

Forest Service Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Wildland Fire Program 2016 Annual Report

Weber Basin Job Corps: Above Average Performance In an Above Average Fire Season

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Forest Service Job Corps Fire Program Statistics

- ◆ 1,138 students red-carded for firefighting and camp crews
- ◆ 412 fire assignments
- ◆ \$7,515,675.36 salary paid to students on fire assignments
- ◆ 3,385 student work days
- ◆ 368,998 student hours worked
- ◆ 95 students and 2,548 volunteer hours on hazardous fuels acre projects
- ◆ 8,000 Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) hazardous fuels acres treated
- ◆ 3,711 non-WUI hazardous fuels acres treated

As of 8/31/2016

The year 2016 was an above average season for the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Participating in nearly every fire on the forest, the Weber Basin Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program assisted in finance, fire cache and camp support, structure preparation, suppression, monitoring and rehabilitation.

Weber Basin firefighters responded to 63 incidents, spending 338 days on assignment.

One hundred and twenty-four camp crews worked 148 days on assignment. Altogether, fire qualified students worked a total of 63,301 hours on fire assignments during the 2016 fire season.

The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest's Engine 461, based out of the Weber Basin JCCCC, was deployed to two fourteen day assignments on the Boise National Forest and on the Richfield District for severity and large fire support, as well as local initial attack support. The crew traveled approximately 4,000 miles accident-free and worked 20 fires for 97 shifts. During the season, Engine 461 detailed students and staff to the Logan Interagency Hotshot Crew (Logan IHC), Weber Basin Handcrew, and Wasatch Helitack.

The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest's Initial Attack (IA) Module 11, also based out of Weber Basin JCCCC, spent a



Weber Basin Job Corps students, accompanied by Salt Lake Ranger District Module Supervisor David Inskeep, perform ignition operation on the Bear River RX burn on the Bear River Bird Refuge. October 2016. Photo by *Standard Examiner*.

majority of the season committed to the Weber Basin Handcrew. This crew is typically organized as a 20 person Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) IA crew staffed with administratively determined (AD) firefighters from Weber Basin JCCCC.

Over the 2016 fire season, the crew traveled to over 10 assignments, driving a combined 21,000 miles accident-free. This included responding to two incidents, working 12 days, outside of the Northern Utah Dispatch Area.

The Weber Basin Job Corps fire program continued its partnership with Wasatch Helitack, detailing two students and two staff to that program. Another student worked the entire season with the Logan IHC.

The Weber Basin camp crew, a five to ten person crew primarily staffed with AD camp crew qualified students spent a very productive and successful season working a total of 42 days on two local assignments,

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Weber Basin students learn the finer points of setting up and running a Mark 3 Pump during S-211 on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache N.F. June 2016. Photo by Toby Weed.

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See Weber Basin Job Corps fire crew deployments charts on pages three and four.

one out-of-area assignment, and multiple fire cache assignments.

Over the 2016 season, the Weber Basin JCCCC fire program facilitated multiple staff training opportunities on the handcrew, IA module, and Engine 461, as well as single resources.

During the winter months, fire crew students worked a combined 1,510 hours on work-based learning Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest projects.

National Forest projects included maintaining fuel breaks around the Rocky Mountain Research Station regional bug laboratory and the Remote Automated Weather Station in Ogden, Utah; partnering with the Bear River Wildlife Refuge to burn invasive phragmites; and pulling noxious weeds from the Ogden Valley and Wasatch Front above Ogden, Utah.

In May, the Weber Basin JCCCC signed a Public Lands Corps (PLC) agreement that paves the road for continued participation on national forest projects.

Weber Basin placed students with the Advanced Fire Management program at Schenck JCCCC, the Wasatch Helitack, the Logan IHC, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as well as placements with the states of Washington, Colorado and Utah.

The 100% rehire retention of Weber Basin students employed in the 2015 fire season is a continued result of the forward

progress of the Weber Basin JCCCC fire program.

For the 2017 field season, the Weber Basin fire program looks forward to building on the foundations with current partners and continuing the pursuit of partnerships with the Northern Utah Interagency Dispatch Center, the Hill Air Tanker Base, and the Bridger Teton National Forest Firefighter Type 3 team.



Weber Basin students practice digging hand line. Photo by Brandon Everett.



Weber Basin Type 2 IA crewmember works a drip torch on the Box Canyon Fire. Uinta-Wasatch-Cache N.F. August 2016. Photo by Toby Weed.



Weber Basin Type 2 IA Crew saw team takes a minute to grab some situational awareness of the Box Canyon Fire on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache N.F. July 2016. Photo by Toby Weed.

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Student from the IA module burns phragmites at the Bear River Bird Refuge. Brigham City, Utah. October 2016. Photo by *Standard Examiner*.



Weber Basin fire crew hiking in to the Red Ledges Fire. Uinta Wasatch Cache N.F. June 2016. Photo by Toby Weed.

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Fire/Project Name	Fire Number	Resource Name	Resource Type	# of Shifts	# of Students	# of Staff	Hours Worked	Total Student Hours Worked	Total Staff Hours Worked	Total Logistics Staff Hours Worked	Total WBJC Hours Worked
KY-KICC/DBNF Support	KY-KICC-160002	Weber Basin	Type 2	11	4	6	140	560	840	30	1430
Foss Lake	MN-SUF-250	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	7	1	0	100	100	0	8	108
FC IAN	UT-NWS-143	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	3	1	2	3	8	13
North Moore	UT-RID-6059	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	8	2	3	123	246	369	8	623
Pine Canyon	UT-DIF-240	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	3	1	0	39	39	0	2	41
Aspen	UT-DIF-238	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	1	1	0	8	8	0	8	16
Saddle	UT-DIF-219	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	13	1	0	191	191	0	2	193
Aspen	UT-DIF-238	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	6	10	9	89.5	895	805.5	2	1702.5
Sherpa	CA-LPF-1643	Wasatch Helitack	5CH Type 2 Heli	7	1	1	105.5	105.5	105.5	2	213
Erskine	CA-CND-1415	Wasatch Helitack	5CH Type 2 Heli	9	1	1	120	120	120	2	242
Skunk	UT-SLD-237	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	12	2	3	12.5	25	37.5	2	64.5
Waterfall	UT-UWF-251	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	2	4.5	9	9	2	20
Waterfall	UT-UWF-251	IA Module 11	10 Person IA	1	3	4	4	12	16	1	29
Farmington Cyn FA	UT-UWF-288	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	10
Farmington Cyn FA	UT-UWF-288	IA Module 11	10 Person IA	1	4	4	2	8	8	2	18
Cesna	UT-UWF-297	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	3	4	8	12	4	24
Canyon	UT-BRS-327	IA Module 11	10 Person IA	1	5	5	10	50	50	8	108
Canyon	UT-BRS-327	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	4	3	4	50	150	200	4	354
Canyon	UT-BRS-327	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	3	12	8	37.5	450	300	8	758
Canyon	UT-BRS-327	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	3	1	0	26.5	26.5	0	2	28.5
Buck	ID-BOF-431	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	7	1	0	90	90	0	2	92
Minks	UT-NWS-367	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	1	3	3	3	9	2	14
Red Ledge	UT-UWF-370	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	12	10	11	173	1730	1903	8	3641
Red Ledge	UT-UWF-370	Wasatch Helitack	8PJ Type 3 Heli	10	1	1	176.5	176.5	176.5	2	355
Red Ledge	UT-UWF-370	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	7	3	2	108	324	216	4	544
Red Ledge	UT-UWF-370	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	8	1	0	110	110	0	2	112
BOF Support	ID-BOF-008	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	16	3	2	192	576	384	4	964
Choke Cherry	UT-SLD-435	Weber Basin CC	Camp Support	4	6	1	58	348	58	2	408
Rocky Ridge	UT-UWF-370	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	5	11	11	53	583	583	6	1172
Pinto Fire	NV-ELD	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	2	1	0	32	32	0	2	34
Lower Ebbs	UT-FIF-6146	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	6	1	0	109	109	0	2	111
Virgina Mtns Comp	NV-CCD-30409	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	6	1	0	115.5	115.5	0	2	117.5
Cliff Creek	WY-BTF-1611	Weber Basin CC	Camp Support	16	7	3	240	1680	720	8	2408
Ensign Peak	UT-NWS-594	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	1	3	5.5	5.5	16.5	2	24
Pioneer North	ID-BOF-634	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	11	1	0	176	176	0	2	178
Pleasant Valley	UT-UWF-613	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	2	4	3	15.5	62	46.5	2	110.5
Mineral Fork	UT-UWF-611	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	4	9	12	47	423	564	8	995
Smithfield Dry Cyn	UT-BRS-641	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	2	5.5	11	11	2	24

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Fire/Project Name	Fire Number	Resource Name	Resource Type	# of Shifts	# of Students	# of Staff	Hours Worked	Total Student Hours Worked	Total Staff Hours Worked	Total Logistics Staff Hours Worked	Total WBJC Hours Worked
Taylor's Cyn	UT-BRS-668	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	2	4	3	22.5	90	67.5	4	161.5
Taylor's Cyn	UT-BRS-668	Weber Basin	Type 2 HC	2	14	7	18.5	259	129.5	4	392.5
Outlook	UT-UWF-392	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	2	12	8	19.5	234	156	8	398
Peterson Hollow	UT-UWF-394	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	4	4	2	51	204	102	4	310
Tie	ID-CTF-3181	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	6	1	0	96	96	0	2	98
Peterson Hollow	UT-UWF-394	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	6	11	10	78.5	863.5	785	4	1652.5
Peterson Hollow	UT-UWF-394	Weber Basin CC	Camp Support	14	4	1	219	876	219	8	1103
Providence	UT-UWF-719	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	2	2	8	16	16	2	34
Davenport	UT-UWF-725	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	3	4	2	32.5	130	65	2	197
Davenport	UT-UWF-725	IA Module 11	10 Person IA	3	2	7	39	78	273	2	353
200 South	UT-UWF-722	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	4	2	8	32	16	2	50
Berry	WY-GTP-1621	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	4	1	0	64	64	0	2	66
Pioneer	ID-BOF-539	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	6	1	0	96	96	0	2	98
Weber Cyn 2	UT-BRS-833	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	1	3	2	2	6	4	2	12
Alcorn	UT-SLD-833	Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	3	3	3	29	87	87	2	176
Alcorn	UT-SLD-833	Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	3	7	12	37	259	444	2	705
Canyon	CA-AFV-3151	Logan IHC	Type 1 IHC	11	1	0	176	176	0	2	178
KY-KICC/DBNF Support	KY-KIC-160002	Utah IA Module	10 Person IA	4	2	2	50.5	101	101	2	204
Taylor Ridge	KY-DBF-16112	Utah IA Module	10 Person IA	4	2	2	45.5	91	91	2	184
Chimney Rock	TN-BSF	Utah IA Module	10 Person IA	12	2	2	215	430	430	2	862
2016 UWF ABCD MISC		Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	13	4	3	65	260	195	2	457
2016 UWF ABCD MISC		Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	8	11	6	48	528	288	2	818
2016 UWF Support		Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	4	4	3	4	16	12	2	30
2016 UWF Support		Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	11	11	6	110	1210	660	2	1872
2016 UWF Support		Weber Basin	Camp Support	8	7	2	110	770	220	2	992
2016 NUC Preparedness		Engine 461	Type 4 Engine	4	5	3	48	240	144	2	386
2016 NUC Preparedness		Weber Basin	Type 2 IA HC	18	13	6	216	2808	1296	2	4106
<i>As of 6/30/2017 2016 Totals</i>				371			4688	19584	13368	243	33195
2015 Totals				173			2213.5	3276.5	1186.5	202	23404
2014 Totals				108			1283.5	6113.5	459	64	6636
2013 Totals				71			1020	7901	942	160	9027

2016 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Fire Assignments by JCCCC

(as of 08/31/16- report numbers reflect multiple assignments of individual students who are red-carded for both wildland firefighting crews and camp crews)

JCCCC	Assignments	Total # of Firefighters	Days Deployed	Total # of Camp Crews	Days Deployed	Total # of Students	Day Deployed	Total Hours
ANACONDA	11	61	155	24	51	85	206	19459
ANGELL	9	23	79	8	10	31	89	3447
BLACKWELL	6	11	16			11	16	405
BOXELDER	22	81	72			81	72	2616
CASS	0	0	0			0	0	0
CENTENNIAL	33	104	47	196	254	300	301	156018
COLLBRAN	16	65	107	19	25	84	132	8827
COLUMBIA BASIN	5	2	207	29	37	31	244	6396
CURLEW	16	129	34	41	51	170	85	12611
FLATWOODS	37	308	70			308	70	6456
FORT SIMCOE	5	2	183	18	32	20	215	3279
FRENCHBURG	15	102	80	6	7	108	87	7501
GOLCONDA	1	6	20			6	20	1722
GREAT ONYX	14	91	92	22	56	113	148	12935
HARPERS FERRY	11	36	103			36	103	1488
JACOBS CREEK	0	0	0			0	0	0
LBJ	0	0	0			0	0	0
MINGO	11	20	102			20	102	2192
OCONALUFTEE	0	0	0			0	0	0
OUACHITA	0	0	0			0	0	0
PINE KNOT	40	230	116	21	61	251	177	13129
PINE RIDGE	14	77	79	9	15	86	94	8924
SCHENCK	8	96	38			96	38	4850
TIMBER LAKE	42	112	252	31	83	143	335	12958
TRAPPER CREEK	31	154	338	124	148	278	486	63301
WEBER BASIN	63	261	354	124		261	354	19296
WOLF CREEK	2			18	11	18	11	1188
TOTAL	412	1,971	2,544	566	841	2,537	3,385	368,998

Forest Service Job Corps Fire Program Financials FY2013 - FY2016

FY2016	Including Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)	Excluding Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)
Number Of Students Trained	1138	1121
Number Of Fire Assignments	412	404
Number Of Hours On Fire Assignments	368,998	364,148
Salary Paid To Students For Training (1,138 Students x \$16.60 x 40 hrs.)	\$ 755,632.00	\$ 744,344.00
Fire Program Budget	\$ 2,474,000.00	\$ 2,474,000.00
National Forest Support	\$ 414,112.00	\$ 414,112.00
Salary Paid To Students On Fire Assignments (368,998 hrs. x \$18.32/hr.)	\$ 6,760,043.36	\$ 6,671,191.36
2016 Forest Service Contributions to the Job Corps Fire Program	\$ 10,403,787.36	\$ 10,303,647.36
2016 Salary To Students	\$ 7,515,675.36	\$ 7,415,535.36
Four Year Total Contributions From The Forest Service To The Job Corps Fire Program	\$ \$25,043,389.96	\$ 24,412,654.96
FY2015	Including Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)	Excluding Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)
Number Of Students Trained	1054	1033
Number Of Fire Assignments	285	279
Number Of Hours On Fire Assignments	206,537	204,027
Salary Paid To Students For Training (1054 Students x \$15.96 x 40 hours)	\$ 672,873.60	\$ 659,467.20
Fire Program Budget	\$ 1,878,000.00	\$ 1,878,000.00
National Forest Support	\$ 304,000.00	\$ 304,000.00
Salary Paid To Students On Fire Assignments (206,537 hours x \$17.80/hour)	\$ 3,676,358.60	\$ 3,631,680.60
FY2015 Forest Service Contributions to the Job Corps Fire Program	\$ 6,531,232.20	\$ 6,473,147.80
FY2015 Salary To Students	\$ 4,349,232.20	\$ 4,291,147.80

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Forest Service Job Corps Fire Program Financials FY2013 - FY2016

FY2014 (as of 8/31/16)	Including Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)	Excluding Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)
Number Of Students Trained	864	847
Number Of Fire Assignments	328	263
Number Of Hours On Fire Assignments	170,060	153,379
Salary Paid To Students For Training (i.e. 864 Students x \$15.96 x 40 hours)	\$ 551,577.60	\$ 540,724.80
Fire Program Budget	\$ 1,878,000.00	\$ 1,878,000.00
National Forest Support	\$ 266,000.00	\$ 266,000.00
Salary Paid To Students On Fire Assignments (170,060 hours x \$17.80/hour)	\$ 3,027,068.00	\$ 2,730,146.20
FY2014 Forest Service Contributions to the Job Corps Fire Program	\$ 5,722,645.60	\$ 5,414,871.00
FY2014 Salary To Students	\$ 3,578,645.60	\$ 3,270,871.00
FY2013	Including Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)	Excluding Davidson River Initial Attack Crew (Schenck JCCCC)
Number Of Students Trained	*851	*851
Number Of Fire Assignments	177	156
Number Of Hours On Fire Assignments	124009	114,649
Salary Paid To Students For Training (851 Students x \$15.96 x 40 hrs.)	\$ 543,278.40	\$ 543,278.40
Fire Program Budget	\$ 1,800,000.00	\$ 1,800,000.00
National Forest Support	\$ 152,000.00	\$ 152,000.00
Salary Paid To Students On Fire Assignments (i.e. 124,009 hrs. x \$17.60/hr.)	\$ 2,182,558.40	\$ 2,017,822.40
2013 Forest Service Contributions to the Job Corps Fire Program	\$ 4,677,836.80	\$ 4,513,100.80
2013 Salary To Students	\$ 2,725,836.80	\$ 2,561,100.80
Three Year Total Contributions From The Forest Service To The Job Corps Fire Program	\$ 16,931,714.60	\$ 16,401,119.60

*Schenck Job Corps students were not included in 2013 students trained statistics

2013 & 2014 fire assignments included prescribed burns which is now tracked in the FACTS Database.

Pine Knot Job Corps Shines During the 2016 Fire Season

Jamie Tyson, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Daniel Boone National Forest-Pine Knot Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

Reflecting their solid training and professionalism, Pine Knot Job Corps Civilian Conservation Students (JCCCC) students worked 13,129 hours on 40 assignments during the 2016 fire season.

Upon becoming red-carded, Pine Knot Job Corps students are available to support the efforts of the Daniel Boone National Forest and national forests nationwide through a multitude of avenues.

To support wildland suppression efforts, Pine Knot Job Corps students may participate in camp crew, Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and FFT2 Initial Attack (IA) crew assignments, as well as various module or engine configurations. Students are also utilized extensively to assist in completion of national forest priority projects and targets on the Daniel Boone National For-



est, especially those pertaining to fuels, stream restoration, trail maintenance, and hazard tree removal.

At the highest point, nearly 1,000 fire personnel were on the scene to battle the West Mims Fire, ignited by a lightning strike and reported on April 6, 2017, on the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. Behind the scenes are camp crews that provide critical support to wildland firefighting efforts. The West Mims Fire incident managers recognized the Pine Knot Job Corps camp crew as the “unsung heroes” on the fire.

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Pine Knot Camp Crew Boss Jeri English, Assistant Crew Boss Theresa Laxton, and Crewmembers Joshua Elswick, Raheem Daniels, Lee Le, Darius Leiba, Morgan Joyner, Jacente Russell, Jamarri Shah, and Christopher Whitehead. Photo by West Mims Fire Incident Managers.

2016 Highlights: A Look at the Numbers	
Students Trained as FFT2	43
Students Trained as Camp Support	37
Local Fire Deployments	27
Student Sum for Local Fire Deployments	255
Off-Forest Fire Deployments	4
Student Sum for Off-Forest Fire Deployments	19
Camp Crew Deployments	4
Student Sum for Camp Crew Deployments	21
Prescribed Fire Deployments	5
Student Sum for Prescribed Fire Deployments	35
Search and Rescue Deployments	1
Student Sum for Search and Rescue Deployments	9
PLC Program Completions	2
Students Accepted into Advanced Fire Program	1
Students Placed into Fire/Natural Resource Positions	1

Quiet But Successful Fire Season for the Curlew Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

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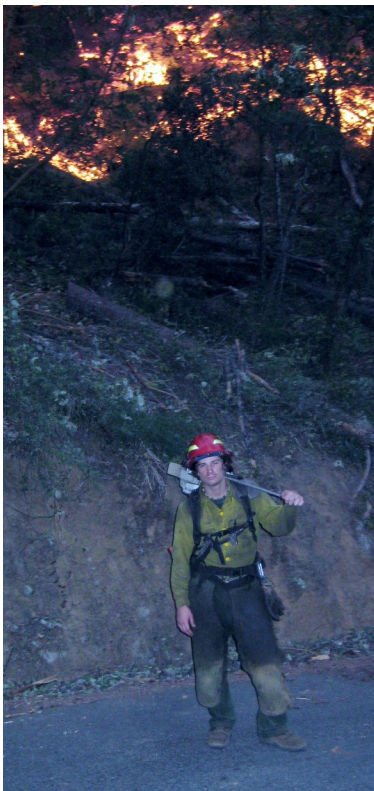


The Curlew Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) had a quiet but successful 2016 fire season. It sent out multiple camp and fire crews to various locations throughout the fire season with the crews working a combined 12,611 hours.

Curlew's fire crew completed multiple fuels projects on federal and state lands, including thinning, piling and burning.

The work that the students accomplished during the season gave Curlew Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) students something to be proud of that they can build upon in the future.

The FFT2s learned lessons in teamwork, leadership, and developing a good work ethic. These lessons will help them to be successful in their future endeavors.



Camp Crew

- ◆ Curlew conducted a camp crew training session which consisted of ICS-100, IS-700, and a three day field exercise that included projects that simulated a camp crew, including a cleanup along the highway and setting up of tents;
- ◆ Four camp crews were sent out in support of three separate fires and fire complexes. In addition to the four camp crews, five individual camp crew members were deployed to work in other positions in fire camps;
- ◆ A total of 41 camp crew members went out for a total of 51 days;
- ◆ Curlew trained 64 camp crew members; and
- ◆ All Curlew's camp crews completed their assignments and returned to the Center with glowing recommendations on their performance and attitude during their assignments.

Fire Crew

- ◆ Curlew, with the help of the Republic Ranger District, hosted two Guard Schools in 2016. Sessions consisted of S-130, S-190, L-180, IS-700, ICS-100, entrapment avoidance, line construction, field day, and an endurance hike;
- ◆ Curlew completed other trainings including S-270, S-212, S-211, S-131, S-133, and basic land navigation, as well as leadership and teamwork trainings;
- ◆ The Curlew fire crew went on a total of 16 assignments, both on the Colville National Forest and cooperators' lands;
- ◆ Curlew trained a total of 24 Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2);
- ◆ 170 students went out for 41 days on fire assignments during the 2016 fire season;
- ◆ Curlew's FFT2 crew completed 13 days on prescribed fire line construction and preparation, burning, holding, and mop-up on multiple districts on the Colville National Forest; and
- ◆ Curlew's FFT2 crew completed multiple days of natural resource work on both federal and state public lands that included thinning and piling, snag reduction, tree planting, stream improvement, and clean-up.



Anaconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Shines During the 2016 Fire Season

Wyatt Palin, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest-Anaconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



The mission of the Anaconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program, in cooperation with the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, is to provide mentoring, leadership, and training to develop Job Corps students into professional forestry technicians. Anaconda's program has evolved into a Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Initial Attack (IA) handcrew that is composed primarily of Job Corps students, with the majority being first year firefighters.

Although Anaconda's fire program is primarily composed of handcrews, it also includes engine modules, prevention modules, burn modules, support crews, and kitchen crews.

Through regimented physical and mental training, as well as a focus on readiness, Anaconda Job Corps reinforces positive work ethics and values that develop students into quality employees for any position they may wish to pursue.

Over the course of the 2016 fire season, Anaconda Job Corps fire crews completed 11 assignments for a total of 155 days. Anaconda camp crews worked a total of 51 days. Anaconda's

combined fire crew and camp crew hours totaled 19,459 hours.

Anaconda began its 2016 fire season by collaborating with the Trapper Creek JCCCC to teach Guard School to first year firefighters, which also gave Anaconda Job Corps' second year firefighting students the opportunity to learn leadership skills and Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) skills. Twenty FFT2 students from Anaconda Job Corps and 52 FFT2 students from Trapper Creek Job Corps completed the training.

The students participated in pile burning, line digging, firing devices, classroom training, team building, and physical fitness training, along with presentations by guest speakers from federal and local firefighting professionals and the military. The highlight of the Guard School was a 120 acre unit line dig.

Historically, the Anaconda JCCCC has students in work-based learning (WBL) assignments throughout the fire season completing project work. WBL assignments began on May 1, 2016 and continued through November 2016. Anaconda Job Corps students completed 3,640 WBL hours.

Anaconda also coordinated a Beaverhead-Deerlodge Guard School and an Advanced Guard School which provided training for nine additional Anaconda Job Corps firefighters. Thirteen Anaconda JCCCC students completed training for wildland fire chainsaws for certification as basic sawyers.

Anaconda's official fire season began on May 5, 2016, with an assignment in Minnesota; six FFT2 students completed the 14 day assignment. From there the action was nonstop with assignments to Montana and Wyoming.

In August, there was another collaboration with Trapper Creek JCCCC on three different fires over 28 days which included suppression operations, hazardous tree removal and fire line rehabilitation. During this time, the Job Corps crews showed an exemplary ability to form efficient, seamless Type 2 IA crews.

In early November, Anaconda students partnered with Mingo Job Corps' firefighting students to form a Type 2 IA crew that assisted the Forest Service Southern Region.

Anaconda sent out four fire support crews during the 2016 season, including a kitchen support crew composed of culinary arts students who operated a Montana Department of Natural Resources Type 3 Kitchen.

Anaconda also collaborated with Blackwell Job Corps to form a support crew for Blackwell's first

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Anaconda fire crews assisted in a multitude of projects on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest and the Bitterroot National Forest, including wildlife projects sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; pre-commercial thinning, Ponderosa competition thinning, and sage grouse habitat encroachment thinning. These projects were implemented to enhance wildlife habitat. Fire crews also assisted the Montana Department of Natural Resources Central Land Office with a thinning project for a prescribed burn.

Historically, the Anaconda JCCCC has students in work-based learning (WBL) assignments throughout the fire season completing project work. WBL assignments began on May 1, 2016 and continued through November 2016; students completed 3,640 WBL hours.



Centennial Job Corps and the Boise National Forest Celebrate New Advanced Wildland Firefighting Trade

Alicia D. Bennett, Public Affairs Officer, Job Corps National Office



The Boise National Forest celebrated the grand opening of the Advanced Wildland Fire Management career technical training (CTT) program at the Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Idaho on April 18, 2017. Schenck Job Corps Center in the East, along with Centennial Job Corps in the West, are the only Civilian Conservation Centers offering advanced fire management training programs.

Advanced fire management trainees are presented with challenging and multi-faceted training that includes advanced technical skills and extensive work in leadership and team-building. Centennial's fire management training program focuses on firefighting skills appropriate for Western states.

All current Job Corps students can apply to enter the Centennial advanced fire management program, which is designed to accommodate 20 students over 11 months. Each student will complete a minimum of 240

hours of firefighting training on Wildland Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Initial Attack (IA) hand crews and a minimum of 240 hours on Type 4 fire engine crews.

Centennial's fire program also will prepare Job Corps students to meet the prerequisite training requirements necessary to apply for the Wildland Firefighter Apprenticeship Program.

Job Corps enrollees have the opportunity to qualify as a FFT2 and/or as a wildland fire camp crew member. Students trained and "red carded" as firefighters can support hand crews, engine modules, helicopter modules, and prescribed fire modules.

There are several other support functions enrollees can become red-carded in, including dispatch, time keeping, and fire cache support.

Wildland firefighting is an excellent opportunity to increase self-confidence, motivation, attitude, outlook, and physical fitness.



(L-R) Centennial Job Corps Advanced Firefighting Management student Rashad Turner stands by as Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter sign a memorandum to wildland fire leadership in Boise, Idaho on June 2, 2017. Secretary Zinke presented Turner, along with a second Centennial student with pens used to sign the agreement. Photo by USDA.



Right-click on the link below to see a video documenting the Centennial Job Corps and Boise National Forest celebration:

<http://www.kivitv.com/news/new-advanced-wildland-firefighter-training-program-comes-to-treasure-valley>

Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Fire Program

Jamie Tyson, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Daniel Boone National Forest-Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



“I wanted to say thanks from the Incident Management Teams and the fire fighters on the West Mims Fire at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. The camp crews and leaders from Frenchburg, Great Onyx, and Pine Knot Job Corps did a great job. They provided needed services to the staff and fire fighters in a professional and polite manner. Their services were greatly appreciated. I know it is difficult to send staff with the crews when there is so much going on at the Centers. That is also appreciated. These opportunities also give the students an opportunity to grow in their people and work skills. They were willing to tackle whatever needed to be done while working long hours. They did a better job every day. Thanks for being flexible to let them extend. They helped us provide the best services we could to the fire fighters.”

Sally Browning
Logistics Section Chief, West Mims Fire

The Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program is a collaborative partnership with the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The program is dedicated to providing professional leadership and training so that students may develop the interest, knowledge, and skills to pursue a career in wildland fire or natural resource management.

This goal is realized as select students gain experience while serving the Forest Service mission by completing forest project implementation and emergency response assignments both locally and nationally.

Great Onyx Job Corps students were called on heavily during the 2016 fire season, working 12,935 hours on 14 assignments.



2016 Highlights: A Look at the Numbers

Students Trained as FFT2	47
Students Trained as Camp Support	25
Local Fire Deployments	18
Student Sum for Local Fire Deployments	119
Off-Forest Fire Deployments	2
Student Sum for Off-Forest Fire Deployments	8
Camp Crew Deployments	3
Student Sum for Camp Crew Deployments	22
Prescribed Fire Deployments	2
Student Sum for Prescribed Fire Deployments	12
Students Placed into Fire/Natural Resource Positions	1

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest Continues Wildland Fire Management Partnership with the Columbia Basin and Fort Simcoe Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers

Robert Kephart, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest–Columbia Basin & Fort Simcoe Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers

The Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest entered the second full year of its wildland fire management partnership with the Columbia Basin and Fort Simcoe Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (JCCCCs) in Central Washington in 2016. After an in-depth after-action review of the 2015 season, improvements were made to the program's standard operating procedures.

Columbia Basin Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) crews were deployed to five assignments, working 207 days. The Center's camp crews spent 51 days out on assignment. Columbia Basin's FFT2 crews and camp crews worked a total of 6,393 hours.

Fort Simcoe's FFT2 students completed five assignments and worked 183 days. Its camp crew members spent 32 days out on assignment. Fort Simcoe's FFT2 crews and camp crews worked a total of 3,279 hours.

A total of 14 students completed FFT2 training; three of these FFT2s were placed on Okanogan-Wenatchee Initial Attack (IA) crews for a majority of the fire season, saving the forest approximately \$30,000.00 in wages. A third student was assigned

to the Moses Lake Air Tanker Base for the summer, saving the forest an additional \$10,600.00 in wages.

A fourth student completed a ten day detail with the Central Washington Interagency Communication Center as an emergency dispatch recorder trainee.

Forest Service Region 8 experienced an above average fall fire season in 2016 and nationally fire support staff and resources were in short supply.

To bolster support in the region, the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest coordinated what is believed to be the first regional JCCCC hand crew.

The crew was comprised of eight students from five JCCCCs and leadership and overhead from three national forests in Region 6. The students on the regional handcrew worked approximately 1,500 hours on a single 14-day assignment.

The Job Corps Centers were successful at supporting the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest by filling out handcrews on the national forest.



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not able to be placed because the forests lacked bunkhouse space.

The Moses Lake Air Tanker Base was unable to fill one of its seasonal positions. As a result, because of its proximity to the Columbia Basin JCCCC, a student was placed in an on-call when needed assignment.

This student completed additional training and was issued a fixed-wing parking tender task book; he worked a total of 300 hours at the base and the placement was deemed a huge success. The tanker base plans on taking on two full-time students in 2017 in lieu of seasonal employees.

Logistical support continued to represent the majority of Job Corps student involvement in wildland firefighting in 2016. The JCCCC camp crew program improved its application and selection process. Forty-seven Columbia Basin and Fort Simcoe camp crews were dispatched in 2016 working a total of 69 days.



The Wenatchee River and Naches Ranger Districts took advantage of the partnership and employed three Job Corps students full time on their FFT2 IA hand crews.

These students worked a combined total of 2,336 hours and earned Public Lands Corps certificates. Several other districts on the Okanogan-Wenatchee expressed an interest in utilizing Job Corps students; however because neither the Columbia Basin nor the Fort Simcoe JCCCCs are located on the forest, additional students were

Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Fire Program Continues to Gain Strength

Lee Jensen, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest-Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's fire program continues to strengthen and provide its student more opportunities for success. An expanding training cycle year has provided both students and staff more avenues for learning, volunteerism and placement.

The Blackwell fire crew spent 16 days out on assignment, working on six incidents for a total of 405 hours. Blackwell students earned \$63,000 for their work in fire and fire support roles. Blackwell firefighters logged 5,600 hours on Public Lands Corps (PLC) projects.

The opportunity to participate in the fire program has been a great motivator for students and it helps in propelling students to be successful in their vocational trades and education. Blackwell Job Corps utilizes the fire program as general incentive for all students. Most

students participate in fire-fighting physical training at some point during their residence. This experience further leverages success in the classroom and/or in vocational training along with a general improvement in physical fitness.

On September 6, 2016, the Blackwell Job Corps fire crew members began a 10-night trip into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) with a mission to clear the Border Route Trail of storm damage from Stairway Portage moving west towards Mucker Lake. The team's work was intense.

The use of mechanized tools is not allowed or limited in wilderness areas and the group cleared three miles of the trail with cross-cut saws, hand saws, and nippers. Work projects like remote trail clearing in the BWCAW pose unique experiences that greatly benefit Job Corps student success, leadership abilities, mental toughness and teamwork skills.



Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) crew members Jonathon Walker, Joe Euclono, Chris Geidel, Casey Olson, Marcus Blackmore, Tanner Dobizl, Ramone Linklater, and Lee Jensen prepare to enter the BWCAW by boat from Duncan Lake. Photo courtesy of Lee Jensen.

The Border Route Trail will be used to access and monitor one of the Superior's large prescribed burns, slated to begin in the fall of 2017. Blackwell Job Corps and Superior National Forest hope to continue this partnership in the future.

The Blackwell Job Corps, along with Pine Knot, Boxelder, Harpers Ferry, and Mingo Job Corps fire crews traveled to Forest Service Region 8 to support

specialized prescribed burning firefighting teams where they were challenged by fast-paced team operations. The Job Corps fire crews burned 7,264 acres, earning 4,392 PLC hours and \$32,680.80 in administrative determined wages.

In 2016, five Blackwell Job Corps students were placed with firefighting organizations and one student was placed in the Milwaukee Fire Cadet Program.

Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Fire Program Has Banner Year

Kevin Tomlinson, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Daniel Boone National Forest-Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

With the support of the Daniel Boone National Forest, the Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program experienced a year that was nothing short of spectacular and acts as a strong foundation as the program grows in the years to come.

Thirty-three Frenchburg students were trained and qualified as Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) and the Center fielded its first camp crew in ten years.

Frenchburg Job Corps fire crews responded to 11 assignments, spending 80 days in the field; six camp crews worked seven days in the field.

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Highlights of the Frenchburg JCCCC Fire Season

- ◆ Three Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2s) hired by the Bridger-Teton National Forest for 60 days;
- ◆ Seven FFT2s hired as temporary firefighters by the Kentucky Division of Forestry during the fall fire season, which runs from October through December 2016;
- ◆ Over 300 meals provided to fire students and staff by the Frenchburg JCCCC kitchen staff in November 2016;
- ◆ Appointment of the first Daniel Boone National Forest-Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer; and
- ◆ National, regional, and local support and coordination provided by the Weber Basin JCCCC, Bridger-Teton National Forest and Idaho Panhandle National Forest that allowed Frenchburg students to work and interact with firefighters from around the country, opening their eyes to employment opportunities nationwide.

Boxelder Job Corps Fire Crew Sets the Bar Higher For Future Fire Seasons

Robert Cota, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Black Hills National Forest-Boxelder Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The 2016 fire season saw many firsts for the Boxelder Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program. Records were broken and the bar set higher in all areas making this the best year out of the four years the program has been in operation.

Locally, high fuel loading, drought conditions, and thunderstorms in June and July resulted in many fires on national forests. The Boxelder Job Corps Crew 15 was deployed to 22 assignments, working 72 day for a total of 2,616 shift hours. Boxelder Job Corps assembled and shipped out seven camp crews in support of western wildfire incidents for a total of 84 days in support of wildland fires.

In the spring, Boxelder JCCCC, in partnership with the Harpers Ferry JCCCC and the U.S. Forest Service constructed a burn module comprised of four Forest Service employees and

four Job Corps students. On assignment to Region 8, the module conducted prescribed fire preparation for three days on the Apalachicola National Forest which included protecting Red-cockaded Woodpecker habitat trees from fire damage before completing a 1,885-acre burn. The module also responded to the Caney Head Wildfire and the Pulpit Wildfire over the course of 12 days.

In late August, Boxelder JCCCC detailed one Forest Service employee and two students to the Modoc Interagency Hotshot Crew. The crew worked four fire assignments in California for a total of 323.5 shift hours. The crew also tackled two national forest projects including trail work and aspen stand improvement cutting.

On the Black Hills National Forest, ten crew members earned 2,889 Public Lands Corps hours providing support for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, disassembling and manually removing foot bridge beams from within the Norbeck



Wildlife preserve along Iron Creek Trail, constructing re-routes and improving sections on the Tinton Trail and Little Spearfish Trail for the Northern Hills Ranger District, and cutting and stacking piles for Firewise fuels reduction projects at Boxelder JCCCC and the Crook Lake Recreation Area.

The Boxelder JCCCC catering unit, the only Job Corps catering unit nationwide, was ordered up for three fires and two inter-agency fire schools for a total of 41 days in support of wildland firefighting operations. The ca-

tering unit prepares and serves three meals a day for up to 266 firefighters. The Boxelder JCCCC mobile catering unit, operated and maintained by the culinary trade, is available for dispatch to interagency type 3 wildfire incidents. The unit is also used annually for the Black Hills Interagency Fire School.

In 2016, three students secured jobs including a permanent fire position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and two seasonal positions with the U.S. Forest Service.

Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Fire Program Has Banner Year *(continued from page 14)*

Kevin Tomlinson, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Daniel Boone National Forest-Frenchburg Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



All total, Frenchburg fire and camp crews worked 7,501 hours. Having the opportunity to witness the exponential increase of students' self-confidence while they come together as a team was absolutely amazing.

It was an all-around joint effort to make 2016 the most produc-

tive year ever for the Frenchburg Job Corps "Firebirds" fire crew. Cooperation amongst multiple forests, JCCCCs, coordination centers and agencies were the key components that laid the groundwork for a successful season.

As is typically the case with any new program being integrated into an established organization, there are a handful of remaining obstacles to overcome but nothing that cannot be conquered by utilizing the amazing support system already in place.

Thank-you to everyone who has contributed to the success of the 2016 Frenchburg JCCCC Fire Program.



Frenchburg and Collbran Job Corps fire crews conduct nighttime burnout operations on the Woodland fire. November 2016. Photo by Kevin Tomlinson.

Trapper Creek Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Builds Super Crews to Battle Big Burns

Justin Abbey, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Bitterroot National Forest-Trapper Creek Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The Trapper Creek Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) fire program had a busy season, responding to 31 incidents for a total of 338 days on assignment.

The Trapper Creek fire crew combined with the Anaconda JCCCC fire crew to form a 30-person Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) crew (TrapConda) that supported the Bitterroot National Forest during the Lost Trail Fire, Observation Fire, and Roaring Lion Fire, and that supported the Lolo National Forest during the Colorado Gulch Fire.

TrapConda completed two 14-day assignments on the Bitterroot National Forest, while giving valuable on-the-job training assignments to crew boss trainees and Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1) trainees. The crew was hosted out of the Trapper Creek JCCCC.

The Trapper Creek Job Corps fire crew also combined with the Boxelder Job Corps fire crew to assist Forest Service Region 8 in Kentucky during their historic fire season. This experience provided students with an invaluable opportunity to see a different Forest Service region, experience a different fire fuel type, and learn the fire behavior associated with that fuel type.

Each year, Trapper Creek Job Corps Center dispatches numerous camp crews to support the supply and facilities units within the logistics function of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Trapper Creek Job Corps camp crew students spent 148 days on assignment during the 2016 season. Trapper Creek's advanced camp crew provided additional services to Type 1 and Type 2 Interagency Incident Management teams in areas such as plans, public information, and ground support.



Trapper Creek fire program's year-round workforce provides a unique opportunity to the Bitterroot, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Lolo, and Kootenai National Forests.

Districts on these Forests can reach targets during the fire shoulder seasons when their staff numbers are low by utilizing Trapper Creek's qualified students.



Camp crew members (both staff and students) are required to attend an eight hour firefighter refresher training course, participate in simulated fire shelter deployments, and set up a mock camp.

In addition, students must complete "An Introduction to Incident Command Systems" (ICS-

100) and "An Introduction to National Incident Management Systems" (NIMS IS-700) courses.

Trapper Creek Job Corps' kitchen staff and students supported the Observation and Roaring Lion Fires for a total of 23 days on assignment.

They provide a valuable service offering speedy catering service

to fire crews throughout the Bitterroot National Forest. Trapper Creek Job Corps' kitchen staff also supported numerous Fire Guard Schools during the spring training months.

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These opportunities allow the students to see how fire behaves in various fuel types and exposes them to fire managers and hiring managers across multiple national forests.

Trapper Creek Job Corps assisted the following units with numerous prescribed fire and fuels projects: Wisdom Ranger District on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Plains/T-Falls Ranger District and Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest, and the Cabinet Ranger District on the Kootenai National Forest.

The work consisted of line construction, fuels inventory, and putting fire onto the landscape.

These opportunities increased Job Corps students' understanding of the importance of reintroducing fire to the landscape to reduce hazardous fuels, create and enhance wildlife habitat, and protect critical values at risk from catastrophic wildfire.

Eighteen Trapper Creek Job Corps firefighters and/or camp crew members were placed in career positions with the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. military, other federal public land management agencies, and private fire entities.

Collbran Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's "Buzzard Creek" Fire Crew Continues to Grow Patrick Owens, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests-Collbran Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The Collbran Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) Buzzard Creek Fire Crew underwent significant changes over the 2016 fire season and the program continues to grow.

The Center's fire program overhead expanded with the recruitment of two new squad leader positions. This expansion allowed the program more flexibility. Collbran's fire program also procured a substantial amount of equipment, including medical supplies, chainsaws, camping supplies, and general firefighting gear.

This addition of equipment has allowed the Buzzard Creek Fire Crew to be more effective in fire suppression and support of ongoing incidents.

Buzzard Creek Fire Crew members had a variety of opportunities for fire assignments, including the Gunnison River Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Initial Attack (IA) crew and details with the Skyway Wildland Fire

Use Module. Students fought fire in western and southern Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. The crew responded to 16 incidents, spending 107 days on assignment.

Collbran Job Corps students had the opportunity to qualify for work on the Center's camp crew. In 2016, Collbran camp crews supported both wildland fire camps and the Colorado Wildland Fire and Incident Management Academy.

Collbran's camp crews consistently received outstanding evaluations and additional training opportunities were given to two students to open new task books for food unit leader and receiving and distribution manager. Nineteen Collbran Job Corps camp crews spent a total of 25 days on assignment. All total, Collbran JCCCC fire and camp crews worked 8,827 hours over the 2016 fire season.



Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Sees an Uptick in Fire Assignment Hours Jothan McGaughey, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Siuslaw National Forest -Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

The Angell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) is located on the Pacific Coast in Yachats, Oregon within the Siuslaw National Forest. The Siuslaw Forest is mostly a temperate rainforest and for the most part fires are few and easily contained.

The first Job Corps forest area fire management officer (AFMO) for Angell Job Corps reported for duty on July 1, 2016.

Historically Angell Job Corps students' involvement with the Siuslaw National Forest fire program has been minor, consisting of one or two students filling in on the Forest's Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Initial Attack (IA) crews. The Angell



Angell Job Corps student works a drip torch. Photo by Oregon Coast Daily News.

JCCCC also has deployed camp crews in the past.

Eleven Angell Job Corps students were trained as FFT2 at the Mid-Willamette Fire School in June 2016. In addition to basic fire school, Angell stu-

dents completed S-211, S-212 and training on-center that included weather observations, map and compass skills, geographic positioning system (GPS), tool use and care, and physical fitness.

Angell JCCCC students were deployed to six assignments for a total of 79 days and eight Angell camp crews were out in the field for 10 days. Angell firefighters and camp crews worked a total 3,447 hours on 2016 fire assignments.

Assignments were mostly FFT2 IA hand crew assignments with the local Siuslaw National Forest crew but also included local severity, off-forest engine assignments and prevention support that included wildland fire investigations.

Angell JCCCC students also detailed with the local engine crew helping with forest project work.

Schenck Job Corps' Davidson River Initial Attack Crew Career Job Placement Success Continues to Impress

Bill Coates, Acting Superintendent, Davidson River Initial Attack Crew-Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



Davidson River Initial Attack Crew's 2016 fire season was successful and productive. The crew participated in wildfire and prescribed fire operations, as well as hazardous fuel reduction projects and various types of project work throughout Forest Service Region 8.

The primary mission of Davidson River is to train entry level firefighters and assist them with pursuing entry level jobs within the U.S. Forest Service. The chart below features 2016 crew member job placements.

In 2016, the Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's (JCCCC) Davidson River Initial Attack (IA) crewmembers completed fourteen weeks of critical training that included nine National Wildfire Coordination Group (NWCG) courses. Additionally there was extensive non-NWCG training on resume development, interview skills, career success, healthy eating, and leadership. Other field training included line construction, land navigation, medical evacuation, fuels surveys, and teambuilding.

The 2016 operational season for the Davidson River IA crew was another productive year, in spite of a late start and weather patterns that were not always conducive to burning. The crew completed four two-week fire assignments, with a solid mix of suppression, prescribed fire, and other resource work throughout the southern region.

The Davidson River crew also hosted eleven detailers from various western units, who provided valuable leadership and exposure to different operational styles for the crewmembers.

Several of these detailers were able to work on position task books for crew boss, engine boss, firing boss and task force leader. Throughout the critical

training and operational phases, the students also engaged in volunteer work at the Veteran's Healing Farm, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans reintegrate into civilian life.

This volunteer work gave the students a sense of the value in helping others as well as a sense of optimism by virtue of seeing how the founder of Veteran's Healing Farm has made his dream become reality through hard work and help from others.

This year, Davidson River crewmembers came from Utah, West Virginia, New Mexico, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Kentucky, Arkansas, Virginia, and North Carolina.

That diversity of backgrounds came together to form a close-knit crew. Those same crewmembers went on to positions with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Department of Natural Resources in Washington, Idaho, Nevada, South Dakota, California, Oregon, and Utah.

One firefighter was hired to a hotshot crew and two others had opportunities to fill in on hotshot crews.

Name	Position		
Jeremiah Bridges	Crew	NV	Humboldt-Toiyabe NF
Jorden DelaCruz	Engine	ID	Sawtooth NF
Adam Skillman	Engine	WA	Mount Baker-Snoqualmie NF
David Ortega	Fuels	ID	Sawtooth NF
Bobby Winstead	Crew	NV	Humboldt-Toiyabe NF
Nakala Williams	Engine	SD	BIA, Cheyenne River Agency
Rob Vanier	Engine	UT	Zion National Park
Margarita Healy	Engine	OR	Vale District BLM
Brandon Embry	IHC	CA	Six Rivers NF, Ukonom IHC
Musa Abdallah	Crew	UT	Utah DNR, Dromedary Peak Fuels Crew
Marcus Logan	Rec	CA	Shasta-Trinity NF
Teresa Lucero	Teresa Lucero	Transfer to Schenck Job Corps Advanced Forestry Trade	Transfer to Schenck Job Corps Advanced Forestry Trade
David Rutecki	David Rutecki	Non-fire job	Non-fire job

Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center Creates Lasting Partnerships

Bill Coates, Acting Superintendent, Davidson River Initial Attack Crew-Schenck Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



The Pine Ridge Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) Soldier Creek Fire Crew took advantage of numerous training and firefighting opportunities, including a physical fitness training program, wildfire suppression activities, and preparation and implementation of prescribed fires, during the 2016 fire season.

Joining Assistant Fire Management Officer Dalynn Parks for the second year, Crew Module Leader Mike Mattmiller increased program efficiency as the fire program continued to grow. The Soldier Creek Fire Crew was deployed to 14 assignments for a total of 70 days during the 2016 fire season.

In addition to operational fire assignments, nine Pine Ridge camp crews worked 15 days supporting interagency fire management teams. Firefighting and camp crew students worked a total of 8,924 hours fighting wildland fires during the 2016 season.

An extensive list of partner agencies participated in the program, serving as overhead and on an "as needed" basis on both training and incident assignments with the crew.

These agencies included the Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands, Black Hills National Forest, Rapid City Emergency Medical Services, Nebraska State Forest Service, Wind Cave National Park, Badlands National Park, Fort Niobrara Fish and Wildlife Service, Winnebago Bureau of Indian Affairs, South Dakota State Forestry, and the Rocky Mountain Fire Department.

Pine Ridge Job Corps students participated in a variety of developmental fire assignments including work in the local dispatch zone (specifically on the Black Hills and Nebraska National Forest); work with the Soldier Creek Type 2 Initial Attack crew in Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado; and on prescribed fire and fire assignments on the Nebraska National Forest and in Region 8.

Students fought fires in Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Dakota. Students also participated in prescribed fire assignments in Nebraska, South Dakota, Alabama, and Florida.

During these assignments, students put their training to practice and showed a great willingness to learn and grow.



Harpers Ferry Job Corps Firefighters Rack up Public Lands Corps Hours

Gabe Templeton, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, Monongahela National Forest-Harpers Ferry Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



Over the 2016 fire season, the Harpers Ferry Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's (JCCCC) fire crew underwent multiple leadership changes, but still progressed forward and completed positive work over the season.

The Harpers Ferry Job Corps fire crew completed 11 assignments, working 103 days. Harpers Ferry Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) students earned 6,560 Public Lands Corps hours, participated in five 14-day assignments, participated in the Region 8 hazardous fuels program, and served on the Monongahela National Forest's Initial Attack and hazardous fuels crews.

The Harpers Ferry JCCCC rostered its first ever camp crew and three Harpers Ferry students were assigned to national forest engine crews.

Training Completed:

- ◆ Spring Basic Fire School: Five students, six Monongahela National Forest staff, and 1 Harpers Ferry JCCCC staff member completed training;
- ◆ Four Harpers Ferry JCCCC students completed on-line training in June; and
- ◆ Fall Basic Fire School: 11 students and five Monongahela National Forest staff completed training.

Refresher:

- ◆ Five staff members completed fire refresher training.

Spring Hazardous Fuels (RX) Season:

- ◆ Harpers Ferry FFT2 crew participated in a Region 8 Fuels/RX module with, providing two students in Alabama and responding to three fires; and
- ◆ Three Harpers Ferry FFT2 crew members responded to the Crows Fire.

Summer:

- ◆ Harpers Ferry JCCC helped staff a Monongahela National Forest Type 2 Initial Attack (IA) crew, providing six FFT2 firefighting students.

Fall:

- ◆ Six Harpers Ferry JCCCC FFT2 students and two staff responded to the Meadow Creek 1 and 2 fires, treating 300 acres over four days;
- ◆ While working the Meadow Creek Fires, the Harpers Ferry crew members were diverted to the 60 acre Pretty Ridge Fire, with ten students and two staff participating in a 14 day assignment;
- ◆ 4 students and 1 staff combined with Monongahela National Forest to create a ten-person suppression module that responded to the 11,000 acre Mount Pleasant Fire on a 14-day assignment; and
- ◆ Five students and one staff member formed a camp crew to work on the Rough Ridge Fire on a 14-day assignment.

Jobs:

- ◆ Harpers Ferry Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) student Devante Lockamy accepted a career staff position in the Forest Service Washington Office; and
- ◆ Two Harpers Ferry FFT2 students were accepted into the Schenck JCCCC Advanced Fire Management Program.

Flatwoods Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center's Lonesome Pine Fire Crew Reinforces the Firefighting Efforts of the Clinch Ranger District on the George Washington-Jefferson National Forests

Robbie Claytor, Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer, George Washington-Jefferson National Forests-Flatwoods Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center



The Flatwoods Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) Lonesome Pine Fire Crew underwent a significant change, that will increase the opportunities for its firefighters, when it hired its first Job Corps Forest Area Fire Management Officer (AFMO) in October 2016. This change came at the beginning of a very busy fall fire season in the south-eastern United States, during which the Lonesome Pine Fire Crew supported the George Washington-Jefferson (GWJ) National Forests in its suppression operations, with no interruptions.

The Clinch Ranger District on the GWJ National Forest has long

been a supporter of the fire program at the Flatwoods JCCCC. Given the small number of firefighters on the Clinch Ranger District, it relies heavily on the Lonesome Pine Fire Crew for assistance during wildfires, prescribed burns, burn preparation, district projects, and many other needs.

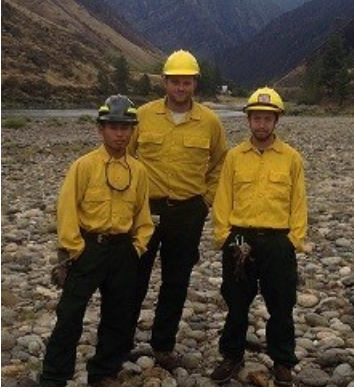
The fall fire season went well into December and the Lonesome Pine Fire Crew represented both the Flatwoods JCCCC and Forest Service in a positive manner.

Forty-five Flatwoods JCCCC students completed basic wildland fire training and were certified

as Firefighter Type 2s (FFT2). These students completed a total of 1,800 training hours and gave 110 percent both mentally and physically to qualify as members of the Lonesome Pine Fire Crew. All Lonesome Pine firefighters are expected to adhere to the principles of duty, respect, and integrity. Being on the Flatwoods JCCCC Fire Crew is considered a privilege—not a right. A special thanks goes out to Flatwoods JCCCC residential staff member Chris Barker who led the Lonesome Pine Fire Crew prior to the appointment of an AFMO and who continues to enthusiastically support the program.

Mingo Job Corps Center's Fire Program Takes Root

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The Mingo Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) wildland fire program is a partnership between the Mingo Job Corps Center and the Mark Twain National Forest. The primary mission of the Mingo Job Corps Wildland Fire program is to offer participating students an enhanced learning experience through acquiring both classroom and field training that qualifies them to become basic wildland firefighters and to provide students the opportunity to learn skills in all aspects within the National Incident Command System.

This partnership provides an opportunity for students to obtain many valuable skills that can lead to a possible career in natural resource management with the U.S Forest Service, other public lands agencies, and local, state, and private entities.

By providing positive mentoring, each student firefighter learns leadership skills that help them not only to be a better fire crew member, but also helps them to build confidence within themselves so that they may become a more rounded person—no matter what roads they pursue in the future. The Mingo Job Corps Fire program offers a “Lead by Example” model based upon the core principles of wildland fire: duty, integrity, and respect for themselves and others.



Although Mingo Job Corps has maintained an ad-hoc fire program for many years beginning back in the 1980's, 2016 was the first formal year that the Center received funds to formally establish a fire program. The year 2016 started off with a 40-hour basic training in January and another 40-hour session in June during which 38 students became Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) qualified.

A mock field fire exercise was conducted on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands during which students utilized handtools and other gear to build fire lines. Students stepped into leadership roles during this exercise and learned how to respond to different high-pressure situations. Mingo Job Corps Center staff assisted in the field exercise.

During the year, the Mingo Job Corps fire crew responded to prescribed fires on the Mark Twain National Forest, gaining hands-on experience and knowledge. Also, throughout the year, additional courses were provided to add to the students' learning experience.

Mingo Job Corps students participated in after-action reviews, scenarios, and tailgate safety sessions followed by discussions on the tasks they completed and their experience. These discussions rein-

forced in them the need for a higher level of situational awareness need for future assignments.

A separate camp crew training was conducted for 36 students and four Mingo Job Corps staff members, which allowed them to be deployed to wildland fires, learn additional valuable skills, and experience being part of a team. Mingo Job Corps students completed a total of over 5,000 hours of training in 2016.

During the 2016 fire season, Mingo Job Corps firefighters responded to local fires in Region 9 on the Mark Twain National Forest and in Region 8 as part of a Public Lands Corps agreement involving many JCCCCs.

With the help and cooperation from other Centers, including Blackwell, Pine Ridge and Boxelder, Mingo Job Corps Center had the opportunity to dispatch its students as part of modules composed of student and staff from other Centers on prescribed fires and wildfires. Students received Public Lands Corps credit hours for prescribed fire and national forest project work and were paid as administratively determined firefighters on wildland fires.

Mingo Job Corps FFT2 students responded to wildfires in four

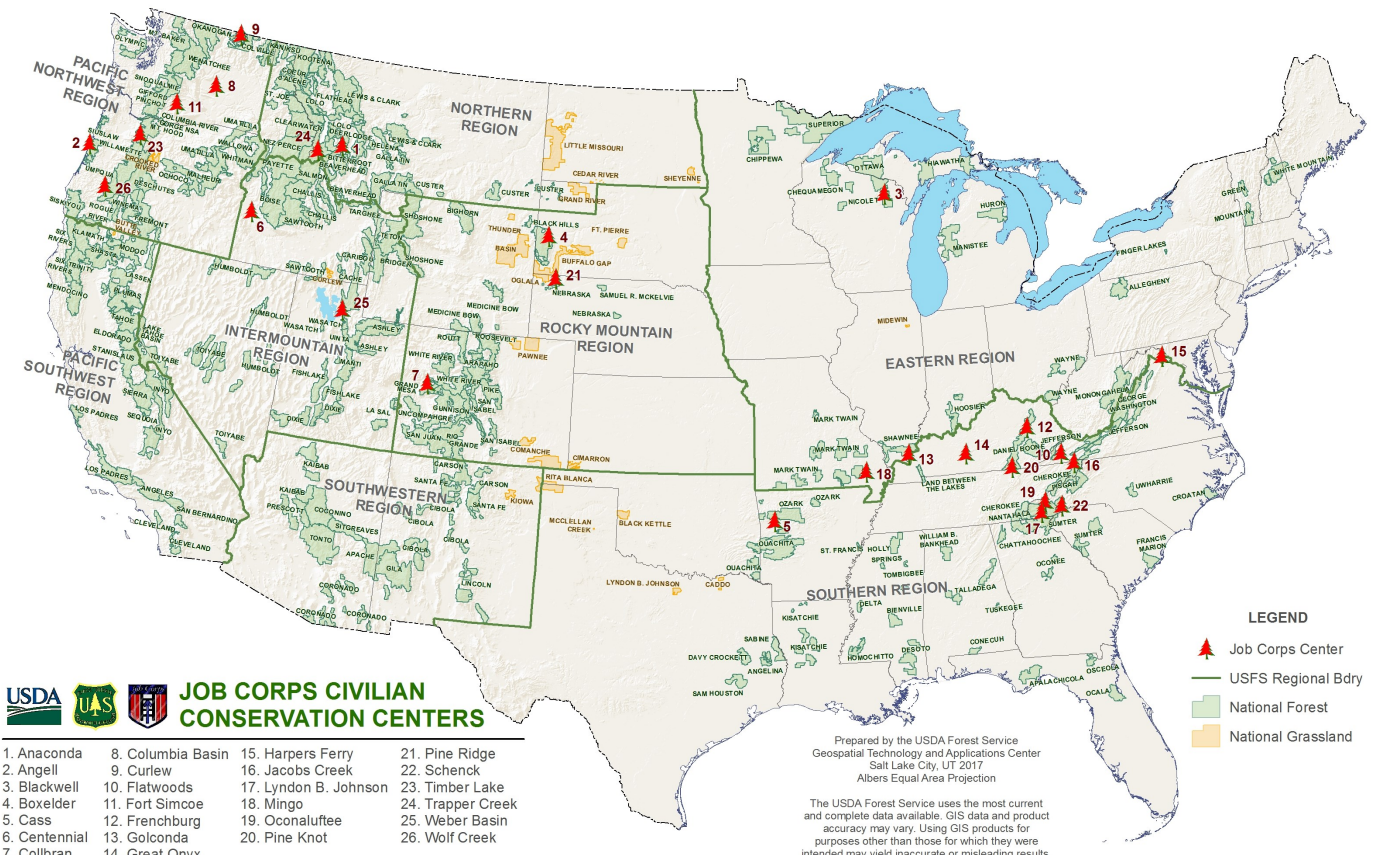


Southern states during the spring of 2016 and participated in more than 3,000 acres of prescribed burning and fuel reduction work. Mingo firefighters also supported prescribed fire operations on the Mark Twain National Forest, operating as burn unit preparation and firing/holding squads. These tasks helped the students and Mingo fire staff learn the important role of prescribed fire on national forests and the differences between prescribed burning and wildland fire.

Mingo Job Corps students worked as firefighters on several Missouri/Iowa Type 2 Initial Attack crews during the summer season, traveling to Montana, Colorado, Wyoming, California and Washington. Overall, the Mingo Job Corps fire program experienced a safe, successful program year.

2016 Training Completed

- ◆ IS-100 Introduction to ICS
- ◆ S-130 Basic Wildland Fire
- ◆ S-190 Introduction to Fire Weather
- ◆ L-180 Leadership
- ◆ IS-700 Introduction to National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- ◆ WCT Work Capacity Test
- ◆ S-133 Look up, Look Down
- ◆ S-134 LCES
- ◆ S-131 Advanced Firefighter
- ◆ S-211 Portable Pumps and Water Use
- ◆ S-212 Wildfire Power Saws



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