comments on draft application

By Wednesday, April 20, submit proposals to the Office of the Secretary for review

By Monday, April 25, final proposals to the Corporation for National and Community Service

2. Katydid AmerCorps Camp
Togee River Nat'l Forest
Spec study by Jackson & Josephine Co. Commission during
or Economic Readjustment
3. Mississippi Nat'l Guard Youth Challenge Camp
Miss Nat'l Forest(s)

DC - Water Quality Monitoring
Park Improvement - River Cleanups
Urban Farming

Portland, OR

Iowa Am Corps Plan

Severe Flood Damage Recovery

Farms - communities - public works

roads & bridges, prairie ^{potholes} ~~control~~ repair

trout stream protect Riparian restoration - wetland

livestock waste management

So. Dakota: (RD ?)

Watershed management to prev. ^{nonpoint} flooding & growth + ref migration

AMERICORPS BUDGET

	SCS #	TOTAL VOL FUNDING	FOREST SERVICE #	VOL FUNDING	SCS & FOREST SERVICE VOL FUNDING
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RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Alaska	2	737,095	5	100,000	7	837,095
Appalachia	30	556,425	26	724,000	56	1,280,425
Mississippi Delta	20	370,950	0	0	20	370,950
Maine	20	370,950	15	300,000	35	670,950
New England	20	370,950	0	0	20	370,950
Delmarva	20	370,950	0	0	20	370,950
Great Lakes	20	370,950	0	0	20	370,950
South Carolina	20	376,675	5	100,000	25	476,675
Minnesota	10	185,475	11	560,000	21	745,475
Four Corners	20	370,950	12	440,000	32	810,950
Pacific Northwest	20	370,950	0	0	20	370,950
California	30	556,425	0	0	30	556,425
TOTAL	232	\$5,008,745	74	\$2,224,000	306	\$7,232,745

FLOOD RECOVERY

Midwest	138	2,559,555	0	0	138	\$2,559,555
TOTAL	138	\$2,559,555	0	0	138	\$2,559,555

Iowa, N.S. Daka IL KS
MO NB WI MN

ENVIRONMENTAL CORPS

Kansas	20	199,788	0	0	20	199,788
Oklahoma	20	199,788	0	0	20	199,788
Texas	20	199,788	0	0	20	199,788
Atlanta	20	199,788	0	0	20	199,788
Boston	20	239,788	0	0	20	239,788
East St. Louis	20	199,788	0	0	20	199,788
New Jersey	30	359,182	0	0	30	359,182
Washington, D.C.	10	113,094	0	0	10	113,094
Portland	20	377,288	0	0	20	377,288
TOTAL	180	\$2,088,292	0	0	180	\$2,088,292

Windbreak Rest.
coastal "Shoreline Erosion Control
-Ecosystem management - water quality - pollution (Flood)
No. Dakota Emerg Watershed Protection
E. St. Louis Citigen Env. & Land Use Improvement
Poorest city (aval) in U.S.

GRAND TOTAL	550	\$9,656,592	74	\$2,224,000	624	\$11,880,592
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Wash State

Ft. Worden, Olympic Nat'l Forest
Trail Restoration, forest stand improvement

Recreation construction,

Watershed protection, control of soil erosion

Wild life habitat enhancement

April 26, 1994

Environmental and Public Lands Corps
Summary

The Forest Service infrastructure is comprised of owned and permitted buildings and utilities, roads, bridges, trails, and recreation sites, that benefit people and are available for their use, mobility, and safety. Included are structures such as range fences and watering ponds, watershed structures to control erosion, and fish and wildlife improvements such as fish ladders and water developments, which enhance resource conditions and user opportunities.

The infrastructure is deteriorating, creating a backlog in maintenance and restoration. Funding levels for maintenance and restoration are inadequate for the current infrastructure.

The consequences of this situation include: resource conditions suffering because of inadequate infrastructure; transportation system deterioration limiting access and mobility and affecting the ability to deliver goods and services to the public; encroachment and trespass resulting in resource degradation, and inadequate maintenance of watershed structures and transportation facilities causing siltation, which affects water quality. Human resource consequences include: the laws and regulations relating to accessibility and gender not being fully met, limiting public access and employee diversification; and in some situations, a failure to ensure the adequate health and safety of the public and employees.

Current inventories of infrastructure, location, condition and value are sometimes inaccurate. However, the current situation can be illustrated by the following information published in March 1994. 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Quantity</u>	<u>Current Backlog \$ Million</u>
Recreation Sites	26,000	746
Trails (miles)	120,000	277
Roads (miles)	369,000	444
Fish & Wildlife Structures	*	14

*Data unavailable. Other categories without current data include range improvements, and watershed improvements.

Environmental and Public Lands Corps project work will help the Forest Service make a dent in the backlog of needed improvements. The youth involved will be able to serve and meet both personal and environmental needs.

1/ Forest Service Infrastructure in Support of Resources - Current Conditions and Trends, USDA Forest Service, Engineering Staff, March 1994.

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P. Jones

PROGRAM NARRATIVE - PUBLIC LANDS AND ENVIRONMENT

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has been a leader in combining public lands and environmental programs and national service. The projects of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's were largely managed by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and Forest Service. Today USDA is still concerned for the protection and wise use of our environmental resources. Two major program areas focus on conservation and use of the land and natural resources: the Forest Service has jurisdiction over publicly owned lands including National Forests and National Grasslands, and the Soil Conservation Service works with private land owners and public and private community organizations to ensure the most sustainable use of the land. Proper stewardship of the land is essential to maintain the health and well being of the American population. In the past 250 years of our Nation we have tended to exploit our natural resources believing that they are naturally renewable. In recent years we are learning that degradation has occurred at such a rate that natural forces alone will not restore our rivers, forests, and prairies upon which the American population depends for its economic and physical health.

In small pilot projects across rural and urban America, USDA will help coordinate AmeriCorps national service programs to improve the environment and protect public lands. Some of these projects will meet the Congressional intent of the Public Lands Corps and others will meet the more general "environmental needs" provisions of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

The Forest Service's infrastructure is comprised of owned and permitted buildings and utilities, roads, bridges, trails, and recreations facilities. This infrastructure is deteriorating, creating a backlog in maintenance and restoration. Transportation systems are in such a state

of deterioration that access to the public is limited; problems of encroachment and trespassing result in uncontrollable degradation; inadequate maintenance of watershed structures and transportation facilities cause siltation which then affects water quality in nearby communities. The National Forests have been unable to adequately respond to changes in public expectations for accessibility and gender bias which limit public use and employment opportunities. In the most extreme situations there has been a failure to ensure the public safety.

To illustrate the need, a survey by the Forest Service published in March 1994 shows that 26,000 recreation sites are in need of \$746 million in backlog work; 120,000 miles of trails need \$277 million; 369,000 miles of roads would cost \$444 million to repair; and fish and wildlife habitats require about \$14 million in backlog work. This does not include range improvements or watershed work. (Report: FS Infrastructure in Support of Resources - Current Conditions and Trends, USDA FS, Engineering Staff, March 1994.)

To begin to address these needs, the Forest Service proposes projects in the following National Forests: in San Bernadino NF, California, participants will work on rehabilitating trails, Desert Tortoise and Big Horn Sheep habitat, fisheries, campgrounds, and environmental education sites; in partnership with the Arizona Conservation Corps a mobile copra will work in six National Forests to revitalize parks, improve wildlife habitat, build fences, control erosion and improve watersheds. At Six Rivers NF, the focus will be on conservation of endangered species such as the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet, and certain salmon steelhead. Attention to watershed restoration, forest stand improvements, construction of recreation facilities and restoration of fish species will be primary projects for Ft. Worden, Olympic National Forest in Washington State and at Katydid in the Rogue River National Forest. In the Bienville NF, Mississippi, participants will work to preserve the habitat of the Red-Cocker

Woodpecker, the Loblolly Prairie, build hiking trails for handicap accessibility, improve a horse/hiking trail, and improve the safety on the roadways through brush removal. The Green Mountain and Finger Lakes NF(s), Vermont's projects will provide for environmental education, restoration and maintenance, and increasing handicapped access to facilities. The New England Youth Forest Camp, Bog Brook National Guard Camp, White Mountain NF in Vermont will also focus on maintenance, upgrading accessibility, education, and public safety.

USDA Forest Service recently concluded a three-year cost-benefit analysis of trees in the city of Chicago (Chicago Urban Forest Climate Project, McPherson, E. Gregory; Nowak, David J.; Rowntree, Rowan A., 1994). The study showed that each tree costing \$402 for planting and care resulted in annual energy savings of \$50-\$90 per dwelling unit. In addition, it was estimated that in 1991 the trees removed 6,145 tons of air pollutants, providing air cleansing valued at \$9.2 million dollars. The trees captured approximately 155,000 tons of carbon emissions, in addition to reducing carbon emissions from power plants by about 12,600 tons due to lower demand. There were about 50.8 million trees in the area surveyed.

These economic factors are only one consideration. Trees provide an aesthetic quality to an area, reduce erosion, cut down wind abrasion, and provide a renewable resource. In response, USDA is proposing urban projects in Washington, DC; Boston, Massachusetts; Atlanta, Georgia; and, including making the Chicago summer project a year round program with an emphasis on the urban forests.

In 1993 the United States sustained many natural disasters, some of which were exacerbated by encroachment of people for economic development, habitat, and recreational purposes. No one can ignore the great floods in the mid-west, or the loss of forests to the fires in California followed by mud slides and nearby earthquakes. Economic losses due to these events are

estimated at -----.

The Soil Conservation Service in its National Resource Inventory of 1987 estimates an average annual loss of 2 tons of soil per acre. This is an improvement over 1982 which showed losses of 2.3 tons per acre. However, when you compare land use and loss of soil per acre, one of the greatest problems occurs where there is the greatest need for quality top soil, and that is in cropland which posted an estimated loss of 3.8 tons per acre. The least loss occurred on forested land at 0.8 tons per acre. The damage does not end here, however. The contaminants on the soil end up in rivers and streams, silt fills in streams, wildlife and fish are damaged or destroyed, plants are lost, flooding occurs, and excessive measures have to be taken to insure purity of drinking water, etc. There is not one part of the country where concern for the environment is not an issue. A great deal of environmental degradation takes place in urban and urbanizing areas.

Wind is also a major contributor to loss of soil. In Oklahoma approximately 4.4 tons of soil was lost per acre on cultivated cropland and 1 ton for noncultivated cropland. Kansas sustained losses of 3.8 tons per acre per year versus 0.4 for noncultivated land.

The public lands and environment corps will seek to address and remedy these and other problems through windbreak renovation projects in Kansas and Oklahoma; a coastal erosion project in Texas; an ecosystem, water quality management project in Atlanta; urban watershed protection work will be accompanied by other community projects in Boston, Massachusetts, East St. Louis, Illinois, and highly urbanized New Jersey. Also proposed is an urban gardening and Anacostia River pollution project in Washington, D.C.; and urban parks, landscape management, trails restoration project in Portland, Oregon. Flood recovery in the Mid-West states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North and South

Dakota will be the focus of a corps of approximately 135 persons. One or two teams will be designated an emergency response team in the event of a repeat of '93.

STATE	PROJECT NAME/DESCRIPTION	POS	COUNTIES	PARTNERS	BENEFIT TO COMMUNITY
OR 	Adult Conservation Training Program	32	Portland area	Metro, Urban Assistance Office SWCD Portland St Univ Portland Community College City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services City of Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau	Opportunity for at risk youth to be involved in trail construction, landscape improvement, and restoration of wildlife habitats.
OR	Strategic Planning for Key Watersheds & Timber Affected Communities	3	Coos Curry Douglas	RC&D Council Rural Development Orgs County Board of Commissioners Business Dev Corp Small Business Dev Ctr Umpqua Tng & Employment	Improved access to support systems in place to assist readjustment of rural workers. A more diverse economic base and a strategic plan for community development.
OR	Strategic Plan for Unincorporated Area of Alsea in the State of Oregon	1	Benton	Cascade Pacific RC&D Bureau of Land Mgmt USDA FS OR Economic Dev Dpt OR State Univ Univ of OR Alsea School District	Develop a strategic plan for community survival.
OR	Big Elk Creek Watershed Proj Harlan Community Improvements	7	Lincoln	Conservation Districts US FS OR Dpt of Fish & Wildlife OR State Univ RC&D Council OR Economic Dev Dpt	Restoration of the watershed will cleanup water supply. Restore or build restrooms, handicapped access, fire station storage facility, and community center.
RI	Composting of Community & Regional Yard Waste	2	statewide	Conservation Districts 4-H Clubs Farm Bureau	Increase community responsibility for appropriate disposal of solid waste, especially composting.
SD	Lake Campbell/Battle Creek Watershed Project	1	Brookings Lake Moody	County Conservation Dists Lake Campbell Assoc Dpt of Environment & NR US Fish & Wildlife Svc EPA SD Dpt of Ag	Clean, safe water supply through modified agricultural practices in watershed area.

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SD	Mocassin Creek & Elm Lake Watershed Studies		1 Brown	City of Aberdeen Brown County EPA James River Water Dev Dist Elm/Maple Watershed Dist Dpt of Environment & NR	Have a database information system which will aid in controlling water quality and help with planning, land use, etc.
SD	Urban Conservation Team	4	Turner	Conservation Districts County Commissioners City Councils SD Game, Fish & Parks Land Owners	Control urban flooding, create public use areas beautify surroundings.
SD	East River Riparian Area Inventory		2	East River Riparian Area Demo Improvement Project 21 Conservation Districts Dpt of Environment & NR EPA SD Dpt of AG US Fish & Wildlife Svc Ducks Unlimited	Improved water quality for wide area through improved land use in watershed.
SD	Sioux Falls Natural Resource Area Development	3	Minnehaha	City of Sioux Falls Parks Dpt SD Game, Fish & Parks SD State University Minnehaha Conservation Dist Izaak Walton League Sioux Falls Public School System	Increased environmental awareness through construction or completion of public use areas, parks, trails, demonstration sites, etc.
SD	Moody County Conservation Education Program		1 Moody	Santee Sioux Tribe Moody County Conservaiton Dist Moody Co. Extension Agent Flandreau Indian School Flandreau Public School	Increased environmental awareness in elementary age children in all area languages. Set of culturally sensitive educational materials.

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SD	Computerizing Soil Surveys in Big Sioux & Vermillion River Basins	2	Brookings	Conservation Districts	Flood control, clean water, modified land use, erosion control, family relocation.
SD	Rosebud Bootstraps	1	Gregory	Gregory Co. Conservation Dist RC&D Area SD Division of Conservation SD Dpt of AG SD Cooperative Extension	Increase production, improve water quality for 21 Farms/ranches, implement environmentally sensitive agriculture practices. Improve fiscal accountability.
SD	Interview????????	1		Cooperative Extension Svc Crop Improvement Boards SD No-Till Assoc.	Adoption of sound fiscal accounting and increasingly diverse production schemes which are economically and environmentally viable.
SD	Natural Resource Data Collection, Analysis, & Utilization	1	Todd Mellette	Conservation Districts Bureau of Indian Affairs SD Dpt of Environment & NR SD Geological Survey US Geological Survey Cooperatiave Extension Service Sinte Gleska University	1) Reverse exodus of young. 2) Improved range practices. 3) Improved water quality. 4) Environmentally sensitive farm practices adopted.
SD	Ecosystem Mgmt Training Project	4		BLM Butte County Conservation Dist	Consensus based land use practice which will improve water quality, and contribute to sustainable forest and wild life habitat.
SD	Seasonal Firefighter/Forestry Technician	3	Meade Pennington	SD Dpt of Forestry Volunteer Fire Dpts USDA Forest Service SD Game Fish & Parks County Commissioners	Increase available number of firefighters during period of tourism.
SD	Fire Hazard Assessment	2	Pennington	Pennington Co. Volunteer Fire Dpts Rapid City Fire Dpt County Commission Rapid City Council	Fire prevention in rural areas through on-site evaluation and education.
SD	Mapping Location of Noxious Weeds in Black Hills	3		County Weed & Pest Supervisors County Commissioners County, State, & Federal agencies	Weed control through alternative treatment based on mapping.

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SD ✓	Vegetative Maintenance in Rapid Creek Flood Plain	7	Pennington	City of Rapid City US Corps of Engineers Forest Service Pennington Co. Conservation Dist Rapid Creek Water Quality Project	Flood controlled through vegetation management in riparian area.
SD ✓	Stream and River Cleanup	10		SD Game, Fish & Parks Forest Service SD Divison of Forestry Conservation Districts County Commissions	Reduction in flooding - improved tourist access leading to economic impact. Free flowing streams in Black Hills area. Reduced floodig, increased tourism.
SD	Map Compilation for Publishing or digitizing Soil Surveys in SD	3		SD State University	Digitized maps for land use planning - more efficient use of land.
SD	Preliminary Data Collection for the 1997 National Resources Inventory	1		Local ASCS Conservation Districts	Body of information - data needed for 1997 National Resource Inventory.
SD	Editing Digitized Soil Surveys and other digital data	1	Brookings Mitchell Pierrre		Accurately digitized information/maps used in planning.
TN	Educational & Demonstrational Activities	1	Washington		Create an acceptance of conservation practices by farmers. More aware school population.
TN	Bent Creek Watershed	1	Hamblen Hawkins	Conservtion Districts Extension Service Walters State Community College TN Wildlife Resource Agency TVA	Improved water quality, preservation of fresh water species and ripairan habitat.
TN	Chickasaw-Shiloh Water Quality	2	Eight Co.		A water quality database, new methogs of irrigation, new educational material.
TN	Rural Development thru Specialty Recreation & Tourism Project	5	Claiborne Grainger Hancock Hawkins Union	RC&D Council Chambers of Commerce City & County Govts	Expanded economic base through new tourism initiatives. Adoption of new conservation practices. Keep more college graduates in the region.

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TN	Conservation Information & Education	1	Six co	Schools	More rapid implementation of environmental education awareness resulting in more available programs on care of environment.
TN	Geographic Information System	1	Sullivan		A digitized database to assist in land use planning.
TN	Environmental Education	1	Fourteen	RC&D Area Upper Cumberland Dev Dist TN Dpt of Economic & Community Dev	Improved solid waste disposal practices more appropriate environmental education Educational opportunities for disadvantaged youth.
TN	Humphreys Co. Environmental Education Center	4	Humphreys	RC&D Area TN Dpt of Ag TN Division of Forestry TN Wildlife Resources Agency E.I. DuPont Company Humphreys County Board of Ed Humphreys County Highway Dpt Izaak Walton League US Fish & Wildlife First American Bank of Waverly Humphreys Co Chamber of Commerce	More accessible nature trails, Outdoor education site, better safety measures used by hunters. Improved forest management practices, clean water supply, better control of erosion in streams.
VT	Winooski River Ecosystem Technology Project	1	Chittenden	USDA Forest Service VT Dpt of Environmental Cons. VT Dpt of Forests VT Dpt of Parks & Recreation VT Dpt of Fish & Wildlife University of Vt-Dpt of Civil Eng. Dpt of Geology, & School of NR Winooski Conservation District Richmond Land Trust	Restore protected ecosystem - establish model for replication, establish support for environmental education center/laboratory.
VT	Rural Fire Protection Technical Team	3		RC&D Councils VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	A plan for fire protection and prevention in rural Vermont, reduced losses of life and property.

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WA	Mid-Columbia Salmon Habitat Restoration		Klickitat	Conservation Districts Yakima Indian Nation Northwest Power Planning Council	Clean water, new habitat for salmon increase private participation in improved environmental practices.
WA	Natural Resource Conservation Education/Action Project	2	Benton	Conservation District	Clean water, better conservation in rural areas through education.
WA	Coastal Food Bank Program Olympic Peninsula Watershed Restoration Project Community Development - Revitalization Project	14		International Woodworkers of America Grays Harbor College Chehalis Basin Fisheries TF City of Aberdeen City of Hoquaim Governor's Timber Team WA Employment Security WA Dpt of Natural Resources USFWS Conservation Districts	Retrain workers, preserve wildlife habitat.

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KY	Project Health	2	Floyd Johnson Magoffin Martin Pike	Prestonsburg Community College Big Sandy College Ed Foundation City of Prestonsburg Floyd Co. Fiscal Ct Big Sandy Area Dev. Dist University of KY Wellness Program UK College of Medicine	Increased awareness of health protection, disease prevention through the development of health education teams, outdoor fitness facilities and environmental education Increase the number of persons entering into health care professions and remaining in the community.
LA	Farm-A-Syst	5	Pilot-Acadia Vermilion Lafayette Desoto Sabine Natchitoches	LA Farm Bureau LA Dpt of Environmental Quality LA Dpt of Trans & Dev EPA LA Cooperative Extension Svc LA Dpt of Health & Hospitals SWCD	Protection of water supply.
LA	Dry Fire Hydrant Project	3	Lower Parishes	SWCD, RC&D Councils Police Juries Rural Fire Associations LA Dpt of Natural Resources	Better fire protection, save lives, reduce loss of property, reduce insurance costs.
MD	National Plant Material Ctr	1	Pr George	SCS National Conservation Center USDA Ag Research Svc MD Assoc of Conservation Dist.	Greater access to National USDA facility by very large urban population. Will gain knowledge of plant materials available available for protection of environment.
MD	Countywide Environmental Educational Coordinator	24	Entire State DC	MD Dpt of Ag Conservation Districts	An expanded environmental education prog. for each county at all levels K-12
MD	Statewide Environmental Educational Coordinator	1		MD Dpt of Ag Conservation Districts	An expanded environmental education prog. for each county at all levels K-12.
MD	Evaluation of Natural Res on Private Land	24	Entire State	MD Dpt of Ag Conservation Districts County Governments	Improved more profitable land use thru ecologically based planning.
MA	Publicity & Public Awareness Programs; translating documents into Hispanic, Chinese & Vietnamese	2	Suffolk	Environmental Diversity Forum US & MA EPA's Dudley St Neighborhood Initiative MA Bays Program MA Environmental Trust Suffolk Co. Conservation Dist	Environmental education materials for an increasingly diverse population, especially in this urban area.

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KS	Kansas Windbreak Renovation Initiative	10	statewide	Conservation Districts KS State & Extension Forestry	Restoration of windbreaks will help control erosion from wind and protect from snow storms. Trees also clean the air.
KS	Western Kansas/Eastern Colorado Woody Field Trial Planting	3	Greeley (Western KS)	Forest Service Kansas State University	Collect a body of research concerning diverse woody plants suitable to aid in control of erosion.
KS	Developing Visual Information Products	1	City of Salina	Kansas Assoc of Conservation Dist State Conservation Commission Member agencies of Kansas Water Quality Info & Ed Committee	More modern and effective graphic material for use in environmental education for all groups.
KS	Northwest Kansas Habitat Restoration Reestablish wildlife habitat in areas damaged by flooding	8	NW KS	Kansas Dpt of Wildlife & Parks	Re-establish wildlife in area heavily impacted by flooding which will aid in the return of eco-tourism to the area, an important source of income.
KS	Nemaha Wildlife Area & the Cantralia Lake Project	6	Nemaha (NE KS)	KS Dpt of Wildlife & parks Nemaha County Commissioners Nemaha County Lake Committee Mitchell Township Board	Increased tourism will be the major benefit of this project, leading to improved economic conditions.
KS	Construction of Parks & Nature Trails	1	NE KS (close to above)	City of Sabetha	Will result in greater access to the park and increase opportunities for environmental education for all ages and physical conditions.
KS	Non-point Source Pollution Assessment & Water Quality Monitoring	1	Clay	Extension Service KS Dpt of Health & Environment Clay Co. Conservation District Farm Bureau Pork Producers Council Clay Co. KS Livestock Assoc.	Greater community awareness and improved water supply. A clean water supply provides for a healthier community.

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IL	Illinois Flood Recovery	25	Alexander Adams Calhoun Hancock Henderson Jackson Jersey Madison Mercer Monroe Pike Randolph	RC&D Councils Farm Bureau City of East St. Louis	Clean-up of debris from flooded area will aid in economic recovery of the area.
IL	East St. Louis	20		St Community College of E.St Louis ESL Regional Vocational System Soil Survey Update MLRA 114-115 University of Illinois Dpt of Architecture Make East St. Louis Beautiful Extension Education Dpt of Community Development Dpt of Food & Nutrition St. Clair Co. Sheriff's Dpt Southwestern IL RC&D	A return to greater economic vitality through urban landscaping and cleanup.
KS	Hillsdale Lake Water Quality	1	Miami Brown	Conservation Districts County Engineering Planning & Environmental Dpts Environmental Protection Agency US Geological Survey US Army Corps of Engineers Kansas Dpt of Health & Envirnmnt State Conservation Commission Resource Conservation & Dev.	Creat a complete GIS database which will improve the decision making process including time saving, regarding environmental impact - development. Water quality improvement & protection is especially important.
KS	Kansas Wetland & Riparian Areas Project Demonstrations	1	Jefferson Neosho Reno	3 Federal partners EPA and FWS 13 State agencies including Kansas Dpt of Health & Environmnt Kansas Dpt of Wildlife & Parks State Conservation Commission	Wetlands will be improved and riparian areas improved.

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ID	Eastern Idaho Rural Community Forestry Program Will implement the recent national Community Forestry initiatives	1	Lemhi Butte Custer Clark Fremont Teton Madison Jefferson Bonneville	High Country RC&D Idaho Department of Lands Bureau of Forestry (Community & Urban Forestry)	Will help to assess forest resources by completing inventories of existing street trees. Will establish databases of existing street trees. Assist in organizing tree planting projects and in planting trees.
√ID	Boise Front Coordinated Resource Management Plan Assist in identifying & coordinating planning efforts on watershed improvement projects	1	Caldwell (City of Boise)	Bureau of Land Mangement Forest Service Idaho Dpt of Parks & Recreation Idaho Dpt of Fish & Game Idaho Dpt of Lands Boise Front Coalition (nonprofit organization)	Community will have all aspects of specific watershed projects identified including funds, technical, and volunteer staff.
ID	Lower Boise River Water Quality Plan Assist in completing detailed resource inventory	1	Ada Canyon	Ada & Canyon Soil Conservation Districts	Build a database from which water quality protection and other environmental impacts are determined.
ID	Public Information & Education in Mid-Snake RC&D Area	2	Cassia Jerome Minidoka Twin Falls	County Commissions Soil Conservation Districts Region IV Development Assoc. College of Southern Idaho Mid-Snake River Study Group Idaho Snake River Plain USDA Water Quality Demonstration Project Wood River RC&D Council	Through more effective communications with the public, there will be an improved capacity to generate support for projects and activities speeding up the delivery process.
ID	Public Information & Education in Southwest Idaho RC&D Area	2	Ada Canyon Elmore Owyhee Duck Valley Indian Res	Duck Valley Indian Reservation Soil Conservation Districts IDA-ORE Planning & Development Association Boise State University Other USDA agencies*	Improve communication between rural and urban communities, which will result in more sensitivity to environmental needs of all population, including Native Americans.

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CA	Rural Community Development	1		North Cal-Nev RC&D CA Associate for RC&D Western RC&D Association	Increase in grant funds available to carry out RC&D projects.
CA	Resource Conservation, emphasizing water conservation and quality	1	Sutter Yuba	Yuba & Sutter Resource Conservation Districts	Conserve scarce water through improved irrigation methods.
CA	Cooperative Watershed Efforts	2		Sotoyome-Santa Rose Resource Conservation District Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District CA Dept of Fish & Game	A complete inventory of watershed land owners and increased assistance to those who are motivated to adopt new methods.
CA	Forest Mgmt for Small Forest Landowners	2		US Forest Service Conservation District	Increase numbers of acres of forest land being appropriately managed and an increase in log supply from private land.
DE	Identification of Landowners of Endangered & Blocked Streams & Watercourses	1	Kent	DE Dpt of Transportation Kent ConservatLon District	Stream will be cleared of debris which will reduce flooding and property damage.
ID	Assist the Aberdeen Plant Material Ctr, Interagency Riparian/Wetland Dev. Construct Wetland Systems for demonstration Reservoir Vegetative Study Riparian Plant Development	1	Power	SCS in Idaho, Nevada & Utah FS, BLM, USBR, USFW, Univ of Idaho; Idaho Departments of: Transportation; Lands; Fish & Game Idaho Power Co, Nature Conservancy; Soil Conservation Districts Sho-Ban Indians	Protect water supply through better intermediary steps taken before agricultural use water is allowed to enter area streams and reservoirs.
ID	Idaho Farm*A*Syst Safe Drinking Water Implementation Project	20		ID Soil Conservation Districts Div of Environmental Quality, ID Dpt of Ag, USDA Cooperative Ex Svc ID Health Districts	Protection of drinking water.

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AR	Community Outreach	1	Phillips Lee Monroe (East AR)	3 county governments 3 conservation districts 8 cities State Agencies Soil & Water Conservation Com. Forestry Commission Game & Fish Commission Pollution Control & Ecology Health Dept.	Assist residents of a depressed area of the state to learn more about protecting the natural resources, what State and Federal services are available and how to access those services.
AR	Cooperative Geographic Information Systems Project	1	Benton Washington	2 conservation districts Univ. of Arkansas city and county governments	A coordinated approach to information sharing for 2 counties which will provide to local organizations information needed for an integrated approach to the solution of environmental problems.
CA	Southern California Fire Recovery	10	Santa Ana River Watershed	Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District East Valley Resource Conservation District Milk Producers Council Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority	Assist dairy farmers with emergency watershed protection projects to reduce the threat of non-point source pollution to ground and surface water. Recent flash floods and fires may increase the demand for dairy waste management. Plans required by the local Regional Water Quality Control Board.
CA	Adopt-A-Watershed	60		Federal, St & local agencies School Districts Resource Conservation Districts Community Members	Increase the number of participants in the Adopt-A-Watershed program. Project will lead to life time commitment to protection of watershed environment.
CA	Central Valley Joint Venture North American Waterfowl Plan	51		Resource Conservation Districts St Dpt of Fish & Game US Fish & Wildlife Svc Cooperative Extension Ducks Unlimited, CA Waterfowl Assn. Nature Conservancy	Changes in agricultural practices which will contribute to improvement in water quality and wildlife.
CA	Watershed Research for Pre-Project Planning	1	Marin Sonoma	St Fish & Game St Water Quality, EPT Conservation Districts	A comprehensive plan for emergency watershed protection in the dairy production area.

TARGET AREA PROJECTS

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AK	Yukon Flats Water & Sewer Facilities	1	RC&D Area	Public Health Service Housing & Urban Development Alaska Dept. Environmental Conservation Yukon Flats RC&D Council Chalkyitsik Native Village	Coordination & installation of the only water & sewer system which will provide drinking water treatment, showers, a laundromat, and a health clinic
AK	Yukon Flats Natural Resource Management Planning	1	RC&D Area	Yukon Flats RC&D U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Alaska Dept. of Fish & Game	Assist native villages in natural resource management plans which would be used to plan future local opportunities harmonious with traditional values.
AR	Holly Grove Housing Coordinator	1	Monroe Co.	Central AR Planning & Dev. Dist. Central AR RC&D Council Monroe Co. Conservation Dist. AR Soil & Water Conservation Com. Monroe County AR Game & Fish Commission AR Dept of Pollution Control & Ecology AR Dept of Parks & Tourism AR Natural Heritage Com Corps of Engineers EPA	Assist the city in its stormwater management plan in coordinating the relocation of residents as a result of flooding. This builds on the city's request to SCS-USDA to provide a study, and the funds from FEMA to address the emergency.
AR	Community Planning	3	✓ Fort Smith Jonesboro Batesville B. Leggett (501) 324-6618	3 RC&D councils 3 county governments city governments local conservation districts business & community leaders U.S. Forest Service	Through organized meetings the community will have to work together to identify, prioritize, and plan solutions to local problems.

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MS	North Central RC&D Environmental Education Project Assist in rural water, rural wastewater, and environmental education	3	Benton, Desoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Pontotoc Tate, Tippah Union	RC&D Councils Itawamba Comm.Colleg NW Comm. College, Univ MS, Rust College, Planning & Dev. Dist., USDA FS, public schools ARS, Rural Community leaders Biological Field Station, NE MS Community College	1) A central point for information and assistance for treatment of waste water. 2) A training center for environmental education specialists. 3) A center for assistance to aid in recovery from losses due to extreme winter conditions.
MS	Mississippi Delta Water Supply Study	5	Delta	Soil & Water Conservation Districts	A database will be available which will aid in the development of plans to protect the area water supply.
MS	Educational Resources Assist. Aide in providing conservation education in connection with programs provided by CDs Area II	1		Conservation Districts MS Garden clubs farmer groups conservation clubs	Increased awareness of conservation issues and improved conservation practices by diverse groups which have direct impact on environment.
MS	Technical and clerical assist. to LRF, landusers & Organ.	1	Benton	Benton County Bd. of Supervisors Benton Cnty SWCD Benton Cnty Beaver Control Committee	Increased economic stability by small landowners through more appropriate land use, and better understanding of national programs.
MS	Livestock Waste Treatment and Disposal Project and Cattle Herd Health Improvement for Limited-Resource Landowners Approximately 200 animal waste lagoons, some have never been cleaned out, resulting in increased water pollution.	1		SW MS RC&D, MS SWCC, Alcorn State Alcorn Coop Ext pgm., MS Vet Med. Assoc., local SWCD, local Cattleman's Assoc. Hinds Comm. College MS Coop ES, APHIS	Dairy cattle waste sites will be cleaned up and an increased number of small farmers will participate in an animal health improvement project - clean water supply. (Complete plan)

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MS	MS Rural Development Initiative Need to implement strategies developed for tourism, agriculture, and wood products to bring in more revenue.	3		six MS RC&D areas Univ Southern MS Center for Community & Economic Development MS conservation districts Alcorn State Univ MS State University	Greater economic stability through diversification of agriculture, forestry products, and tourism.
MS	Northwest MS Comprehensive Resource Guide Development of comprehensive guide that can be utilized different industries. Produce educational material to promote environmental education projects in rural development.	1		MS Valley State Univ. MS Delta State Univ. Rural Comm. Leaders, Delta Council public & private schools Chamber of Commerce, SWCD MS Delta Jr. College USDA agencies NW RC&D Council	1) A comprehensive resource guide will assist in the recruitment of new industry. 2) Environmental education materials will promote greater environmental awareness among students.
MS	Central Mississippi Environmental Education Projects Completion of rural development projects assisting community leaders and conservation officials	5	Yazoo Warren	Hinds Comm. College, Univ Alcorn State Univ. USDA agencies, public & private schools, RD councils, Chamber of Commerce Pearl River Basin Dist.	1) Implement results of community based needs assessment. 2) New educational materials to promote environmental awareness. 3) More technical assistance.
MS	Fire Protection	2		NE MS RC&D Council, NE MS County's Rural Fire Dists County's SWCD	1) Reduce loss of lives to fewer. 2) Fewer economic losses due to fires.
MS	Americorp Project Identify obstacles, concerns, and fears of farms in North MS to adopt and use no-till farming systems.	5	Alcorn Monroe Prentiss Lowndes Kemper Itawamba Chickasaw Tishomingo Noxubee Oktibbeha Lee Clay	North MS No-Till Assoc. Northeast MS RC&D, Coop ES MS State Univ. Conservation Districts	

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NH	Forest Inventory Data	10	Entire State	USDA Forest Service NH Forest and Lands Cooperative Extension Conservation Districts	A database of forest resources will be developed from which economic decisions can be influenced. Forest products are a major source of income.
NH	Soucook River Watershed Investigation	3	Canterbury Chichester Concord Gilmanton Northfield Pembroke	Soucook River Watershed Assoc Central NH Regional Planning Com. NH Dpt of Transportation Town Conservation Commissions Planning Boards	A plan for protection of watershed, wetlands, and other natural resource under pressure on non-traditional land use.
NH	Newfound Lake Watershed Forest Type Inventory	3	Grafton	RC&D Council Newfound Lake Region Assoc. Newfound Economic Dev Corp UNH Cooperative Extension Conservation District	The inventory will influence resource management and protection and utilization of watershed.
NH	Energy Integration Opportunities Assessment	3	9 Towns	RC&D Council Pine Tree Power Corp. Bristol Engery Corp. Governor's Energy Office UNH Cooperatiave Extensin NH Dpt of Resources & Economic Dev NH Timberland Owners Assoc.	Economic diversity for stagnant area.
NH	NH Rural Development Assessment Team	6	Statewide	RC&D Councils	A needs assessment for long-range state planning in rural New Hampshire.0
NH	Winnepesaukee Watershed Landowner Outreach	12	Belknap Carroll	RC&D Council Conservation Districts UNH Cooperative Extension Lakes Region Planning Commission NH Dpt of Environmental Svcs NH Lakes Assoc.	1. Clean water 2. Reduction in erosion 3. Database of watershed inhabitants 4. Knowledge of areas potential erosion 5. Increased knowledge of economic resource-technicla assistance.
NH	Carroll County Gravel Pit Inventory	2	Carroll	RC&D Council NH Dpt of Transporation NH Dpt of Environmental Svcs Conservation Districts	Decrease soil erosion and improve water quality.

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✓NJ	Watershed Restoration Action Team	5		Conservation Districts St Soil Conservation Committee Dpt of Environmental Protection & Energy US EPA RC&D Councils USDA Forest Service NJ Bureau of Forestry	
NJ	Implementation of an Urban Conservancy within a Multi-Cultural Environment Arthur Kill Watershed	30	Union	Union Co. Freeholders; County Mngr Conservation Districts NJ Dpt of Ag; Vo-Tech Schools; Union Co. Private Industry Council Co. Parks & Rec Advisory Board Co. Youth Svcs Commission Co. Shade Tree Advisory Board Co. Mayors Advisory Council and many more	Development of environmental awareness and protection through multi-cultural involvement in urban community, through vo-tech educational program.
ND	On-site Inventory of Private Land on Western Prairie fringed Orchid	6		ND Parks & Recreation Dpt US Fish & Wildlife Svc	Will result in unnecessary destruction of wetlands and protect an endangered plant species.
ND	Wetland Restoratin & Riparian area Improvement Development plant materials	1		USDI Bureau of Reclamation Ducks Unlimited ND Assoc of Soil Cons. Dists	Will result in greater diversity of plant materials available to maintain wetland ecosystems and protect riparian areas.

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ND	Water Quality Project Dev.		1	ND 8 RC&D councils Soil Conservation Districts Water Resource Boards County Commissins Local Park Boards	Population growth coupled with economic diversity put new demands on clean water supply. Will benefit area both economically and physically.
ND	Develop Cultural Resource Site Vicinity Maps		1	ND State Historical Preservation Officer	Maps will be available to SCS and other environmental planners which will aid in identification of historic areas within project sites.
ND ★	Emergency Watershed Protection Recovery Effort		3	Water Resource District Boards ND State Water Commission	Clean riverbeds will protect homes from seasonal flood damage.
OK	Project A.W.A.R.E.	6-10	Wagoner	Cherokee Hills RC&D US Forest Service Wagoner County Conservation Dist Coweta Public Schools	Students will have an ability to consider environmental impact when engaged in long range planning and a greater appreciation for environmental concerns.
OK	Project B.E.S.T.		2 Adair Cherokee Craig Delaware Mayes Nowata Ottawa Sequoyah Wagoner	Cherokee Hills RC&D Indian Capital Vo-Tech Farmers Home Administration	Minority, small & medium businesses will be better equipped to manage the financial aspects of their enterprises - thur improving their economic situation and reducing unemployment.
OK	Hardwood Concentration Yard		3 Adair Cherokee Craig Delaware Mayes Nowata Ottawa Sequoyah Wagoner	Cherokee Hills RC&D US Forest Service OK Forestry Services OK State University	Create a "speciality" forest products industry - increase jobs and income. Improved management of forests for sustainability.

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OK	National Rural Development Corps	20		Wildlife Dpt Agencies Local Community Foundations Indian Tribes US Forest Service	Increased tourism dollars, improved infrastructure, increased environmental awareness, increase in small business total community development.
OK	Public Lands & Environment Corps	20	SE OK	County Commissioners Conservation Districts US Forest Service Eastern OK State College Carl Albert State College	Improved water supply, more attractive environment, increased tourism, less erosion of soil, diverse economic base, higher level of education.
OK	Develop Nature Trails Restore Civilian Conservation Corps	4	Osage	Conservation Districts State Tourism & Recreation Dpt Tallgrass RC&D Council	Increased tourism, improved trails, improved parks, new small business.
OK	City Park Restoration	5		Conservation Districts Tallgrass RC&D Council City of Pawhuska	Increased public use of city parks, increased civic pride, safer access to court house; cleaner, more attractive stream through the city.
OK	Conservation Education Outdoor Classroom Construction	4	Osage	Conservation Districts Tallgrass RC&D Council Schools	A facility for environmental educational experiences. Long term increased awareness of environmental issues.
OK	Environmental Resources Conservation	50	Okfuskee Okmulgee Muskogee Oklahoma Creek	Langston University High schools Research & Extension	Increased awareness of need to improve the environment, especially in minority populations. Increased employment of minorities by SCS.
OK	South Central OK AmeriCorps	20	Creek Lincoln McIntosh Muskogee Okfuskee Okmulgee Pottawatomie Seminole	RC&D Councils OK State University University of Oklahoma Langston University OK Extension Service OK Dpt of Ag Central OK Economic Dev Dist Eastern OK Dev Dist	Increase in type of job skills, historic preservation, increased tourism, heightened cultural awareness, higher levels of education.

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MA	Watershed & Stream Assessment & Rehabilitation for Public Lands	2	Urban Areas	Youthbuild Boston, Inc. MA Audubon Society Environmental Diversity Forum Dudley st Neighborhood Initiative MA Bays Program Environmental Careers Org. MA Water Watch Partnership MA Dpt of Environmental Protection Conservation Districts MA Dpt of Environmental Mgt, Division of Waterways	Improved water quality, clean streams reducing flood risk, increased number of fish & wildlife, improved or restored stream banks and increased community involvement.
MA	Public Land Improvement Construction of Nature Trails	2	Urban Areas	Suffolk Co. Conservation Dist Boston Parks Dpt Boston Green Space Alliance Environmental Diversity Forum Dudley St. Neighborhood Initiative MA Bays program MA Environmental Trust Boston School Dpt MA ReLeaf	Community involvement in creation of environmentally sensitive public use areas such as trails, education centers, and educational materials. More trees improve air quality and add beauty. Greater economic stability.
MA	Creating a Better Link Between Producers & Consumers of Wood Products in Western MA	2		RC&D Councils USDA Forest Service MA Dpt of Environmental Mgmt	Greater economic stability through better marketing strategies for local lumber and other forest products.
MA	Establishing "Stream Teams" to Conduct Shoreline Surveys of Rivers in MA	40	Worcester Hampden	MA Dpt of Fisheries, Wildlife & Law Enforcement, Riverways Prgm Conservation Districts RC&D Councils	A database of information for long range planning for environmental protection.
MA	Using Networks, Coalitions & and Team Building to Empower Rural Citizens to Remedy Accelerated River Erosion & Land Loss	2	Franklin	RC&D Council Franklin Co. Commission Planning Dpt Conservation Districts Local farmers & landowners	Reduce land loss due to river bank erosion. Greater community responsibility for counter measure.
MA	National Rural Development Non-point Source Pollution	?	Nationwide	Federal & State	Provide a database of pollution points along roads & landfills.

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OK	Great Plains RC&D Area Community Improvement	20	Beckham Custer Greer Harmon Jackson Kiowa Roger Mills Washita	Great Plains RC&D Assoc. Midwest OK Development Authority Westrn OK Vocational Tech OK State University Cooperative Extension Svc Conservation Districts OK Dpt of AG SWODA; JTPA	Increase in improved housing, conversion of Air Base Housing to public use. Improved public safety, increased environmental sensistivity, improved windbreaks resulting in less erosion.
OK	Tulsa County Environmental Education Program	5	Tulsa	Tulsa Co. Conservation Dist OK Conservation Commission OK Dpt of Environmental Quality OK Dpt of Wildlife OK Forestry Services Tall Grass RC&D	Heightened sensitivity to environmental issues, improved water quality. Improved communication to public.
OK	OK County Environmental Education Program	5	Oklahoma	OK Co. Conservation Dist OK Conservation Commission OK Dpt of Environmental of Quality OK Dpt of Wildlife OK Forestry Services Area Schools, Areas Developers, Area Residents	Increased awareness of environmental issues through new communication modalities, cleaner water.
OK	Rogers State College Conservation Education Reserve	10	Rogers	Rogers Co. Conservation Dist OK Conservation Commission Rogers State College Department of Wildlife	Increased public use of outdoor learning center "micro-community".
OK 	Windbreak Restoration in Western Oklahoma	20		RC&D Councils Extension Service Conservation Districts OK Conservation Commission OK State University OK Dpt of Ag: Forestry; Wildlife Transportation, Area Rural Electric Cooperatives US Forest Service	Restored windbreak protects against soil erosion and other wind damage.