

**CONSERVATION  
LEGACY**

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US FOREST SERVICE  
2019 REPORT**



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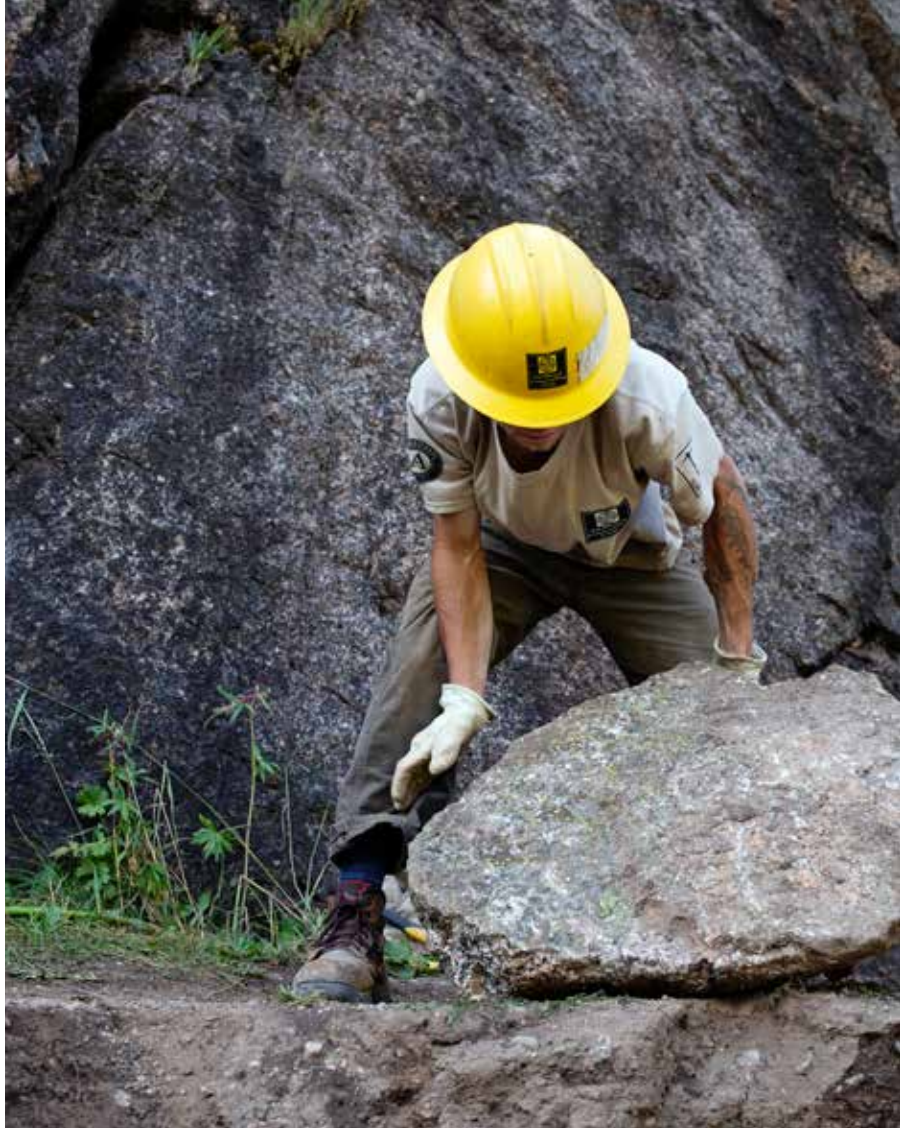
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# OVERVIEW

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## FOSTERING CONSERVATION SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES & ECOSYSTEMS

LOCAL ACTION. ENDURING IMPACT.



Conservation Legacy is now in its 20th year of operation, supporting local programs that provide conservation service opportunities for youth, young adults and veterans to work on public lands and in their communities.

Continuing the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps and in the spirit of national service, Conservation Legacy regional programs include: Appalachian Conservation Corps (Harrisonburg, VA), Arizona Conservation Corps (Flagstaff, Tucson and Pinetop, AZ), Conservation Corps New Mexico (Las Cruces, NM), Conservation Corps North Carolina (Raleigh, NC), Southeast Conservation Corps (Chattanooga, TN), Southwest Conservation Corps (Durango and Salida, CO; Gallup, Zuni, Acoma and Hopi, NM), Stewards Individual Placements (National; Durango, CO and Beckley, WV) and Preserve America Youth Summit (National).

In addition to these programs, Conservation Legacy manages signature program models such as Ancestral Lands and the Veterans Fire Corps.



# 2019 PARTNERSHIP IMPACT

**CONSERVATION LEGACY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE**, provides crew-based and individual placement opportunities for youth, young adults and veterans to serve and work on public lands. These opportunities foster an awareness of natural and cultural resources and develop skills in the stewardship and science of their management while actively contributing to the preservation of the public lands legacy.

In 2019, Conservation Legacy participants worked on projects in all U.S. Forest Service functional areas except law enforcement. Emphasis was placed on projects that enhanced recreation access, maintained critical infrastructure and trails, mitigated hazardous fuels and improving habitat. By completing these projects, participants from diverse backgrounds helped build capacity for the U.S. Forest Service to meet critical needs facing public lands.

Conservation Legacy programs provide opportunities for job training, personal development, conservation service and natural resource education while at the same time accomplishing needed work benefiting our public lands. Conservation Legacy provides high-quality, locally focused conservation service programs that are customized to meet the unique needs of participants, partners and communities. This approach allows for uniquely tailored programs that establish closer community bonds and leave deeper lasting impacts.

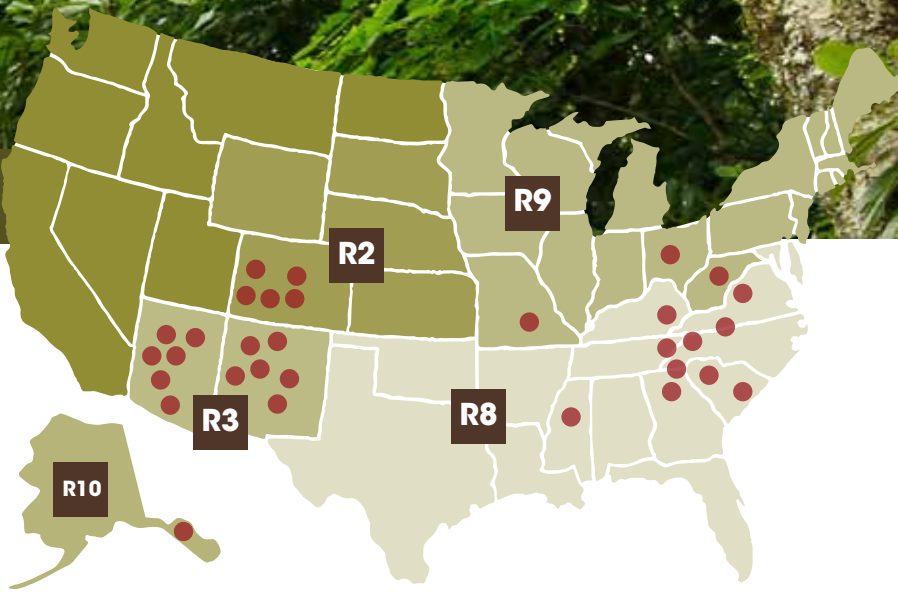
Through this partnership, Conservation Legacy crews constructed and maintained recreational trails, restored and maintained campgrounds, removed invasive species, restored wildlife and fisheries habitat, reduced wildfire fuel loads, installed erosion control features, preserved historic structures, constructed fences and barrier installations, and otherwise helped to support the management of our public lands. Individual Placement program participants engaged in field work, environmental sampling, site monitoring, GIS/GPS, data analysis, program development, archaeology, outreach, education, interpretation, visitor services and coordination of volunteer events. In all, over **600** unique opportunities were provided.

We continue to provide high quality training, personal and professional growth and real on the job work experience through meaningful conservation opportunities. In addition to the significant amount of work our participants completed, we also provided educational programs to increase knowledge of the environment and to develop the next generation of stewards with a deep appreciation for our public lands.

## TOTAL FUNDING

**\$4,230,820.56**





## US FOREST SERVICE PROJECT LOCATIONS

● Crew/Individual Placement Project Locations

### PROJECT WORK PROJECTS WERE COMPLETED IN THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL FORESTS:

- REGION 2**  
Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests  
Pike-San Isabel National Forest  
Rio Grande National Forest  
Juan National Forest
- REGION 3**  
Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest  
Carson National Forest  
Cibola National Forest  
Coconino National Forest  
Coronado National Forest  
Gila National Forest  
Kaibab National Forest  
Lincoln National Forest  
Santa Fe National Forest  
Southwestern Region Office  
Tonto National Forest
- REGION 8**  
Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest  
Cherokee National Forest  
Conecuh National Forest  
Daniel Boone National Forest  
Dixie National Forest  
George Washington and Jefferson National Forests  
Mount Rogers National Rec Area  
Nantahala National Forest  
Sumter National Forest  
Talladega National Forest  
Tuskegee National Forest
- REGION 9**  
Mark Twain National Forest  
Monongahela National Forest  
Wayne National Forest
- REGION 10**  
Alaska Regional Office

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TOTAL ACRES IMPROVED:

**12,000+**

FEET OF FENCELINE CREATED/ MAINTAINED :

**85,395**

MILES OF TRAILS CREATED/ MAINTAINED :

**240**

TOTAL CREW PROJECT HOURS:

**135,381**

### TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:

Including Conservation Corps Crews and Individual Placements

**609**

# VETERANS FIRE CORPS

## THE VETERANS FIRE CORPS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF OPERATION AND IMPACT

Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) worked in partnership with state and federal agencies like the National Park Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Americorps, and others to establish the Veterans Fire Corps (VFC) in 2009. The program engages recent-era Veterans on a variety of fire suppression projects and helps to develop the next generation of the nation's wildland firefighters. Four of Conservation Legacy's local programs currently operate VFC crews.

**Over 500 Veterans** have completed seasons with Conservation Legacy through VFC programming since Southwest Conservation Corps supported the inaugural program. It can be challenging to readjust to civilian life after military service. Many VFC crew members find the program to be a welcome bridge between their service and 'normal' life. Traditional jobs tend to lack the structure, camaraderie, and adrenaline rush that vets experience during their military career, which often leaves them feeling unsatisfied and unfulfilled. "It's taken me a long time to find something like this," explained one VFC member while clearing ladder fuels in Arizona. "For a lot of us—for warriors—it's hard to transition into a behind-the-desk job. I know there are a lot of veterans out there who are looking for something to put themselves into that means something again...And this is really helpful for that." Conservation Legacy is honored to be able to provide capacity at the local level to engage veterans in an opportunity of continued service.

### CONSERVATION LEGACY PLACED VFC CREWS WITH:

- Apache-Sitgreaves Nat. Forest
- Chattahoochee-Oconee Nat. Forest
- Cibola National Forest
- Conecuh National Forest
- George Washington and Jefferson NF
- Gila National Forest
- Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
- Lincoln National Forest
- Pike-San Isabel National Forest
- Rio Grande National Forest
- San Juan National Forest
- Sumter National Forest
- Talladega National Forest
- Tuskegee National Forest

### TOTAL ACRES IMPROVED:

Including prescribed burns

# 10,000+

### MILES OF FIREBREAK CREATED/ MAINTAINED :

Creating safer communities along the wildland-urban interface

# 40

### TOTAL PROJECT HOURS:

On all US Forest Service Veterans Fire Corps Projects

# 24,264

### TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:

# 78

### JOB PLACEMENT STATISTICS

519 TOTAL MEMBERS HAVE SERVED WITH THE VETERANS FIRE CORPS SINCE 2009, OF THAT TOTAL:

**57%**

FOUND FIRE JOBS OR STAYED WITH VFC

**40%**

FOUND FIRE JOBS WITHIN THE US FOREST SERVICE





### **SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION CORPS**

In 2019 Southeast Conservation Corps' (SECC) VFC crew 46 was based out of the Villanow Work Center in the Conasauga Ranger District of the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest. To start the season the members received Wildland Firefighter certifications and Chainsaw operator certifications. Throughout the season the crew completed fuels reduction projects in the Chatt-O National Forest in order to reduce the risk and severity of unwanted wildfires. The crew also received experience putting fire on the ground through participating in prescribed burns in the Conasauga Ranger District, Blue Ridge Ranger District, Chatooga Ranger District, Hitichi Experimental Forest, and the Conecuh National Forest. This crew also participated in responses to wildfires in San Angelo, TX and the Little River Fire on the Long Cane District of the Sumter National Forest. The work of this crew served to improve the resilience of our National Forests to the threat of forest fires, not only by responding to the outbreak of wildfire, but also working preemptively to reduce fuels in overgrown forests and reduce the severity of potential forest fires. The crew completed nearly 8,000 acres of prescribed burns during their season.

According to the project partner supervisor Mike Seaton, "The crew built a great reputation in the region." Additionally, they had a, "Very successful year accomplishing close to 8,000 acres of prescribed burns, 40 plus days as an AD on wildland fires, completing 9 NWCG fire courses, and a lot of hours on chainsaws completing fuels reduction projects, land surveys, plant ID and Monitoring, timber marking, etc."

### **SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS**

The Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) has seen continued growth in our Veterans Fire Corps (VFC) in 2019. This year, SCC successfully ran its first winter program. Starting in early January, two leaders and five members arrived in Durango, CO and received training to become Wildland Firefighters and certified chainsaw sawyers. SCC partnered with the Cibola National Forest in New Mexico to complete high priority fuels mitigation work and prepare their forest for a prescribed burn. The first phase of a prescribed burn is clearing out all small trees and shrubs; that's where the Veterans Fire Corps comes in. "I just point them in the right direction, and they get it done," stated Kyrk Barron, Assistant on the Forest Service's Apache Kid Wildlife Fire Module. The seven person crew spends their days felling, bucking and piling junipers and little ponderosa trees. The crew was able to thin out 25 acres and clear a one-mile fire break around the perimeter.

"The people in this field all want to work hard. They all want to be out in nature. We all have a similar mindset and positive attitude. It took me a little bit to find it, but I owe everything to Southwest Conservation Corps for developing my saw skills and giving me the experience.", stated Ahren Rae-Will, SCC VFC crew member.

### **ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS**

In partnership with the City of Flagstaff Fire Department, the US Forest Service, and Conservation Legacy, Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) crew 131 worked on a hazardous fuels reduction project in an effort to reduce the risk of unwanted wildfire and to improve the resilience of the watershed ecosystem upstream of Flagstaff, Arizona. Dry Lake Hills is located upstream from the financial and cultural center of Flagstaff. Neighborhoods, infrastructure and recreation areas located within this area are vulnerable to severe wildfire. A catastrophic fire would severely threaten the area's recreational and scenic values and impact the tourist industry, as well as kill large areas of forest with crown fire, threatening important wildlife habitat including Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers. This project strongly aligns with and is immediately adjacent to the landscape-scale conservation initiative, Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI).

Arizona Conservation Corps Veterans Fire Corps crews also partnered with the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest for the summer/fall season of 2019. The crews worked on the Lakeside, Alpine, Clifton and Black Mesa Ranger Districts. The scope of work focused on completing fuels reduction and fire management projects. In total, the crew completed 161.4 acres of fuels reduction work and assisted interagency staff on a 400 acre prescribed burn.

### **CONSERVATION CORPS NEW MEXICO**

The Conservation Corps New Mexico Veterans Fire Corps crews partnered with the Gila and Lincoln National Forests during the winter season of 2019. The crews worked on the Silver City, Wilderness, Smokey Bear, Carlsbad and Sacramento ranger districts. The scope of work focused on completing fuels reduction and fire management projects. In total the crew completed 89.73 acres of fuels reduction work.



## ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS USFS SOUTHWESTERN REGION

### FLAGSTAFF WATERSHED PROTECTION PROJECT: DRY LAKE HILLS HAND THINNING • COCONINO NATIONAL FOREST

Coconino National Forest has experienced decades of fire suppression activities and as a result, the City of Flagstaff and the Dry Lake Hills area is at risk of catastrophic wildfire and post-fire flood impacts. In 2010, Flagstaff experienced the Schultz Fire, burning 15,000 acres and producing at least \$133 million in economic damages. Forest management activities within portions of the Coconino National Forest have increased the risk of catastrophic wildfire events and the effects of severe post-fire flooding to the City of Flagstaff.



The Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project (FWPP), a city and federally funded forest thinning and fuels reduction project is aimed at reducing these risks. Due to the rugged and steep terrain, the Dry Lake Hills region within FWPP has historically not been targeted for fuels reduction. Therefore, this region is at an especially high risk to experience a catastrophic wildfire event. Unfortunately, the Dry Lake Hills is located above the financial and cultural center of Flagstaff so a wildfire has the potential to result in severe economic, social, and ecological consequences for the City of Flagstaff. A wildfire could severely threaten the area's recreational and scenic values and impact the tourist industry. Ecologically, a crown fire would kill large areas of forest and would threaten to destroy important wildlife habitat including Mexican Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers. Neighborhoods and infrastructure located within this portion of FWPP are vulnerable to severe post-fire flooding. In partnership with the City of Flagstaff Fire Department, the US Forest Service, and Conservation Legacy— Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) is conducting hand thinning operations to reduce hazardous fuels and improve the resilience of the watershed ecosystem upstream of Flagstaff. This project strongly aligns with and is immediately adjacent to the landscape-scale conservation initiative, Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI). One of the major goals of 4FRI is to restore the structure of Ponderosa pine ecosystems and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires through fuels reduction. The FWPP operations adjacent to current 4FRI mechanically treated units strategically creates an expanded and more continuous treatment area and a more fire resilient forest around Flagstaff.



The primary objective of this project is to implement forest hand thinning operations, in strategic locations, to decrease the threat of catastrophic wildfire and damage caused by post-fire flood impacts. To accomplish this, AZCC engaged young adults, and military veterans to complete this work. Programs of Conservation Legacy are founded on the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps. Conservation Legacy is now in its 21st year of Corps programming with young people - providing a structured, safe, educational and challenging work environment by supporting locally based conservation programs, like AZCC. These programs provide service and work opportunities for a diverse group of individuals to complete important conservation and community projects for the public benefit.

The project took place on the Flagstaff Ranger District of the Coconino National Forest. The Dry Lake Hills portion of the FWPP project area is north and upstream from downtown Flagstaff. The hand thin units have been identified and mapped by timber staff on the Coconino National Forest. These hand thin areas are selected due to steep and rough terrain, and because of their strategic location; these hand thin areas will help connect and make more continuous the current mechanical thinning operations occurring in the area. AZCC has deployed young adult crews and one veterans crew to this project. Together the crews have completed 20 acres of thinning and fuels reduction. Crews started work on the southern boundary of unit 13 and have worked north west through the unit. After members felled trees they bucked and piled the slash according to prescription.

AZCC will continue to deploy young adult crews in the winter and spring session to complete the remaining 51 acres. Crews will be trained in forest management careers, obtain job skills training and receive education in fire ecology and fire regimes. By doing so, this will provide networking opportunities with forest management professionals across multiple agencies including the United States Forest Service and the City of Flagstaff Fire Department. AZCC will coordinate with the City of Flagstaff and FWPP to organize and conduct 2 public outreach events led by AZCC volunteers. AZCC will continue in its mission of providing opportunities and on the job training for our members to foster the next generation of land stewards.



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**INDIAN YOUTH SERVICE CORPS PROGRAM**

In 2014, the Forest Service's Office of Tribal Relations provided funding that began a Native youth development relationship between the Tonto National Forest and the Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) that has resulted in the AZCC Native crews working each year since. AZCC connects youth, young adults and recent era military veterans with conservation service work projects on public and tribal lands.

Recently, Native crews helped with the restoration of portions of the Superstition Wilderness on the Tonto National Forest as well worked on portal systems impacted by the devastating Woodbury fire. Further north, the well-established AZCC White Mountain office has been managing Native crews for years in accordance with the White Mountain Apache Tribe and with state and federal agencies such as the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. Starla Reno (Tohono O'odham) AZCC Native Crew Leader shares about her conservation service experience, "The experience was so impactful as each crew member, including myself, was very connected to the project areas. Each area held a strong history with our ancestors' footprints and presence they left behind. We understood that we are the caretakers of the land and we must do our best to preserve these lands because our ancestors, our future, and our Earth are depending on us." The long-term meaningful work completed by Native crews on the Tonto National Forest, and on other forests in the area, will serve as an integral part of the foundation for creating a sustainable Indian Youth Service Corps (IYSC) program in southern Arizona and New Mexico.



AZCC has built solid relationships with the Tribes of Arizona. The San Carlos Apache and Tohono O'odham Tribal Nations are both slated to implement AZCC supported Indian Youth Service Corps (IYSC) pilot programming in 2020. The Cocopah Tribe is working to partner with AZCC and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to run two Salt Cedar removal crews that will work key sections of the Colorado River to free-up resources for culturally significant species like the Cottonwood. Finally, AZCC is working with the Ft. McDowell Yavapai/Apache Tribal Community wildlife department to plan and conduct an eagle nest understory restoration project that is essential to the health and well-being of one of the Tribe's most critical pairing of bald eagles.

Greg Hansen (Ponca), AZCC Tribal Relations Coordinator, reflects on the time he has spent working with AZCC Native crews, "after working with our Native youth leaders over the past six-plus years I've been inspired by their sincere interest to learn about the land and by their willingness to work hard at becoming goodhearted people. I've been honored to work with some of the best here at AZCC and look forward to continuing to learn from and mentor our awesome Native youth so that they will be able to pass what they've learned about caring for the land on to the next generation of Native leaders." Watch for more on this priority Native youth IYSC development initiative by AZCC to work with Tribes and federal agency partners to provide quality conservation work, training, education, career mentoring and job placement to Native youth and veterans.



**APACHE-SITGREAVES NATIONAL FOREST AND HISTORICORPS**

AZCC White Mountains Crew 361 joined HistoriCorps for a week of historic preservation work in Pinedale, AZ. Located in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, the crew worked on the Pinedale Ranger Station originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1934. Upon arrival, the former barn was quite a sight – panels of white and teal lead paint were peeling off the sides, patches of roof tiles were curled and missing, and failing wood was clearly visible.

Project partners from HistoriCorps continually taught, supervised, and laughed alongside the hardworking crew the entire week. The majority of the preservation efforts for the week were scraping and stripping the toxic lead paint that covered the building's exterior, in preparation for repainting. Paint is often the first line of defense from the elements – and buildings are much less likely to be vandalized if they're well cared for. The crew built a containment tent lining two exterior walls – this prevented lead paint chips from blowing away and becoming an environmental contaminant. They then suited up in lead-isolation suits and PPE: Hard hat, eye pro, special lead-dust respirator, rubber gloves, full body suit, and shoe covers.

In between paint scraping, each crew member got to choose, remove, and restore a window from the ranger station structure. Using a Speed-Eater to speed-heat the lead paint for removal, each member learned how to remove, clean, and re-glaze the glass. Once the windows were returned to their rightful sills, every member was able to point to a window and proudly say, "I did that!" Both crew and staff were able to keep the enthusiasm up through the sweat, heat, and laborious project work. Partnering with HistoriCorps was an exciting change in pace for the trail crew. It showed them that the skills they developed on the trail can translate to a variety of different fields; whether that might be historic preservation, carpentry, and renovations, or leadership, and keeping a positive attitude.



#### **THE WOODBURY FIRE AND THE ARIZONA TRAIL**

The Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) a program of Conservation Legacy, in partnership with the Tonto National Forest, is completing important trail maintenance and Burn Area Emergency Stabilization work on section 19 of the Arizona National Scenic trail that burned during the Woodbury Fire of 2019, by engaging AmeriCorps members in projects that will benefit the forests and community that surround it.

Earlier this summer, the Woodbury Fire consumed 123,000 acres of National Forest land, which included 30 miles of the Arizona National Scenic Trail in the Superstition Mountains. The Arizona Trail Association (ATA) completed an assessment of the trail conditions after the blaze died down in the area between Rogers Trough Trailhead and Roosevelt Lake. They found the trail passable but very hard to follow, with numerous blowouts from erosion events, downed trees, and new growth in the middle of the trail tread. With the results of the ATA's assessment and the region's busy thru-hiking and outdoor recreation season fast approaching, Tonto National Forest was in need of a trail crew to begin maintenance efforts on the damaged trail. In October, Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) responded and deployed crew 132 on the Reavis Trail.

The Reavis trail lies hidden in the Superstition Wilderness. A two-hour drive on rutted dirt roads takes you back to Roger's Trough Trailhead, the entrance to the wilderness. The landscape is undeniably beautiful, even with a burn scar from the recent fire. Our crews spent two weeks working on the Reavis trail, clearing portions that had been affected by the burn. For some of the members, it was their first time traveling and living in the backcountry. The hike in was challenging, they had to carry all their food, gear and tools for eight days. The nights were cold and windy, and the work was physical. When asked at the end of the season what each members' most memorable and rewarding project was, this was it. Each member was affected not only by the remarkable landscape, but particularly by the work and the meaning they found in it. Members felt fortunate to be able to work on a project that was helping the land after it had been burned through. They realized the value in being a part of re-opening this beautiful space to those wanting to experience the same wilderness that had challenged and rewarded them.

"Be sure someone knows where you are going..." reads the ominous warning at the end of the description for the trail. Of course, the crew was well equipped with all the gear they would need and a detailed project framework, working closely with USFS rangers. The hitch went off without a hitch so to speak, but featured the juxtaposition of hardship tempered by deep fulfillment that is so often characterized by life on a trail crew. Conservation work is rarely easy, but the profound satisfaction of being part of something bigger than yourself and giving back to the land that raised you is often revolutionary for participants.



**"I am happy to have helped the community and this was a good stepping stone to be able to actually do national service in wildland fire. At AZCC I received all fire certifications, got a solid experience and received a job offer with the Black Mesa Hotshots"**

—Robert Jolles,  
VFC Crew Member,  
Arizona Conservation Corps

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**PINE RIVER TRAIL • SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST**

In a region where snow is still common in the middle of June, working outside takes on a whole new set of challenges. That's what Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) crew 443 learned last summer when they set off to complete a large-scale rockwork project in the alpine meadows of the Weminuche Wilderness.

High spring runoff caused severe erosion along Pine River trail 523 near Vallecito, an unincorporated community just a few miles northeast of Durango, Colorado. One particular bend in the trail—flanked by the river on one side and a sheer cliff face on the other—experienced extensive damage. The loss of this 50' portion of the trail would permanently divide the trail into two sections, so the rangers of the San Juan National Forest Columbine District determined that the only option was to restore the section by armoring the downhill side of the trail with an 8ft tall rock retention wall. They reached out Southwest Conservation Corps who jumped at the chance to move big rocks in the mountains—their specialty.



However, when crew 443 arrived for their first hitch in June, they were met with stubborn snowpack still clinging to the high country and downed trees crisscrossing the trail. According to local paper The Durango Herald, the snowpack in Vallecito reached 160% of normal levels in the winter of 2019. Their worksite was 9 miles into the wilderness, and the crew were relying on a horse packing outfit to haul gear for their campsite in order to establish an efficient base camp. "The snowpack was crazy last year," reminisced SCC Program Director Jordan Burningham. "The crew spent the first hitch clearing the trail for the horse packers and when the snow finally melted, all the runoff caused the river to run high, and the crew had to wait until the water receded, so the actual rockwork portion of the project had to be postponed for several weeks until conditions returned to normal."

Finally, in early July, the crew was able to begin work on the rock wall. They hauled boulders from a nearby rockfall using a highline griphoist and rock nets, placed them using rock bars, and smashed smaller rocks into 'crush' with sledgehammers to fill between the cracks and reinforce the wall. The work alone was physically demanding, but the crew also lived in the backcountry for up to two weeks at a time to complete the project: using a latrine, hanging their food and 'smellable' items in trees at night, and sleeping in tents. Two members unfortunately had to leave the project early due to medical issues. Despite the hardships, the crew remained dedicated and enthusiastic about the project. "It's been absolutely beautiful," insisted Jonathan Reed, one of the members of crew 443. "A lot of hard work, but I knew what I was signing up for. This is my favorite project we've had. When we started, we were 8 feet below the water, and now the wall's as tall as I am. It's just been really rewarding."

Throughout the 13-week-long project, the crew worked a total of 3,430 hours, constructed a 550 square foot rock retaining wall, and removed 187 downed trees from the trail corridor. "This was the most important project implemented on the District in 2019," said Don Kelly, USFS Trails Foreman. "Despite the remote setting, the installation of a complicated mechanical highline, the high-water levels in the river, and medical issues forcing 2 crew members to leave the program early, the project was completed ahead of schedule." The crew wrapped up work in late September with the successful completion of a formidable retention wall, which will secure the trail for years to come and protect the surrounding habitat from overuse.



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**LOS VALLES YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

The Southwest Conservation Corps (SCC) Los Valles office has a long-standing partnership with the Conejos Peak Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest. As one of the first supporters of SCC in the San Luis Valley, adult crews have completed a variety of projects over the years from maintaining sections of the Continental Divide Trail to logging out OHV trails to remote crosscut projects in the South San Juan Wilderness. During that time, there has been a desire to engage more local youth in these conservation projects which led to a new partnership between Conejos County Social Services and the Conejos Peak Ranger District to fund a 5-week youth crew based out of Conejos County.



The 2019 Conejos County Youth Crew consisted of local youth ages 14-18 that spent the 5-week program camped out with no cell service completing important maintenance projects on the Duck Lake Trail outside of Antonito, CO. The crew maintained 6 miles of trail, designed and constructed a 500-foot trail reroute, cleared 13 downed trees, and installed 15 new drains. Project partners Gerard Sandoval and Jeremiah Martinez were extremely grateful for the youth crew's help in maintaining the trail systems and were impressed with the quality of work that the crew completed. In addition to completing quality project work, crew members participated in weekly education days that exposed them to different job pathways, opportunities for engagement in their local community, and local recreation opportunities. After an education day spent at a local fish hatchery, one of the members was so inspired that he inquired about volunteer opportunities and decided that he wanted to go to college to pursue a career with CO Parks and Wildlife.

The crew was fully funded by Social Services in hopes to provide low income families with an additional income source and because of the success of the 2019 season, they have decided to fully fund another 5-week session in 2020. SCC LV is grateful for the strong local partners in their region that continue to provide meaningful work and funding to support youth development.

**YOUTH VOICES**

**Hector Gonzalez**

This program is the best program that there is for kids like me. I learned a lot and achieved a lot while being in this program and I hope it does the same for other kids as well in the future. I really enjoyed working with the people that were in the same program as me and I'm proud that I learned to reroute trails and I learned how to use tools that I've never used before.



**Diego Romero**

If there is one thing that being in the SCC has taught me, it is responsibility. The physical activity has increased my endurance. When I first started I couldn't go five minutes without stopping. But now I can hike one mile in fifteen minutes. The ones who kept me going were Lane and Kiersten, my helpful crew leaders, who never let me give up. I'm very thankful for having them as my crew leaders. If I do join next session I will do it for more learning and to lose more weight. But, overall I really enjoyed my time at SCC and I hope to do it next year.

**Jacob Cisneros**

Each moment I spent working, not only did I learn things, but I taught things too. There was never a time I truly hated something, instead I enjoyed each moment and laughed at things that weren't even that funny. Above all else, the most important things were the leadership skills everyone has learned, and how everyone became good friends.

## RESOURCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS AND STEWARDS INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

#### TAYLOR WILLOW, CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL RESOURCE ASSISTANT

My work has been based in the USFS Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver, CO, in support of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail program. Before I was hired, the entire 3,100 mile long CDT was administered by a single USFS staff member; I was able to step in and take on projects she previously didn't have the capacity for. These projects fell into two main categories: geospatial data and systems management, and the development of web-based interpretive content to educate the public about the CDT. It's been fun and fulfilling to have such diverse types of projects; I would be exercising my analytical and technical skills one moment and doing some creative writing the next. Though the work has mostly been office-based, I was able to join a few field trips during the summer to visit the CDT in other regions and to meet local recreation staff. Going out in the field and learning about how trails are managed and maintained on the ground was a fantastic experience and a highlight of my term.



Working within a federal agency has shown me that the "service" mentality doesn't have to stop at volunteerism. I have had the good fortune to work with so many people who are passionate about what they do in support of public lands and see their jobs as a form of service to the American public - even the paperwork and day-to-day tasks are necessary for the good work to get done. Service does not need to mean sacrifice; service is bringing a passion and joy and forward motion to doing good work for a cause that you and others care about.

The Continental Divide Trail program is all about collaboration. Along this 3,100 mile long trail, we work with federal staff from 20 National Forests, 4 National Park Service units, and 5 BLM State Offices. We also work with dozens of NGO partners along the entire length of the trail. My closest collaborations have been with the staff of the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, the trail-wide partner for the CDT, whose office is conveniently located down the street in Golden, CO. I have also interacted with the Montana Conservation Corps, Montana Wilderness Alliance, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps, Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, National Forest Foundation, and Environmental Learning for Kids during field visits to CDT trail maintenance project sites, or for outreach events about careers in the Forest Service where I represented the Resource Assistant program.

The last 10 months have taught me an incredible amount about what it means to work in a federal agency. The Forest Service in particular, with its multiple-use mission, has been fascinating to be immersed in, and different in many ways from how I imagined it might be. I've grown knowledgeable about the foundations of land management and the systems the Forest Service works within to get the job done, and this term has proven to me that staying in this career path would be a great fit. In my interactions with the wider recreation and trails community, I've really felt like I've found "my people." Moving forward, I plan to use the hiring authority from my RA term to continue a career path in the federal government as a GIS specialist working to support recreation, trails, and resource management.

#### PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: PAONIA TRAIL MAINTENANCE

If you were hiking in the backcountry of the Paonia Ranger District last summer, chances are you came across two Stewards Individual Placement Program members, Rachel Schmitzer and Holly Henrikson, busy at work. These two individuals spent a majority of their USFS project work clearing, maintaining and constructing miles and miles of trails, using stock to pack in their tools and gear.

Spending week-long overnight hitches in the backcountry, both Rachel and Holly developed their field knowledge and personal skill set. Regular activities included clearing felled trees, using hand tools to repair tread and damaged spots of trails, removing dangerous rocks and obstacles, and more. Rachel recalls, "This season has been one of skill development; I've acquired so many new perspectives and experiences that I deeply value and will continue to explore. I learned how to safely operate many new tools, how to most efficiently improve trails, and how to communicate Forest Service rules and regulations to the public."

In addition to their field work, Rachel and Holly interacted with and educated members of the public on a regular basis. The duo recalls their encounters with the citizens of the local community as overwhelmingly positive. Hikers, hunters, fishermen, and cowboys were always interested in and thankful for the recreational work that they were doing, bolstering Rachel and Holly's enthusiasm for the work. Holly's even excited for the start of next summer, when she plans to return as a true seasonal technician for the District.



## APPALACHIAN CONSERVATION CORPS USFS SOUTHERN AND EASTERN REGIONS

### BAILEYS TRAIL SYSTEM HIGHLIGHT

The Wayne National Forest is a new partner for ACC, and one that has already provided a wealth of valuable experiences for our members and leaders. On the Bailey's Trail System, ACC crews have worked on over seven miles of new mountain bike trails, part of what will be an 88 mile brand new trail system. ACC crews work alongside professional trail-building crews, who run mechanized equipment to do the bulk of the earth-moving, as well as interfacing with Wayne National Forest employees and other project partners. Crew members not only get to build trail working alongside equipment, which is an experience not currently offered elsewhere in our programming, they also are able to network with a wide variety of professionals in the outdoor recreation and natural resource management fields.

Our crews quickly fell into a rhythm working with the professional crews, sending ACC sawyers ahead of the equipment to clear fresh corridor, and then falling back behind the equipment to polish the machine-cut tread with hand tools. Our crews sculpted 40 drains in order to make the most sustainable trail possible, and constructed two rock bridges to ensure long lasting and safe creek crossings.

Constructing designated mountain bike trail is a relatively new experience for most of our crews, giving them the opportunity to learn new trail-building techniques and to think about trail construction in a slightly different way. Working with the Wayne National Forest gives our crew members and leaders learning opportunities to further their trail-building knowledge, as well as ample space for networking and personal development. This project has been an excellent chance for growth both as an organization and on an individual level, and we look forward to working more with the Wayne National Forest in the future.



### MOUNT ROGERS DEVELOPED RECREATION HIGHLIGHT

While ACC crews frequently work with trail tools and move vast quantities of dirt, sometimes we get the occasion to do a little carpentry and work with power tools. One such opportunity was tearing out and re-decking an area around a bathhouse at Bear Tree Recreation Area. Generally, such projects allow ACC crews to work closely with partner staff, and this was no exception. Crew members got the benefit of tool and carpentry knowledge from Mount Rogers Staff and were able to expand their carpentry skills immensely over the course of this project.

Even when the project ran into difficulties, such as uneven measurements and rotten support beams, the crew was able to brainstorm solutions and see their ideas take shape. By the end of the hitch, even the members with no prior experience were seasoned carpenters, confident with the necessary tools and able to take measurements with ease. It is gratifying to be able to watch members grow and learn, especially with such excellent support from partner staff.

CONSERVATION LEGACY  
**SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION CORPS**  
**USFS SOUTHERN REGION**



**DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST HIGHLIGHT**

Project work completed in the Daniel Boone National Forest in 2019 represented only the second time that SECC crews worked with this partner. Crews were largely tasked with completing developed recreation work, which is outside of the standard conservation trail work that crews generally complete. Crews worked to rehab campsites, picnic areas, and ADA pathways to improve safety and access for visitors to the National Forest. This work provided many new learning opportunities for crew members including working with asphalt and working alongside USFS staff. The supervising partner for this project reported that, "Despite never working with asphalt the group learned as they went and continued to refine their process. The group did their own quality control and went back to correct or improve portions that they started learning on to bring it to a place that met their and the FS standards. Very diligent works and did a fantastic job of spreading out the "heavy lifting" and the easier jobs."



# PARTNER AND PARTICIPANT EXPERIENCE

**VIVIANA RUIZ,  
VOLUNTEERS & SERVICE  
PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIP  
COORDINATOR, MOUNT  
ROGERS NATIONAL RECREATION  
AREA**

"[The crew needed] very little direction from our staff, which is a huge help. They are self-sufficient and they really knew where to go and what to do!"

**KIM OBELE,  
MAGDALENA DISTRICT RANGER,  
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST**

"I'm happy and fortunate to host this crew of Veterans to help us meet our management goals in the San Mateo Mountains. Their hard work contributes directly to the mission of the Forest Service – caring for the land and serving the people."

**VICTOR PEREZ,  
CREW MEMBER, CONSERVATION  
CORPS NEW MEXICO**

"My season in the Gila National Forest was challenging, in a positive way. Having felt lost for the majority of my life, being present in difficult moments on this crew gave me some sense of clarity, it steered me in a better direction. Hiking several miles, a day with heavy gear and working long hours gave me a change to evaluate myself under strenuous conditions. This program has given me something to aim for in life, I am relieved that programs like this exist."

**ROBERT JOLLES,  
VFC CREW MEMBER, ARIZONA  
CONSERVATION CORPS**

"I am prior military and I know what National Service is. I am happy to have helped the community and this was a good stepping stone to be able to actually do national service in wildland fire. At AZCC I received all fire certifications, got a solid experience and received a job offer with the Black Mesa Hotshots"

**JASON NEEL,  
USFS TRAIL CREW LEADER, GILA  
NATIONAL FOREST**

"The crew exhibited professionalism and enthusiasm for the diverse projects they completed this season, all of which were demanding in unique ways. I was confident that I could assign them a variety of tasks and that those tasks would be completed in an efficient manner. The crew was always up for the challenge, and they accomplished an immense amount of work in the process. CCNM has been an asset to this forest's trail program."

**SAM GOLD,  
CREW MEMBER, APPALACHIAN  
CONSERVATION CORPS**

"I have seen my service translate to a better National Forest trail system and seeing people enjoy my work makes me feel proud and fulfilled."

**ANTONIA NINO,  
CREW LEADER, CONSERVATION  
CORPS NEW MEXICO**

"This hitch crew 377 got the chance to explore many parts of New Mexico. We were surveying campgrounds in Carson, Santa Fe and Cibola National Forest. One of the days, we had the opportunity to see the Christmas tree that is going to be placed in the White House be escorted and shipped to Washington, DC. Overall, we got to survey three different National Forests in New Mexico, while getting the chance to fall in love with all its beauty."

**FRANK GONZALES,  
VFC CREW MEMBER, ARIZONA  
CONSERVATION CORPS**

"National service means working to improve the environment around you, whatever that is. I know that the work we did will help prevent fires in the future. I got to give back and preserve natural resources."

**DAVID PAUL,  
RESOURCE ASSISTANT, MARK  
TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST**

"I have learned that the work involved in the maintenance and beautification of our world's natural resources is an ongoing and extremely involved process. It is vitally important to preserve our natural resources and educate the public on the subject."

**HANNAH HATHEWAY,  
RESOURCE ASSISTANT,  
GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST**

"Natural resource management is a lot more than just keeping trees alive. It's balancing all of the human needs/desires (camping, hiking, fishing, traveling, mining) with the well-being of the environment."

**RACHEL SCHMITZER,  
RESOURCE ASSISTANT,  
GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST**

"This season has been one of skill development; I've acquired so many new perspectives and experiences that I deeply value and will continue to explore. I learned how to safely operate many new tools, how to most efficiently improve trails, how to communicate FS rules and regulations to the public. My work for the Forest Service has allowed me to better understand what it takes to manage the wild ecosystems that are utilized and enjoyed by a variety of people for a variety of reasons... I'm very interested in continuing to be a steward for our natural public resources and using my skills to help others enjoy and care for our communal lands."

**DON KELLY,  
USFS TRAILS FOREMAN, SAN  
JUAN NATIONAL FOREST**

"This was the most important project implemented on the District in 2019. Despite the remote setting, the installation of a complicated mechanical highline, the high-water levels in the river, and medical issues forcing 2 crew members to leave the program early, the project was completed ahead of schedule."

**"I JUST  
POINT  
THEM IN  
THE RIGHT  
DIRECTION  
AND THEY  
GET IT  
DONE."**

—Kyrk Barron,  
Assistant on the Forest Service's  
Apache Kid Wildlife Fire Module.



# CONCLUSION



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## **FOSTERING CONSERVATION SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES & ECOSYSTEMS**

**LOCAL ACTION. ENDURING IMPACT.**

Participation in corps programming has a long track record of success resulting in young people developing professional and life skills as well as an increased awareness of environmental and resource stewardship. These activities promote the mission and vision to which both the United States Forest Service and Conservation Legacy are committed. The physical and financial support from the US Forest Service, the interns, crews, communities, partner agencies, staff and partner conservation corps in this effort have been remarkable.

Conservation Legacy and partner corps are humbled to continue to learn and grow together and to continue to provide systems, administrative and coordinating services that can build capacity at the local level to engage youth and young adults with public lands, for the betterment of our shared future.

Conservation Legacy is extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue its partnership with the US Forest Service to expand opportunities for young people to serve on public lands and to provide much needed services in the areas of land restoration, trail maintenance and construction, vegetation management, wildfire risk mitigation, community development and other critical needs.

## APPENDIX A: PRESS AND MEDIA

### CREWS PROTECT RIPARIAN HABITAT AND NATURAL WATERS ON THE NORTH KAIBAB RANGER DISTRICT

KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST NEWS RELEASE • OCTOBER 2019  
[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fseprd675877.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd675877.pdf)

### VETERAN GOES FROM FIGHTING IN IRAQ TO FIREFIGHTING

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS • SEPTEMBER 2019  
<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/66420/veteran-goes-fighting-iraq-firefighting/>

### BAILEYS TRAIL IS HELPING ECOTOURISM IN SOUTHEAST OHIO

THE ATHENS OHIO POST • SEPTEMBER 2019  
<https://www.thepostathens.com/article/2019/09/baileys-trail-helping-ecotourism-ohio>

### ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS CREW WORKS WITH HISTORICORPS IN NORTHERN ARIZONA

CONSERVATION LEGACY • AUGUST 2019  
<https://conservationlegacy.org/news/azhistoricorps>

### HISTORICORPS, FOREST SERVICE, VOLUNTEERS SAVING BROLLIAR CABIN

FLAGSTAFF BUSINESS NEWS • AUGUST 2019  
<https://www.flagstaffbusinessnews.com/historicorps-forest-service-volunteers-saving-brolliar-cabin/>

### GENERATING STEAM IN ARIZONA: CULTIVATING A NEW GENERATION OF FOREST CHAMPIONS

NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION • AUGUST 2019  
<https://www.nationalforests.org/blog/generating-steam-in-arizona-cultivating-a-new-generation-of-forest-champions>

### NONPROFITS HELP MITIGATE SPREAD OF WEEDS AROUND 416 FIRE BURN AREA

DURANGO JOURNAL • JULY 2019  
<https://the-journal.com/articles/146862>

### BAND OF BROTHERS

EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN • FEBRUARY 2019  
[http://www.dchieftain.com/news/band-of-brothers/article\\_6dcfd5fe-3ae1-11e9-9533-f7396485a507.html](http://www.dchieftain.com/news/band-of-brothers/article_6dcfd5fe-3ae1-11e9-9533-f7396485a507.html)

## APPENDIX B: FUNDING

### FUNDING AMOUNTS:

USFS Apache \$240,000.00  
 USFS Carson \$73,870.24  
 USFS Cherokee \$12,400.00  
 USFS Cibola \$181,086.27  
 USFS Coconino \$351,833.00  
 USFS Coronado \$205,839.50  
 USFS Gila \$199,126.45  
 USFS GMUG \$264,373.75  
 USFS GW&J \$87,230.34  
 USFS Kaibab \$32,535.00  
 USFS Lincoln \$75,908.28  
 USFS Mark Twain \$38,679.04  
 USFS Monongahela \$96,699.79  
 USFS Nat'l For. NC \$45,000.00  
 USFS Pike San Isabel \$312,744.26  
 USFS Rio Grande \$292,059.08  
 USFS Rocky Mtn \$32,148.57  
 USFS San Juan \$819,974.74  
 USFS Southern Region \$516,710.60  
 USFS Southwestern \$86,764.09  
 USFS Tonto \$227,569.81  
 USFS Wayne Nat'l Forest \$24,800.00  
 USFS Alaska \$13,476.75

### TOTAL US FOREST SERVICE FUNDING:

# \$4,230,820.56

## APPENDIX C: FULL PROJECT LIST

### CREW PROJECTS

#### APPALACHIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

GW and Jeff NF Dev. Rec 18-19  
 Improve recreational access

Saw Crew/Planting  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

VA ERFO

#### ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS

CR14 1450 COCO 14-PA-11030416-035  
 COCO Weeds - 08/19/19  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

SD15 T1508 TNF Mesa RD 15-PA-11031200-016 08/13/2020  
 Improve recreational access

SD16 1615 TNF 16-PA-11031200-015  
 \$201,500 - 08/13/2020 PLC  
 Improve recreational access

SD16 1620 CNF 16-PA-11030500-051  
 12/31/19  
 Improve recreational access

SD16 1641 GNF 16-PA-11030600-019 -  
 08/30/2021  
 Improve recreational access

AZ17 1761 CNF 17-PA-11030500-023  
 \$72,890 - 11/01/2020  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

AZ18 1823 COCO 18-PA-11030407-018  
 Bill McClintock Draw 12/31/2019 PLC  
 Improve recreational access

AZ18 1841 ASNF TAMI 18-PA-11030110-  
 019 12/31/2018  
 Improve recreational access

AZ18 1854 COCO 18-PA-11030408-027  
 12/31/19  
 Protect communities from wildfire and  
 mitigate climate related impacts

AZ18 1861 ASNF 18-PA-11030110-022  
 11/1/20  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

AZ18 1861 ASNF 18-PA-11030110-022  
 11/1/20  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

AZ18 1867 CNF 18-PA-11030500-051  
 12/31/19  
 Improve recreational access

AZ18 1872 CNF 18-PA-11030500-054  
 12/31/19  
 Improve recreational access

AZ18 1879 USFS Southwestern Region  
 Developed Recreation Youth Crew  
 11/01/20  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1907 ASNF 19-PA-11030100-001  
 12/31/19  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

AZ19 1906 COCO 19-PA-11030406-006  
 11/30/19  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1915 COCO Weeds 19-PA-11030416-005  
 Protect communities from wildfire and  
 mitigate climate related impacts

AZ19 1922 CNF AIC  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1924 ASNF VETS 19-PA-11030100-  
 003  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1925 COCO YCC 19-PA-1103408-  
 011 08\_31\_19  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1953 TNF BAER 12/31/21  
 Improve recreational access

AZ19 1953 TNF BAER 12/31/21  
 Improve recreational access

#### CONSERVATION CORPS NEW MEXICO

AZ18 1828 GNF VFA 18-PA-11030600-  
 013 11/01/2020  
 Restore, protect and improve habitat

AZ18 1838 LNF 18-PA-11030800-009  
 VFA Lincoln 11/01/2020  
 Improve recreational access

#### CONSERVATION CORPS NORTH CAROLINA

Uwharrie YCC  
 Improve recreational access

#### SOUTHEAST CONSERVATION CORPS

TN19 FS-Reg 8 (devel rec) - 15-PA-11083150-033 - Mod 8- SATA  
 Improve recreational access

TN19 FS-Reg 8 (YCC) 15-PA-11083150-  
 033 Mod 8 Improve recreational access

TN 19 NPS CHCH (YCC  
 Improve recreational access

CM Training - Fall 2019  
 Improve recreational access

Chatt-O Conasauga RD  
 Improve recreational access

Cherokee NF Fall 2019  
 Improve recreational access

Chatt-O Fall 2019 - Blue Ridge RD  
 Improve recreational access

#### SOUTHWEST CONSERVATION CORPS

FC 17 18 SJNF 2 3 2 Fuels reduction  
 Protect communities from wildfire and  
 mitigate climate related impacts

FC 18 SJNF Vets Fuels Reduction  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

FC 17/18 SJNF SFT Fuels crew  
Restore, protect and improve habitat

LV19/18 PSINF Salida RD 21stCSC  
(CDNST-Hancock New Trl 2019), San-  
gres, Rainbow Wolf Ck 18-PA-11021202-  
037  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 SJNF CDT Gunsight Pass  
Improve recreational access

LV19 CPW CO State Trails OHV PSINF  
Salida RD Improve recreational access

FC 18 Tri Forest proposal  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 Cibola NF Vets Fuels Reduction  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

FC 19 SJNF Pine River Trail  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF Conejos Peak RD SSJ  
Wilderness XCUT Carlos & Gerard 18-  
CS-11020900-049  
Improve recreational access

LV19 PSINF VFC 15-PA-11021200-061  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

LV19 RGNF VFC 18-PA-11020900-016  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

LV19 Conejos County Youth Camping  
Corps RGNF Conejos Pk RD  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF 21st CSC Non-Motorized  
Trails CMC Divide RD XCUT  
Improve recreational access

AL19 USFS Kaibab Springs  
Support local economies and restore  
community/cultural assets

LV19 RGNF Laughlin Gulch - saw train-  
ing site no funds  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

FC 19 GMUG (MOD 2) Vets Fuels Re-  
duction  
Protect communities from wildfire and  
mitigate climate related impacts

AL19 GSEP Dixie NF Juniper Thinning  
Project  
Restore, protect and improve habitat

FC 19 SJNF BAER 416 Fire Scar water-  
bar work  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 SJNF OHV Good Mgmt Jones  
Creek  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 21CSCC SJNF WTFc logout  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 SJNF Wilderness Trails Clearing

Pagosa RD Improve recreational access

FC 19 RMEF SJNF WTFc logout  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 Tri Forest Proposal Building Trails  
and Relationships: Northern New Mexi-  
co Forests Youth Crew Trail Proposal  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 Rico trails alliance SJNF Trail  
maintenance  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF Conejos Pk RD OHV  
Improve recreational access

FC19 NFF West Cross Creek pro bono  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF Conejos Pk RD 21stCSC  
XCUT  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 GMUG 21CSCC \$  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 NFF SAC GMUG Norwood RD  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 CO State Trails GMUG NF Magic  
Meadows Phase 2  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 SJNF Dolores RD BAER work  
Improve recreational access

FC 19 SJNF Dolores RD Calico OHV  
trail work  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF Conejos Pk RD Trujillo  
Meadows  
Improve recreational access

LV19 CPW Non-Motorized State Trails  
CMC RGNF Divide RD Improve recre-  
ational access

FC 19 SJNF Pagosa RD Piedra area cut  
Improve recreational access

LV19 RGNF Divide RD CDT Bonito  
Elwood  
Improve recreational access

#### INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENTS

Carson National Forest  
Cibola National Forest  
Coconino National Forest  
Coronado National Forest  
Kaibab National Forest  
Mark Twain National Forest  
Pike-San Isabel National Forest  
R02 Rocky Mountains  
R03 Southwestern Region  
R10 Alaska Region  
San Juan National Forest





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