

## Completed Project Report

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### Lochsa Youth Conservation Corps Crew

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#### **RAC FUNDS**

**BUDGETED:** \$ 15,000

**EXPENDED:** \$15,000

**BALANCE:** \$0

#### **PROJECT PLAN**

Describe project briefly including: what's to be done, how it will be done, benefits to program, people, or resources, with some facts/figures.

#### **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**



19 applications were received in response to the announcement for this summer's crew. 13 young men and 6 young ladies from Kooskia, Kamiah, Orofino, Pierce and Weippe applied for the 4 positions. After discussion with a personnel specialist it was decided, due to the response, that we would add a 5<sup>th</sup> crew person. One of the applications came from as far away as Battleground Washington.

The principal and administrative secretary from Timberline High School assisted with drawing names for the crew and alternates.

**Crew Leader:** Carmen Syed from Pierce.

**Crewmembers:** Nicole Huddleston from Weippe.

Cambria Huddleston from Weippe.

Austin Deal from Weippe.

Luke Maki from Pierce.

Broc Caal from Pierce.

June 13 – August 5, 2005 the crew worked diligently to complete many projects during their 8 weeks. The work they completed consisted of projects from several of the disciplines within the Forest Service. This included weekly safety meetings and learning to use many different types of tools. They were very proud of the unattended camp fires that they discovered and put out.

**Recreation:** Constructed tent pads and fire rings at Rocky Ridge Lake.

Cleaned many of the district's dispersed campgrounds and Lolo CG.

Assisted with hazard tree removal and clean up at the Lewis and Clark Grove.

Painting signs, picnic tables and "learned to cut grass without a lawn mower".

**Trails:** Cleared 4 miles of the Lewis and Clark trail including naturalizing cut logs and stumps.

**Silviculture:** 25 acres of White Pine pruning. Vexar tube maintenance.

**Maintenance:** Painted 3 of the buildings at the Musselshell Work Center.

Stained the boards for the repair of Hemlock lookout.

**Range:** Learned noxious weed identification and pulled weeds near Musselshell W.C.

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**Fire:** Assisted fire crew with 4 chains of fireline construction around a prescribed fire unit.  
Attended helicopter safety training.  
Learned how to use a fire finder along with the duties of lookouts.

Places they had the opportunity to visit on the District: Walde lookout., Wilderness Gateway and Lochsa Historical Station.



Things they said they learned.

- Learned about historical tools.
- How to prevent heat exhaustion.
- The proper use of various hand tools.

They also said that they “met a bunch of cool people”,

And said: “Thank You”.



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