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TRAINEES ARE  
TOMORROW'S  
CARETAKERS**

**FOREST SERVICE JOB CORPS**



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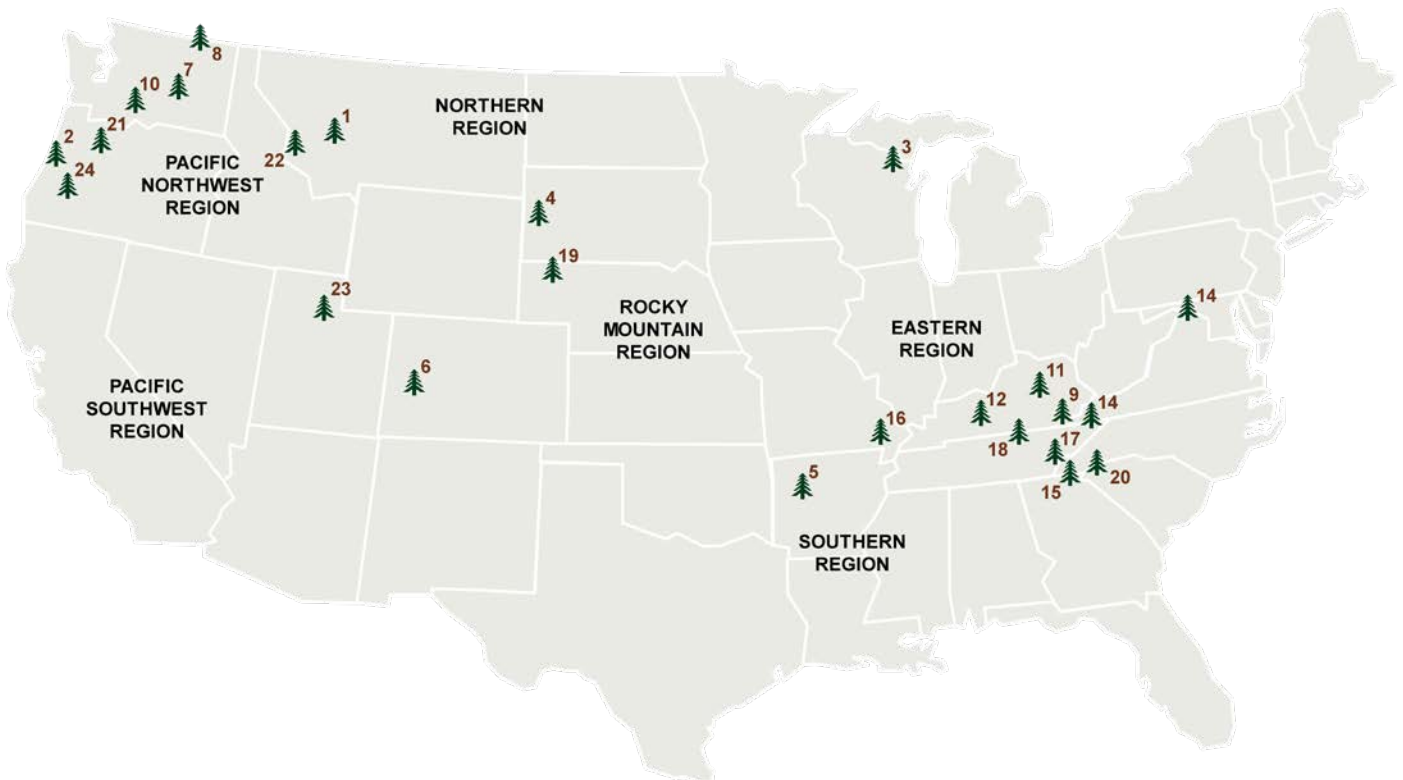
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## CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS

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| 1. Anaconda  | 6. Collbran       | 11. Frenchburg        | 16. Mingo       | 21. Timber Lake   |
| 2. Angell    | 7. Columbia Basin | 12. Great Onyx        | 17. Oconaluftee | 22. Trapper Creek |
| 3. Blackwell | 8. Curlew         | 13. Harpers Ferry     | 18. Pine Knot   | 23. Weber Basin   |
| 4. Boxelder  | 9. Flatwoods      | 14. Jacobs Creek      | 19. Pine Ridge  | 24. Wolf Creek    |
| 5. Cass      | 10. Fort Simcoe   | 15. Lyndon B. Johnson | 20. Schenck     |                   |



## ABOUT US

For nearly 100 years, the USDA Forest Service has combined land stewardship with education and training. The Forest Service first combined job training with land stewardship in the 1930s with its Civilian Conservation Corps.

Civilian Conservation Centers serve about 3,800 students each year.

Our students reflect our Nation's diversity. They reach across the spectrum of gender and race.

Students gain education, technical skills, and experience that leads to jobs.

About 85 percent of our graduates start new careers, enroll in higher education programs, or enlist in the military.



# WE ARE READY TO CARE FOR THE LAND AND SERVE PEOPLE

## Welcome

For nearly 100 years, the Forest Service has combined land stewardship with education and training. Today, we continue that tradition with Civilian Conservation Centers, part of the Department of Labor's Job Corps program.

We help our students advance their education and learn skills that lead to living wage jobs. Our students also give back to America's rural communities, like their predecessors in the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps. They provide essential infrastructure services to rural America. Importantly, they are making a difference in our Nation's ability to fight wildfires and restore nature.

But, we need your help to succeed. You are critical to the success of these students.

Your collaboration with Forest Service Job Corps provides real life experiences students need to thrive. This booklet outlines some ways we can work together.

We invite you to learn more — and connect with us — to support these young people by visiting the [Civilian Conservation Centers](#) webpage. Together, we can be part of the solution to youth unemployment and the urgent need to protect our Nation's natural resources.

We look forward to working with you,

*Jerry Ingersoll*

National Director,  
Forest Service Job Corps Program

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success of these students."*



# WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR NATION'S FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS



**Our students are making a difference in our Nation's ability to fight wildfires and restore nature.**

**Students are trained and qualified as wildland firefighters to respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of national disasters, such as wildfires, floods, hurricanes, and tornados. They also work as wildland firefighters, support dispatch centers as expanded dispatch recorders, and work at fire caches, airtanker bases, and lookout towers.**

**Students are trained in timber marking and forestry practices to help the Forest Service meet its timber targets. Students can be placed on strike teams and spend up to four months working on forestry related projects.**







## ***NATURAL RESOURCES***

***72,000 hours***

Our students treated more than 30,000 acres for hazardous fuels reduction.

***\$5 million***

Our students earned this as firefighters. This money helps them transition to new lives after leaving the Civilian Conservation Center program.

***1,100***

Number of wildfire incidents students supported.





# WE SUPPORT RURAL AMERICA

Our students provide essential infrastructure services to rural America, including building and refurbishing buildings, conserving historic buildings, building signs, improving public and recreational facilities, removing trash from open spaces and parks, and volunteering for community events.

They are sought out by HistoriCorps Institute in partnering to protect America's historic and archeological resources on public lands. They possess the necessary skills to complete preservation construction projects.

We also developed a Wilderness Discovery Certification program, in partnership with the Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center. This means our students have the knowledge, skills, and abilities to complete your wilderness and trail work.







## ***CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AT WORK***

***\$5.56 billion***

Amount the Forest Service faces in deferred maintenance costs. Our centers provide a cost-effective method to complete these essential projects.

***\$13.5 million***

That's how much our students saved the Forest Service when they constructed and maintained buildings, built trails, manufactured gates and signs, enhanced wildlife habitat, restored watersheds, and improved recreational facilities.





# WE SUPPORT YOUR TEAMS

## ***ADMINISTRATION AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT***

Our students learn essential office skills and computer programs to manage front desks and general office administration positions. Specialty training is offered in Special Use Permitting for lands and recreation, providing a pipeline of entry level employees for an understaffed Forest Service program area.





# MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT

**Contact us to explore how  
we can partner together.**

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## ***WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH***

Wilderness Preservation

Mobile Kitchens

Historic Preservation

Wildland Fire

Forestry Conservation

Deferred Maintenance

Dispatch

Recreation

Field-based Biology

Fleet Management

Office Administration

Information Technology  
and computer support



*"It's helping me to get a well-paying job that allows me to succeed and have the life I've always dreamt of having."*

— **Current Forest Service  
Job Corps Student**

# WE SUPPORT YOU

Learn more about how Forest Service Job Corps can support the work you do by visiting the [Civilian Conservation Centers](https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people/forest-service-job-corps/how-do-civilian-conservation-centers-offer-support-us-forest-service) website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/opportunities-for-young-people/forest-service-job-corps/how-do-civilian-conservation-centers-offer-support-us-forest-service>.

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Page 4: [Counterclockwise] Forest Service Job Corps students as wildland firefighter, attendees at navigation training course, and timber marker. (Forest Service Photos)

Page 5: [Top to bottom] Forest Service Job Corps students plant trees, collect data about plant species, and conduct a prescribed fire. (Forest Service Photos)

Page 6: Forest Service Job Corps student. (Forest Service Photo)

Page 7: [Clockwise] Forest Service Job Corps students replace a wilderness sign, adjust a table router (photo by Sidney Lilienthal), assemble a fish monitoring trap (photo by Thomas Dillon), and spot weld joist supports for a building. (Forest Service Photos)

Page 8: [Top to bottom] Forest Service Job Corps students showcase skills in culinary arts, healthcare, and office administration. (Forest Service Photos)

Page 9: Forest Service Job Corps students at wildland fireline training. (Forest Service Photo)

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