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Date: August 15, 1996

To: Larry S. Holmes  
Acting AmeriCorps Program Coordinator  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Washington, D.C.

File Code: 360

As part of our second quarter report, we submitted our request for renewal of the USDA AmeriCorps Program for South Dakota. Our Fiscal Year 1996 program is:

5-member Rural Development Team working on projects in the Bad River Watershed, which is a major contributor of sediment into the Missouri River.

10-member team on the Rosebud Reservation (8-Environmental Team members and 2 Rural Development Site Supervisors).

Both teams have been very visible in their communities and their accomplishments are noteworthy. On many projects they partnered with volunteers and other community entities to accomplish their plans of action.

Please consider this request for consideration of changes in our Fiscal Year 1997 program:

1. Expansion of our Environmental Corps/Rural Development Team serving the Reservation to a 16-member Environmental Corps (8 to provide assistance on the Rosebud Reservation and 8 on the Pine Ridge Reservation) and 4 Rural Development Site Supervisors (2 to each Reservation). This expansion would enable both Reservations to accomplish local priorities through community service projects. These would all be full-time members and would begin this fall.

The Rural Development members would participate in the Team Leader training, if approval is received in time to do recruitment.

Background: The Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Sinte Gleska University, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and NRCS cooperate on the Rosebud Project. An advisory group made up of representatives from the partnership develop the project proposal, conduct member interviews to select members, and provide guidance to members throughout the program year. They are active and have contributed greatly to the success of their program.

This format is being followed by the Pine Ridge Reservation. An advisory group with members of the Pine Ridge Sioux Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Oglala Lakota College, the Shannon County Conservation District, and NRCS is being formed in anticipation of being able to have the project expanded. However, by following this format they are not yet in a position to submit work plans that support the Reservation objectives.

2. Change the 5-member Rural Development Team in the Bad River Watershed from full-time status to part-time (900 hours) with a spring 1997 start date. Winter weather conditions

impair the accomplishment of many outdoor projects that are local priorities.

New Starts: We request consideration for a new start on the Lake Traverse Reservation of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe. This Reservation is located in northeastern South Dakota and portions of North Dakota. Objective and project development will be done by the local partnership who also serves as an advisory board. To meet their needs, we request approval for an 8-member Environmental Corps Team with 2 Rural Development Site Supervisors.

We look forward to your positive response to these changes in our program, and approval to begin advertising for members. With the beginning of the school year upon us, it is important to move ahead.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome Schaar" with "acting for" written in smaller cursive below it.

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State Conservationist

cc: Joyce Watkins, AmeriCorps Project Director, NRCS, Huron, SD

Jeff Vonk, Regional Conservationist, Northern Plains Regional Office, NRCS, Lincoln, Ne



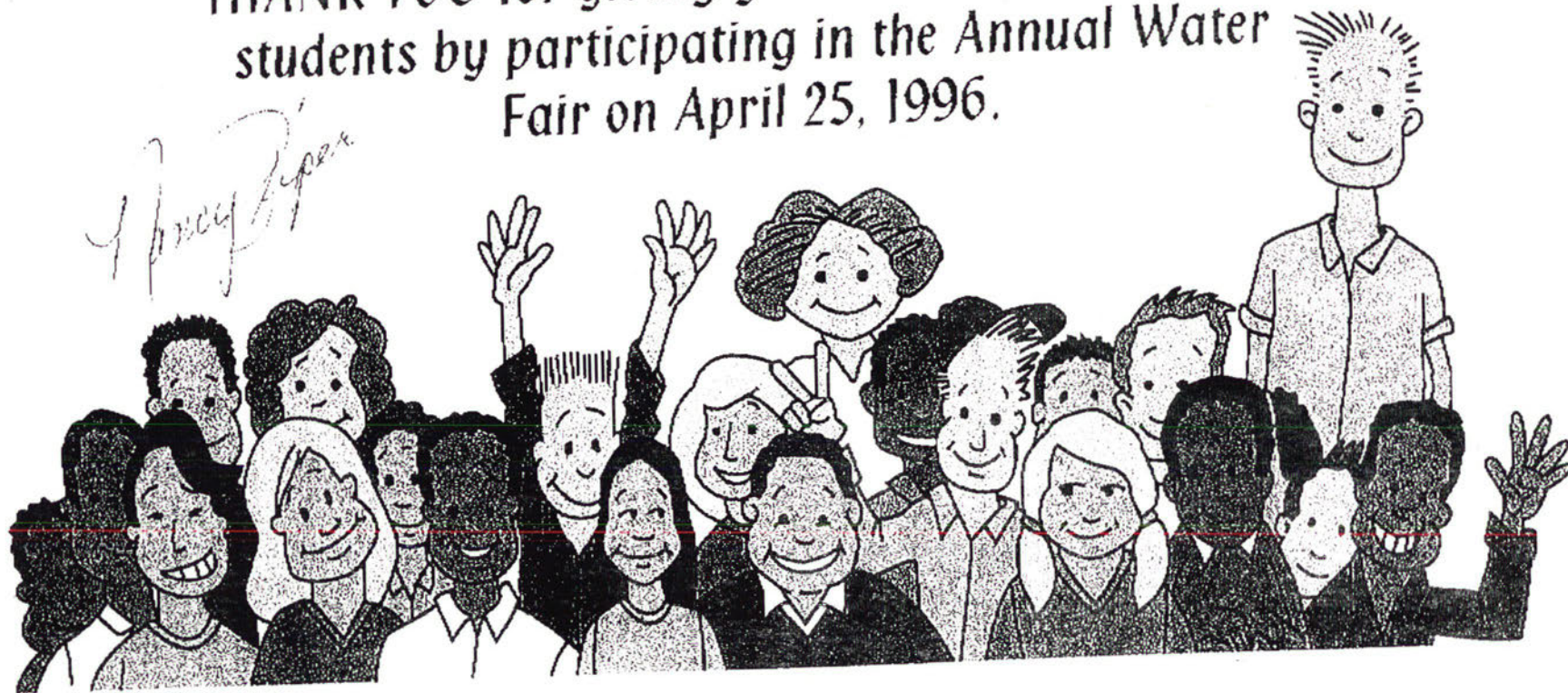
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# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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THANK YOU for giving your time to the Rosebud  
students by participating in the Annual Water  
Fair on April 25, 1996.

*Nancy Zipp*





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Subject: PERS - AmeriCorps Forms

Date: November 6, 1995

To: Paula Cole Jones  
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Community Assistance and Rural Development Division  
Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 5234  
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As per your  
request*

Enclosed are the National Service Enrollment Forms for forwarding to the Corporation for:

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Kevin Boyd  
Roger Brush Breaker  
Pat Buscher  
Michele Edelbach  
Harvey Elk Looks Back  
Paula Hoerner  
Kathy Knife  
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Enclosures