

Arizona Conservation Corps(AZCC)

Program Year (Fiscal Year 2015)

Flagstaff, Arizona

Federal Legislative District(01)

PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Congressional District(s):01

State Legislative District(s):02

Service Area by County/City: Coconino
County/Flagstaff

Project Federal Share: \$325,692

Project Local Match: \$403,502

Community Volunteers Recruited: 150

Community Need

Based on the Corps model used successfully throughout the US for more than 75 years to address critical environmental and infrastructure needs, AZCC has been providing youth and young adult workforce development opportunities and natural and cultural resource conservation services in collaboration with a wide variety of community partners since 1997. The community needs we have identified are to provide meaningful job skills and personal developmental opportunities for youth and young adults and to improve overall forest health.

National Priority Area and Program Performance Goals

61 Corpsmembers aged 18 to 25 receive on the job work skills, mobilize community volunteers and engage in leadership training through implementation of projects helping to protect communities from wildfire and improve overall forest health.

National Priority Area: Environmental Stewardship, Capacity Building, and Economic Opportunity

75 miles of trail will be improved with land management agencies.

400 acres of land treated with community wildlife protection projects within the Wildland/Urban interfaces of Coconino County and Arizona communities.

Program Activities

AZCC serves youth, aged 15 to 18 and young adults, aged 18 to 25, who are interested in environmental, resource conservation and land management related careers. Through direct, hands-on service, AZCC Corpsmembers implement projects for virtually all of Arizona's public land managers and conservation agencies. Each AZCC Corpsmember receives extensive work-skills training and conservation education in addition to service learning and AmeriCorps Education Awards that directly benefit their future pursuits in environmental fields.

Project work helps to protect rural communities throughout Arizona from the threat of wildfire; increases habitat for, and the populations of a variety of wildlife species; and provides greater, less damaging recreational opportunities for Arizona's citizens and visitors.

History

Originally established in 1997 as a cooperative partnership between the US Forest Service and Coconino County, AZCC was under the direction of Coconino County's Community Services Department from 1999-2013. In 2014, CREC partnered with Southwest Conservation Corps to join the Conservation Legacy group and are now Arizona Conservation Corps.

Partnerships

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona State Lands, Arizona State Parks, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, Friends of Northern Arizona Forests, Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership, Local and Regional Fire Departments, National Park Service, Northern Arizona University, Oak Creek Watershed Council, Rural Communities Fuels Management Partnership, The Na Youth Conservation Corps – Slide Fire Flood Mitigation e, Verde Watershed Restoration Coalition

Program Impact

- AmeriCorps Graduates – 152
- YCC graduates-25
- Hours of Direct Service- 86,643
- Hours of Volunteer Service-
- AmeriCorps Ed Awards Granted- \$351,894
- Acres of Public Lands Improved- 16,802
- Miles of Trails Maintained- 409 mi
- Feet of Retaining Walls Built- 2,027
- Acres of Exotic/Invasive Plant Eradication - 495ac
- New Fence - 1.2mi
- Fence Repaired - 10mi
- New Trail Built - 12 mi
- Water Bars built - 51
- Water bars maintained- 50
- Rock Checks - 247
- Drains Installed - 304
- Drains Maintained - 352

Awards and Accreditations

Corpsmember of the Year
(2006, 2008, 2010, 2011 & 2012) -*The Corps Network*
Service Project of the Year
(2006, 2007 & 2010) - *The Corps Network*
Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation
(2007) - *The Innovation Group*
Excellence in Corps Operations
(2006) & 2009) - *The Corps Network*

Forest Restoration – Heart Prairie Preserve

Mission

To empower individuals to positively impact their lives, their communities and their environment.

Vision

Challenge – We face adversity through hard-work and collaboration, and embrace challenge as opportunity for growth.

Stewardship – We foster responsibility and leadership for our environment and community.

Dedication – We are committed to impactful experiences for members, staff, partners, and communities by building upon the tradition of the Civilian Conservation Corps.