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Executive Summary

In, 2005, the Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) cost share initiative was introduced as a way to honor the Forest Service Centennial and encourage collaboration; the program was such a huge success that it was continued into 2006. In fiscal year 2006, appropriated funds of **\$4 million** were tripled through partner contributions. Partners from many walks of life helped accomplish projects in the areas of trail work, watershed restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, invasive species and building environmental literacy.

More than 139 individual partner projects were accomplished, in all regions of the Nation, bringing in more than \$12 million in partner contributions.

Many of the projects engaged youth, college students, tribes, outdoor enthusiasts and user groups, and community volunteers, as well as other agencies and private businesses and organizations, thereby greatly increasing agency capacity. In some areas the funds provided the ability to complete and/or continue implementation

of large scale projects that Forest Service units would not have been able to accomplish alone. Forest Service units also contributed \$1.4 million in funding to match CSC dollars and partner contributions. The benefits of the CSC program are clear: increased cost efficiency; leveraging of CSC funds as well as other Forest Service appropriated funds; and ultimately higher pay-offs and direct benefits for the natural resources involved. Indirect benefits include the establishment and strengthening of relationships between the Forest Service and the communities it serves, and the valuable experiences volunteers gained through their involvement in forest stewardship.

This report outlines the contributions of both cash and in-kind matches, demonstrates the diversity of projects and highlights one project from each Region.

The funds renewed enthusiasm and innovation in our partners and will continue to have long-term impacts in the enhanced conditions of forests, watersheds, habitat and recreational services to the American public.



Centennial Service Challenge Project Overview

Summary of CSC Funding

Region	Total Projects	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Region 1	26	\$538,500	\$33,200	\$767,830	\$559,475
Region 2	16	\$486,853	\$113,667	\$211,903	\$869,122
Region 3	16	\$476,701	\$38,900	\$907,926	\$404,652
Region 4	19	\$280,756	\$443,804	\$769,196	\$347,257
Region 5	14	\$483,401	\$155,994	\$281,385	\$421,957
Region 6	15	\$522,198	\$401,256	\$1,188,960	\$2,398,686
Region 8	10	\$289,220	\$50,457	\$506,730	\$153,270
Region 9	13	\$488,155	\$14,900	\$754,094	\$333,324
Region 10	10	\$445,500	\$206,706	\$969,298	\$384,056
Totals	139	\$4,011,284	\$1,458,884	\$6,357,322	\$5,871,799
Partner Combined Totals				\$12,229,121	

Summary of CSC Project Diversity

Projects	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R8	R9	R10
Fish / Wildlife / Habitat	9	6	4	6	2	9	6	9	1
Wilderness / Trails	15	2	2	6	7	5	7	1	2
Interpretation / Education	13	6	4	3	3	5	2	5	6
Invasive Species	12	2	0	3	1	6	3	0	1
Watershed Restoration	9	1	4	1	6	6	9	6	0
Campgrounds / Facilities	6	0	2	2	1	1	1	2	1
Heritage Resources	2	5	1	2	0	0	1	1	2

Region 1 Northern Region



Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

Region 1: Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota

Project Funding Summary

Region 1	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Grand Total	\$538,500	\$33,200	\$767,830	\$559,475
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,327,305	

For a complete list of Region 1 projects, see page 12.

R1 Project Highlight

Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Stewardship Crews

Project: Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Stewardship Crews

Location: Bitterroot National Forest, Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area, Idaho & Montana

Funding Ratio: 1:1 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

- Training and educating Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) - a nonprofit Americorp affiliated program) crew members in: traditional tool use and construction skills, identifying, mapping, and controlling new populations of invasive species, Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) monitoring of campsites, providing “Leave No Trace” education to the public, rehabilitation and revegetation of erosive user-made non-system trails, restoration of high priority riparian habitat and general conservation and resource management sciences.
- Expanding and strengthening the partnerships between the Bitterroot National Forest (BNF), MCC, The Backcountry Horsemen (a nationwide volunteer organization), Forest Service Outfitters, the Aldo Leopold Wilderness Institute and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.
- Improving public access (trail construction and maintenance), providing for health enhancing activities, increasing public safety, watershed conservation, riparian habitat rehabilitation and protection and wildlife habitat protection.

Accomplishments: Centennial Service Challenge



Canyon Creek Trail Bridge Construction – This project involved replacing 24 feet of an 80 foot bridge nine miles from the trailhead in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness .

funding allowed for an eight person MCC crew to work fulltime for 14 weeks with an experienced (15 years) Forest Service wilderness trail crew leader. During this time the crew was trained and had hands on experience in:

- working with volunteers,
- providing the public with “Leave No Trace” education,
- restoration of riparian habitat,
- traditional tool use maintenance and construction techniques,
- sustainable trail design and construction techniques, rigging techniques and safety,
- mule packing,
- rock cutting and shaping,
- rock wall construction,
- wilderness bridge construction,
- wilderness trail maintenance standards and techniques,
- identifying and controlling populations of invasive species and revegetation.

Additionally, Forest Service land management specialists provided a weekly educational program to the crew. These programs included presentations and question and answer sessions on archeology and heritage, wilderness regulations, ethics, LAC monitoring techniques, wildlife biology, fish biology, hydrology and soil science. During this season of work the crew had multiple small projects and two major projects. Details of the major projects are described below.

Mill Creek Trail – This project involved rerouting a hiker and stock trail away from the bank of Mill Creek, an important tributary of the Bitterroot River in Montana, and out of a high priority riparian zone. The new trail was routed through a talus field. This was accomplished using a non-motorized backcountry rigging system and hand tools. The crew moved and placed approximately 265 tons of stone. The Bitterroot National Forest Mule String, in partnership with Montana Backcountry Horsemen Volunteers, packed gravel to the job site to finish the trail.

Canyon Creek Trail Bridge Construction – This project involved replacing 24 feet of an 80 foot bridge nine miles from the trailhead in the heart of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho. The Region 1 mule packstring and volunteer packers transported 14,400 lbs of bridge and gear nine miles up the trail to the work site. The crew then demolished the old span and constructed the new bridge. This was completed without using any motorized tools or machines.

Output:

- Construction of 880 linear feet (LF) of new trail through a talus field
- Moving and placing of approximately 265 tons of granite and gneiss.
- Rigging, transporting and crushing with a

sledge hammer approximately 60 tons of stone for the trail base.

- Packing on mules six cubic yards (9 tons) of $\frac{3}{4}$ minus road base (gravel).
- Obliteration and rehabilitation of 1000 LF of trail in a riparian zone.
- Demolition of a 22 foot box stringer bridge, this included removing all hardware and nails, sorting and stacking the old bridge material for transport out of the wilderness.
- Mule packing 14,400 lbs of bridge materials and gear nine miles up the trail by the Regional packstring and Backcountry Horseman Volunteers.
- Construction of a 24 foot packable bridge using only traditional skills.
- Transporting by hand approximately 14 tons of rock and soil for construction of a ramp for the bridge and armor for the abutment.
- Level I wilderness trail maintenance on 22 miles of trail.
- 300 people hours of work contributed by volunteers.

Resource/Public Benefit:

- Increased public safety.
- Increased public access.
- Watershed conservation and improvement.
- Restoration of high priority riparian habitat.
- Invasive species control.
- Training, development and employment of MCC crew.
- Compliment the agency’s resources by utilizing and strengthening important partnerships.
- Raising public awareness and education in relationship to trail related issues through press coverage and direct education.

RI Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Beaverhead Deerlodge Recreation, Trail, Invasive Species & Visitor Services Partnerships	MT	\$26,000		\$59,200	\$28,500
New Invasives - New Techniques	MT	\$20,000		\$4,800	\$24,900
Selway Bitterroot Wilderness Stewardship Crews	ID/MT	\$27,250		\$22,650	\$4,600
Wilderness Traditional Tool Team	ID	\$17,000	\$3,000	\$18,000	\$5,400
Fernan Ranger District Portal Development	ID	\$10,000		\$19,750	\$700
Bottleneck Lake Restoration	ID	\$23,500		\$1,000	\$22,500
Crooked Creek Cutthroat Trout Restoration	MT	\$31,150	\$17,500	\$120,000	\$13,975
Beyond the Slopes Interpretive Education	MT	\$6,000		\$1,800	\$8,600
Swan Lake Bull Trout Protection	MT	\$18,000		\$113,500	\$6,500
Slough Creek Trail & Stream Rehabilitation	MT	\$5,000		\$4,000	\$5,100
Crazy & Gallatin Mountain Ranges Trail Partnerships	MT	\$23,500		\$16,000	\$16,800
Youth Forest Monitoring Program	MT	\$10,000		\$25,000	\$35,700
Helena Backcountry Weeds	MT	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$6,000
Kootenai NF Deferred Trail Maintenance	MT	\$14,000		\$18,700	
Emerson Creek Watershed & Trail Restoration	MT	\$15,000		\$32,530	\$2,750
Rocky Mountain RD Trails & Wilderness Partnerships	MT	\$21,900		\$65,000	\$34,800
Judith River Cutthroat Trout Restoration	MT	\$6,300		\$18,600	\$4,000
Montana Birding & Nature Trail	MT	\$15,000		\$29,000	\$24,000
Morgan Case Homestead Restoration	MT	\$6,000		\$3,200	\$9,600
Invasive Weed Early Detection & Rapid Response	ID	\$30,000		\$20,000	\$38,000
Grand River Grasslands Ecology Trail	ND	\$30,000		\$5,000	\$49,700
Montana Youth Engaged In Service Partnership	MT	\$32,000		\$47,700	\$30,300
Nez Perce National Historic Trail Markers	ID/MT	\$2,400			\$5,300
Get Fit With Us Pilot Partnerships	ID/MT	\$45,000		\$32,500	\$59,900
Youth Stewardship Public Service Partnerships	ID/MT	\$79,000		\$80,700	\$115,800
Rabbit Creek Reservoir Restoration	MT	\$14,500	\$12,700	\$4,200	\$6,050
Total		\$538,500	\$33,200	\$767,830	\$559,475
Total Partner Contributions				\$1,327, 305	

Region 2 Rocky Mountain Region



Oglala National Grassland

Region 2: Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado

Project Funding Summary

Region 2	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total for Region	\$486,853	\$113,667	\$211,903	\$869,122
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,081,025	

For a complete list of Region 2 projects, see page 15.

R2 Project Highlight

Ute Ethnobotany Project

Project: Ute Ethnobotany Project
Location: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,
Gunnison National Forest,
Colorado
Funding Ratio: 1:1 (FS CSC: Partner)

Resource/Public Benefits:

The primary purpose of the project is the re-establishment of the Ute connection to parts of Western Colorado ancestral homelands by means of preserving and documenting traditional plant use and the possible connection of plant locations to identified archaeological sites. This involves four visits to the Uncompahgre Plateau and Grand Mesa by elders and students from the three Ute tribes. Two of these have occurred, in June and September of 2006.

The project is increasing understanding of the need to protect critical botanical and archaeological resources, changes which will be informative for the Forest Plan Revision. It also strengthens conservation education involving disadvantaged tribal youth.

Products of the project include:

- List of plants traditionally used by the Utes, with Latin, common, and Ute names. Photos of the plants will be included when possible (an ethnographer is compiling an extensive plant list from historical resources).
- Herbariums for the tribes to be used by students, elders, and others.
- DVD of the plant collection process and project accomplishments.
- Website describing the project on the Museum of Western Colorado's website.

Congressional/Media Outreach:

The project was announced in the Museum of Western Colorado's July newsletter but is purposely low-key to protect the intellectual property rights of the Utes.



Uintah River High School student Estelle Welsh studies a wild iris plant prior to collection.

Community and Partnership Involvement:

Partners include the Grand Junction Area Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado National Monument (National Park Service), the Museum of Western Colorado (Grand Junction), and Mesa State College (Grand Junction).

Outputs:

The outputs so far have included the collection of numerous plants by the Utes that have been identified as used for medicinal and ceremonial purposes. A plant pressing workshop was conducted for the Utes by Dr. Walter Kelley, retired Mesa State College botany professor who also donated two plant presses to the Ute Indian Tribe.

An ethnographer has compiled a 17-page list of plants mentioned in historical references as used by the Utes and a DVD is being made of the project for use by the Tribes and government agencies to describe the project. A website will be made near the conclusion of the project in 2007 so teachers, students, and others can learn about the project.

R2 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
California Park and Bears Ears Interpretation	CO	\$5,000	\$5,000		
Medicine Bow Rails to Trails	WY	\$25,000			\$200,000
Uncompahgre Recreation Res Mgmt	CO	\$30,000		\$30,000	\$2,700
Ute Ethnobotany	CO	\$40,000	\$10,200	\$7,500	\$28,240
Glade Guard Station	CO	\$15,000	\$4,000	\$5,250	\$24,250
Interlaken Restoration	CO	\$55,000	\$7,000		\$270,000
Multi-region Building Restoration	CO/UT/ NM	\$110,000			\$80,000
Cimarron Ponds Recreation & Wildlife	KS	\$16,000	\$13,701	\$11,900	\$13,795
Burro Mountain Wetland Enhancement	CO	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$31,500	\$2,500
Forest Wide Avian Volunteer Project	CO	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$8,800	\$12,700
Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Site	NE	\$47,000	\$10,000		\$24,130
Mt. Roosevelt Tower Restoration	SD	\$49,000		\$25,000	
Beaver Bonanza Restoration	WY	\$5,000		\$5,000	
Berthoud Pass Lynx Linkage	CO	\$10,353	\$30,000	\$77,254	\$33,332
Magnolia Habitat Improvement	CO	\$14,500		\$3,300	\$3,050
Friends of Mt Evans	CO	\$41,000	\$12,766	\$6,399	\$174,425
Total		\$486,853	\$113,667	\$211,903	\$869,122
Total Partner Contributions				\$1,081,025	

Region 3 Southwestern Region



Tonto National Forest

Region 3: Arizona, New Mexico

Project Funding Summary

Region 3	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total for Region	\$476,701	\$38,900	\$907,926	\$404,652
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,312,578	

For a complete list of Region 3 projects, see page 20.

R3 Project Highlight

Full Spectrum Partnerships for Enhanced Forest Visitor Access and Use

Project Name: Full Spectrum Partnerships for Enhanced Forest Visitor Access and Use

Location: New Mexico, Carson National Forest, Questa Ranger District

Funding Ratio: 1:3.2 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

To take advantage of partnership and volunteer opportunities that compliment our high user demand for OHV, equestrian, and hiker opportunities, including:

- providing matching funds for our partnership with the Town of Red River to improve a major OHV attraction;
- using force-account labor and local welding contracts to construct horse pens at campgrounds with materials donated by a state-wide equestrian group;
- reconstructing pedestrian bridges and doing trail maintenance with volunteer labor;
- adding various exclosures, barriers and gates, using donated materials and volunteer labor for wildlife habitat protection (allows us to provide OHV opportunity while addressing New Mexico Department of Game & Fish concerns);
- and inventorying and signing popular OHV routes.

Benefits & Accomplishments:

1. Reconstructed 8 miles of a popular level 2 road (Goose Lake Road) to address demand for OHV opportunity from our neighboring Town of Red River, which depends on motorized tourism in the summer season. Without this



Double horse pen at McCrystal Campground in the Valle Vidal.

- work a unique OHV route that provides access to an alpine lake soon would be closed for public safety.
2. Built 10 horse corrals at campgrounds in the Valle Vidal, to address equestrian demand and protect vegetation. Materials donated by a statewide equestrian organization.
3. Reconstructed four pedestrian bridges and maintained eight miles of hiking trails, using volunteer labor.
4. Signed 30 miles of a level 2 road system (Trail Canyon system) from Red River to Greenie Peak, a popular motorized trail adjacent to the Town of Red River.
5. Signed and maintained a 3-mile motorcycle trail (Pioneer motorcycle loop).
6. Built 200 feet of fence and double gate for seasonal elk calving closure to cooperate with our New Mexico game management agency and our partner, Amigos Bravos, to protect wildlife and habitat. Protecting wildlife populations by managing OHV use gives long-term support to the OHV communities' "right to ride".

- 7. Built and installed four interpretive signs in the Valle Vidal and at Trail Canyon, in partnership with various groups.
- 8. Supported local business by spending approximately \$5,000 for welding signs and pens.

Partner(s) and Contributions:

The following table outlines funding received from our partners:

Partner Contributions

Town of Red River	Cash: approx. \$180,000
Chuck Wagon Trail Riders	In-kind: materials valued at \$9,000
Amigos Bravos	Cash: \$8000 - Clean Water Act
	In-Kind: 530 hours volunteer labor valued at \$5,300; 7130 miles of travel valued at \$2190; 240 hours skilled volunteer labor valued at \$4,800; 1,730 miles of travel valued at \$519.



New universal access fishing piers at Goose Lake.

R3 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Wet Meadows for Wildlife	AZ	\$60,000		\$150,067	\$17,393
Forest Visitor Access	NM	\$66,000	\$5,500	\$197,000	\$12,809
Black Kettle Interpretation Site	NM	\$50,000		\$265,000	\$7,700
Jacks Canyon Arizona Trail	AZ	\$6,500			\$13,700
Fossil Watershed & Native Fish	AZ	\$14,100		\$5,000	\$9,200
Anderson Mesa Grassland Restoration	AZ	\$23,500			\$20,000
Pinaleño Ecosystem Management	AZ	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$60,000
Historic Cabin Rental	AZ	\$12,000		\$5,700	\$16,200
Burro Mountain Deer Habitat	NM	\$51,000		\$169,391	\$18,500
Hull Cabin Restoration	AZ	\$9,600			\$13,000
Upper Mora Watershed	NM	\$75,000		\$75,000	
Borrego Trail	NM	\$12,300			\$12,300
Ak-Chin Weavers	AZ	\$5,000			\$10,000
Project LIFE in Flagstaff	AZ	\$5,000	\$3,400		\$121,400
Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Education	NM	\$19,701		\$14,768	\$10,450
Mesa Camino/Corral Forest Health	NM	\$47,000		\$11,000	\$62,000
Total		\$476,701	\$38,900	\$907,926	\$404,652
Total Partner Contributions					\$1,312,578

Region 4 Intermountain Region



Bridger-Teton National Forest

Region 4: Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming

Project Funding Summary

Region 4	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Grand Total	\$280,756	\$443,804	\$769,196	\$347,257
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,116,453	

For a complete list of Region 4 projects, see page 24.

R4 Project Highlight

Citizen Stewardship Trail Campaign

Project: Citizen Stewardship Trail Campaign
Location: Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness, Idaho
Funding Ratio: 1:24 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

This CSC project funded a Citizen Stewardship Trail Campaign that highlighted the strengths in multiple constituency partnerships. Our project mission was “to implement a successful Citizen Stewardship Trail Campaign in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness in 2006 that demonstrates the strength of public partnerships by harnessing the resources of Forest Service staff, citizen stewards, organizations and businesses”. The overarching goal was to build a constituency of knowledgeable and informed individuals who care for wilderness by actively engaging in stewardship projects while also learning about wilderness values, benefit, natural and cultural history, and traditional conservation work skills. We highlighted the intersections of stewardship and education as a means to conserve wilderness lands through a grassroots and citizen-based effort.

Accomplishments:

Our accomplishments were two-fold, involving front country crew experiences and the summer-long backcountry experience. The front country experience was a huge success due to the number of people we served, the miles we covered and the goals we achieved. Our goals were simple. We wanted to provide a safe, fun, and educational experience for Citizen Stewards while concurrently accomplishing needed work on the ground. We did all of this. With each group, no one was injured, people had

a great time, we conveyed the wilderness message while practicing traditional skills, and we engaged participants in wilderness stewardship through trail restoration and maintenance projects. The backcountry experience allowed the Forest Service to provide an in depth immersion experience while at the same time quadrupling the number of crews that could cover miles during the summer. Pairing a highly-qualified Forest Service employee with two Student Conservation Association interns allowed the agency to cover a large number of miles while simultaneously informing and educating the interns on all aspects of the Forest Service.



Justin Thomas, Forest Service, conducts a wilderness education session for Blaine County probation students.

Outputs:

The Citizen Stewardship Trail Campaign was marked by certain challenges and overwhelming success. We completed a total of seven front country hitches with five groups covering 52.5 miles of trails in the Frank Church Wilderness area. Thirty-four participants were engaged in wilderness stewardship activities and also

received education in wilderness values and benefits, Leave No Trace, natural and cultural history and traditional conservation work skills. The backcountry crews covered 357.8 miles with the seven interns. It was a unique approach with the front country crews focusing on large groups, education and interpretation while the backcountry component focused on conservation work and a more in-depth wilderness experience. We can view this as an enormous success for a first time project testing a new model for wilderness managers.

Resource/Public Benefit:

In addition to the many miles of trails cleared, restored and maintained in the Frank Church – River of No Return Wilderness, we also emphasized wilderness education. All aspects of the trail campaign included educational materials, presentations, and facilitated discussion on topics in wilderness values and benefits, Leave No Trace, natural and cultural history, and conservation work skills using traditional tools. The objective was to make participants aware of the benefits and values provided by wilderness, including economic, recreational and environmental. The degree to which crews explored a given topic depended on the level of interest among participants. Particular importance was placed on relating the work being done by the Citizen Stewards in wilderness with their communities and environments at home.



Volunteers from the American Hiking Society and the Alliance for Wilderness Education help the Forest Service construct a rock wall.

R4 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Assessment of Whirling Disease on the Sawtooth National Recreational Area	ID	\$4,500	\$1,500		\$18,000
Centennial Trail Improvements	ID	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$2,000
Copper Creek Riparian Rehabilitation Project	ID	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Cave Lake Trail System	NV	\$38,700	\$2,500	\$37,000	\$10,800
Gance Creek Fish Passage	NV	\$6,920	\$31,315		\$6,920
Ditch Trail	UT	\$11,214			\$1,300
Mores Creek Floodplain Restoration	ID	\$10,000	\$150,000	\$332,000	\$75,000
Deer Valley Non-motorized Recreation Design and Layout	UT	\$4,800	\$700		\$7,050
Highland CWMA Noxious Weed Treatment within Sage Grouse	ID	\$5,000		\$27,500	\$20,000
Huntington Boat Ramp	UT	\$57,263	\$6,530	\$57,040	\$330
Phoebe Meadows Trail Maintenance	ID	\$15,560	\$2,000	\$3,890	\$7,680
Goose Creek Trail Reroute	ID	\$2,500	\$1,000		\$7,540
Preserving & Interpreting Civilian Conservation Corps	UT	\$10,600		\$18,570	\$36,120
Roaring River Passage Restoration	ID	\$9,899	\$196,459	\$168,696	
Trout Creek Guard Station Restoration/PIT Project	UT	\$15,500	\$12,000		\$8,000
Highland CWMA Noxious Weed Treatment within Sage Grouse	ID	\$5,000		\$27,500	\$20,000
FC River of No Return Wilderness	ID	\$4,800	\$6,300		\$115,517
Winter Recreation Access Strawberry Valley	UT	\$39,000	\$10,000	\$62,500	\$5,000
UM Riparian Enhancement	UT	\$30,000	\$19,000	\$30,000	\$5,000
Total		\$280,756	\$443,804	\$769,196	\$347,257
Total Partner Contributions				\$1,116,453	

Region 5: Pacific Southwest Region



San Bernardino National Forest

Region 5 includes: California, Hawaii, Guam, and Territories of the Pacific Islands

Project Funding Summary

Region 5	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Grand Total	\$483,401	\$155,994	\$281,385	\$421,957
Total Partner Contributions			\$703,342	

For a complete list of Region 5 projects, see page 28.

R5 Project Highlight

PCT SCA Traditional Trails Skills Workshops

Project: Pacific Crest Trail Student Conservation Association Trails Skills Workshop

Location: Pacific Crest Trail, High Sierra Ranger District, Sierra National Forest, California

Funding Ratio: 1:2 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

There were several purposes of the Traditional Trail Skills Workshops. The project was designed to build the capacity for agency staff and volunteers to perform intricate traditional rock work construction and reconstruction on trails within National Forest System lands, on the Pacific Crest Trail, and on trails within other public lands throughout the United States. By placing together over 50 partners from diverse backgrounds and different organizations, heavy maintenance on the Pacific Crest Trail was accomplished while fostering partnership and cooperation among these groups. The project was also designed to strengthen the region's partnership with the Student Conservation Association (SCA).

Accomplishments:

The Centennial Service Challenge grant allowed the Sierra National Forest and Region 5 to accomplish three primary goals: the continuing restoration of severely damaged portions of the Pacific Crest Trail on the Sierra National Forest; the fostering of working relationships between regional trail partners; and the strengthening of the region's partnership with the SCA. The detailed, intricate and slow process of constructing trail with rock in wilderness, using wilderness-friendly traditional skills, helped foster close working relationships between partners and agency staff and a strong wilderness ethic amongst

all. The most significant accomplishments of the project, however, are yet to be realized. These accomplishments will come in the form of future trail projects and partnerships on public lands around the state and country being performed by this newly-trained set of stewards, and the accomplishment of such projects while preserving short-term and long-term wilderness character.

Partners included the SCA, San Bernardino National Forest, Lake Tahoe Basin Management



Using traditional trail-building methods, trail crew members work together to remove a 3500 pound boulder from the trail.

Unit, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, California Conservation Corps, Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Ventana Wilderness Alliance, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mokelumne Wilderness Volunteers, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, International Mountain Bicycling Association, San Joaquin River Trail Council and East Bay Regional Park District volunteers, amongst others.



Pacific Crest Trail before workshop.



Pacific Crest Trail after workshop.

Outputs:

- Individual Steps Constructed 28
- Individual Steps Filled and Supported 5
- Tiers of Rip-Rap Steps Constructed 47
- Feet of Rip-Rap Steps Constructed 51 ft
- Sections of Rip-Rap Cleaned 10
- Rock Reinforced Grade Dips 4
- Rebuilt Water Bars 6
- Water Bars Filled and Cleaned 60
- Drain Dips Constructed 2
- Feet of Junk Walls Constructed 50 ft²
- Feet of Crush Fill 100 ft³
- Boulders Removed 1 @ 3500 lbs

Resource/Public Benefit:

A continuing group of regional trail stewards with a traditional rock work skill base; the long-term protection of the Pacific Crest Trail; the protection of the North Fork Mono Creek watershed; construction of the Pacific Crest Trail so that it is accessible to all types of wilderness user groups; the preservation and enhancement of wilderness character in the John Muir Wilderness; opportunities for volunteers to give back to the land.

Hours of Service:

SCA Crew	4 people x 25 days x 9 hours = 900 person hours
Workshops	15 people x 4 days x 9 hours x 3 workshops = 1620 person hours
USFS Crew	2 people x 20 days x 9 hours = 320 person hours
Combined Total	Approximate Person Hours = 2840
Combined Total	Approximate Person Days = 355

R5 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Big/Little Tujunga Canyon Trail Maintenance	CA	\$13,000			\$37,000
Pacific Crest Trail, Feeder Trail Maintenance and Restoration	CA	\$64,000	\$85,299	\$10,287	\$43,863
Glass Mountain Road and Watershed Restoration	CA	\$15,000	\$1,425	\$25,203	\$10,000
Klamath NF Noxious Weed Abatement Project	CA	\$30,000	\$5,000	\$31,000	\$4,500
Brazil Ranch Trails Program	CA	\$54,000	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$52,000
Los Padres National Forest Fam Camp	CA	\$2,400	\$1,200		\$6,000
Remelli Ditch Restoration	CA	\$119,000	\$16,000	\$85,000	
Wildlink Wilderness Ambassador Program	CA	\$31,250	\$12,670	\$49,495	
Wilderness Access Trails Maintenance	CA	\$16,000	\$2,050		\$18,250
Big Meadows Creek Restoration Project	CA	\$6,000			\$15,000
Bella Vista 4th Grade Adopt a Bald Eagle Project	CA	\$14,055	\$1,000	\$300	\$30,004
Wilderness Trails Maintenance	CA	\$36,696			\$164,200
PCT SCA Traditional Trails Skills Workshops	CA	\$32,000	\$10,600	\$30,000	\$37,540
CCC Interns on 3 National Forests	CA	\$50,000	\$750	\$100*	\$3,600*
Total		\$483,401	\$155,994	\$281,385	\$421,957
Total Partner Contributions				\$703,342	

*Note: The CCC agreement was amended and extended until the end of the calendar year. Although the CCC contribution at the end of the fiscal year was only \$3,700.00, the CCC anticipates they will meet, and probably exceed, their originally anticipated match of \$25,000 by the end of the calendar year.

Region 6 Pacific Northwest Region



Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Region 6: Oregon, Washington

Project Funding Summary

Region 6	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total for Region	\$522,198	\$401,256	\$1,188,960	\$2,398,686
Total Partner Contributions			\$3,587,646	

For a complete list of Region 6 projects, see page 32.

R6 Project Highlight

Silvies Canyon Watershed Restoration Project

Project: Silvies Canyon Watershed Restoration

Location: Malheur National Forest, Emigrant Creek Ranger District, Burns, Oregon

Funding Ratio: 1:1.2 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

This Centennial Service Challenge project funded several watershed restoration and recreation improvements identified in the Silvies Canyon Restoration EIS, an area covering 65,000 acres. Watershed restoration activities restored aquatic habitat for three sensitive species; Malheur mottled sculpin, Columbia spotted frog and redband trout. The project also restored aspen habitat, created snags for cavity nesting species, improved livestock distribution, controlled noxious weeds, improved trailheads and installed specially designed picnic tables and fire rings for use by disabled people. Specific roads causing resource damage or having indirect negative affects to elk, deer and fish populations due to the high road densities in the watershed were closed or decommissioned.

Accomplishments:

This year's accomplishments represent the third year of a four year project to restore terrestrial and aquatic habitat by: restoring a 20 acre aspen stand (conifer thinning and protective fencing and caging); creating a livestock watering site for better livestock distribution and wildlife use; creating 30 snags for cavity nesting species; closing two systems of roads (six miles) with gates and dirt berms to reduce road density and reduce sediment input into streams; removing noxious weeds from 40 sites; adding large wood with root wads to slow water velocities and

create high quality pools and provide cover for fish. Recreation enhancements included improving two trailheads for parking multiple horse trailers and for use by people with disabilities by adding specially designed picnic tables and fire rings.

Partners included the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Lands, Central Oregon Community College, Kirkland Institute, Steens Mountain Back Country Horsemen, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, Burns Paiute Tribe, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Dust Devil Nature Company, Burns and Crane Future Farmers of America, many volunteers and a livestock operator.

Use of the Centennial dollars and accomplishment of this project is serving as a catalyst for the Forest Service and its partners to demonstrate on-the-ground results and generate additional contributions and support for the final phase of the restoration and development of trail facilities in 2007.



Controlled explosives strategically placed by a certified Forest Service blaster resulted in a high success rate of falling trees with the root wad in the proper direction, towards the river.



Two of the four trees beginning to fall through the smoke cloud. One of the two trees in the smoke cloud fell five minutes after the blast and the smoke cleared.



A successful placement of all four trees into the river channel. Only four of the 32 trees fell in the wrong direction but still in the 100 year floodplain.

Outputs:

- Aspen restoration, conifers thinned on 15 acres
- Aspen restoration, fenced 5 acres plus 20 cages
- Snag creation, 76 acres*
- Spring development, 600 acres*
- Road closures, 1975 acres*
- Weed control, 4 acres
- Trailhead improvement, 2 acres
- Stream restoration, 4 miles

For a total of 2701 terrestrial acres and 4 aquatic miles restored.

*Acres reflect regional guidelines for area of influence from the activity.

Resource/Public Benefit: Aquatic and terrestrial restoration projects will benefit fish and wildlife habitat and associated species. Most of the resource projects will also improve the quality of fishing and hunting opportunities for the public. Improved trailheads and public use facilities will provide new hiking and trail riding opportunities for both avid hikers and persons with disabilities.

R6 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Stewardship Integrated Watershed Restoration	OR	\$70,000	\$345,751	\$337,482	\$84,675
Tacoma Urban Leage Partnership Development	WA	\$36,000		\$80,000	\$22,100
Tumalo Creek Bridge to Bridge Restoration	OR	\$51,480	\$19,000	\$360,900	\$14,000
Bring Back the Natives	OR	\$71,000		\$10,000	\$227,500
Diamond Lake - Public Health Protection & Fish Habitat Index	OR	\$39,600		\$7,874	\$1,873,000
Mt. St Helens Institute Conservation Corps	WA	\$18,000		\$23,000	\$43,900
Grassland Sagebrush-Steppe Restoration II	OR	\$73,000		\$86,300	\$25,700
Urban Nature Overnight	OR	\$8,610	\$9,900	\$49,604	\$16,425
Silvies Fish, Wildlife, Range, Botany, Noxious Weed, Recreation Restoration Project	OR	\$30,690	\$14,000		\$35,350
Skiyou Island Restoration	WA	\$38,000			\$26,436
Gorge Pond Turtle Recovery 2006	WA	\$30,000	\$5,600	\$102,500	\$1,500
Government Camp Trail Upgrades Phase I	OR	\$28,710	\$7,005	\$131,300	
Olympic Centennial: Youth Program	WA	\$15,000			\$15,000
Student Temporary Workforce	OR	\$9,108			\$9,200
Ukiah School Cooperative Riparian Planting	OR	\$3,000			\$3,900
Total		\$522,198	\$401,256	\$1,188,960	\$2,398,686
Total Partner Contributions				\$3,587,646	

Region 8 Southern Region



National Forests in Alabama

Region 8: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Virginia

Project Funding Summary

Region 8	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total For Region	\$289,220	\$50,457	\$506,730	\$153,270
Total Partner Contributions			\$660,000	

For a complete list of Region 8 projects, see pages 36.

R8 Project Highlight

Florida National Scenic Trail

Project: Ecosystem Restoration and Florida Trail Construction within Nokuse Plantation

Location: Florida National Scenic Trail Easement at Nokuse Plantation-Walton County, Florida

Funding Ratio: 1:4.4 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

This project funds the restoration of the Forest Service acquired Florida Trail easement at Nokuse Plantation, and the design, routing and construction of 16 miles of the Florida Trail in Walton County, Florida. Construction of the Florida Trail through restored longleaf pine wiregrass ecosystems at Nokuse Plantation will provide the public with a high quality recreational experience as well as environmental education opportunities. The restoration project involves removal of offsite pine species, prescribed burning, restoring groundcover (including identification of local seed sources, seed collection, and seed distribution), planting longleaf pine, and reintroducing native species such as gopher tortoise.

Accomplishments:

Receipt of this grant enabled the Forest Service to facilitate creation of a unique network of partners. The table (opposite page) documents the partners with whom the agency developed a direct relationship to complete this project. It should be noted that our partners have been actively initiating arrangements with other federal, state, nonprofit and private organizations to further leverage funds and accomplish the project goals.

FY2006 Outputs:

The National Forests in Florida completed the acquisition of the 1,600-acre Florida Trail Nokuse

Plantation Easement and developed the relationships noted above. From there, project/partnership resources were divided into three teams: (1) Trail Team consisting of Forest Service, Southeast Archaeological Center and Florida Trail Association; (2) Restoration Team consisting of Forest Service, The Nature Conservancy, Florida Natural Areas Inventory and Nokuse Plantation; (3) Media/Environmental Education Team consisting of Forest Service, Florida Trail Association and The Nature Conservancy. The Trail Team completed the layout and design of the 16-mile Florida Trail segment resulting in a 2006 contribution of 2,500 volunteer hours. The Restoration Team created a restoration timeline, plan concept and communications strategy. Nokuse Plantation finalized arrangements for the relocation/rescue of approximately 50 gopher tortoises to the project site through a secondary partnership with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Media/Environmental Education Team created an outreach plan, developed two press releases resulting in local newspaper articles about the effort, and published articles in their respective organization's newsletters.

Resource/Public Benefit:

This project serves as a model for partnership, citizen involvement and land stewardship. Construction of the Florida National Scenic Trail footpath and restoration/preservation of the scenic, natural and cultural corridor surrounding the trail ensures that visitors will have the high quality recreational experience envisioned by Congress. Longleaf Pine/Wiregrass ecosystems are among the 21 most endangered landscapes in the U.S. (Noss and Peters 1995), and restoration will result in direct benefit to a multitude of Florida native threatened and endangered species, including the red cockaded woodpecker,

Florida black bear, and gopher tortoise. This project will enable the public to experience (and participate in) all phases of a landscape scale conservation effort along one of only eight national scenic trails. The project is in support of the Northwest Florida Greenway, an unprecedented 11-member partnership (Memorandum of Agreement) developed to address the loss of open space in the panhandle of Florida in order to protect natural resources, local economies, recreation, and the military mission. Additionally, construction of approximately 16 miles of trail will link existing segments of the Florida Trail, and will very nearly complete the route from Choctawhatchee River Conservation Area through Eglin Air Force Base, a distance of more than 100 miles.



Volunteers Bob Deckert and Tom Daniel study the map along with Nokuse Plantation Conservation Director Matt Aresco and Florida Trail Association Acquisition Coordinator Howard Pardue.

Partner	Relationships	Tasks
The Nature Conservancy, Florida Chapter	CCSA	Serve as lead in planning, coordinating and implementing grant funded restoration activities, and provide scientific expertise to support environmental education initiatives.
Florida Trail Association	CCSA	Serve as the lead in routing, designing, locating and constructing 16 miles of Florida National Scenic Trail. Serve as the lead in recruiting and managing volunteers. Facilitate community involvement and provide environmental education opportunities focusing on youth.
Florida State University/ Florida Natural Areas Inventory	ID/IQ Contract	Inventory natural resources along proposed Florida Trail route and facilitate biological reporting for trail construction NEPA document, identify diverse native groundcover populations to serve as seed source for restoration .
NPS Southeast Archaeological Center	IA	Inventory cultural resources along proposed Florida Trail route and facilitate heritage consultation and reporting for trail construction NEPA document. Provide cultural resource expertise for use in environmental education programs.
Nokuse Plantation	Easement Deed	Plan, coordinate and implement the removal of offsite species such as slash pine, sand pine and cogon grass. Utilize timber profits to fund prescribed fire, groundcover, and longleaf pine restoration activities.

R8 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-Kind
Kentuck OHV Reroute	AL	\$12,870			\$18,000
Forks Area Trail System Construction	SC	\$77,256	\$15,000	\$104,000	\$23,000
Brook Trout Restoration	SC	\$14,850	\$18,000	\$6,000	\$25,000
Alleghany Highlands Trail System	VA	\$45,243	\$900	\$40,230	
Hogpen Run Disabled Hunter Access	VA	\$15,840		\$12,750	\$3,250
Lake Ouachita Vista Trail	AR	\$24,750		\$55,750	\$10,000
Mulberry Warm Season Grass	AR	\$16,830	\$6,000		\$17,000
Uno Cave Gate	AR	\$5,148			\$5,200
Wise Use OHV Brochure	AR	\$990			\$3,820
Ecosystem Restoration and Florida Trail Construction within Nokuse Plantation	SC	\$75,443	\$10,557	\$288,000	\$48,000
Total		\$289,220	\$50,457	\$506,730	\$153,270
Total Partner Contributions				\$660,000	

Region 9 Eastern Region



Monongahela National Forest

Region 9: Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Project Funding Summary

Region 9	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total for Region	\$488,155	\$14,900	\$754,094	\$333,324
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,087,418	

For a complete list of Region 9 projects, see page 40.

R9 Project Highlight

Birch Lake Watershed & Recreation Improvements

Project: Birch Lake Watershed and Recreation Improvements
Location: Superior NF, near Babbitt, Minnesota
Funding Ratio: 1:1 (FS CSC: Partner)

Project Purpose:

This CSC project funded a large scale watershed improvement project including shoreline restoration and erosion control on Birch Lake that provided benefits to the watershed, recreation opportunities, enhanced habitat and protected heritage resources.

Accomplishments:

The Superior National Forest and its private and public sector partners worked on a large-scale National Forest Watershed and Recreational Improvement project in Birch Lake near Babbitt, Minnesota. Participating partners included Minnesota Power, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 1854 Tribal Authority, & Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This project has multiple benefits including watershed improvement, recreation site improvements, reduced shoreline erosion, enhancement of fish and mussel habitat, and protection of heritage resources.

Outputs:

Improved boat landing and access
(designated backcountry camps) 3 sites
Improved user developed campsites 2 sites
Reduce shoreline erosion backlog 7 sites
Protection of heritage resources exposed
by eroding shorelines 7 sites
Restored riparian and lake habitat..... 4 acres



A crane places logs along the Birch Lake shoreline to control soil erosion. The log water bars also provide lakeshore stabilization and reduce sedimentation.

Resource/Public Benefit:

Birch Lake provides many recreational opportunities for local residents and visitors, supports a diverse fishery and is a popular location for boating and camping. The Centennial Service Challenge project recreation work has improved access through the construction of landing sites for boats and building of steps and paths to campsites which will be more user-friendly, more resilient, and more pleasing to the viewer.

Watershed improvements involved shoreline stabilization and erosion control that included constructing steps, re-vegetating slopes and planting trees and shrubs. Re-sloping shoreline and use of erosion blankets also occurred. Some sites required rip rap underlain by geotextile along the shoreline. Erosion control and log water bars will provide lakeshore stabilization, reducing sedimentation to the lake and maintaining soil productivity by reducing leaching of nutrients from the land.

Archaeological/historic sites are associated with shoreline erosion. Reducing erosion along the

shoreline will benefit subsurface archaeological materials by maintaining the integrity of any cultural artifacts that remain.

Fish habitat improvements will include placement of shoreline large woody debris at selected sites to improve lakeshore habitat complexity, cover, and stability for fish.



Steps and pathways improved access to the lake.

R9 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-kind
Birch Lake Watershed and Recreation Improvement	MN	\$41,033	\$13,000	\$28,703	\$3,300
Great Outdoors in Greenfield Village	MI	\$43,150		\$44,500	\$49,801
NST/NRT Trail Relocation/Heritage Restoration	VT	\$65,500		\$102,000	\$16,800
Kincaid Lake Shoreline Stabilization	IL	\$55,750	\$700	\$305,000	\$61,574
Au Sable River Large Wood Restoration	MI	\$55,000		\$50,000	\$5,000
Manistee River Lake Sturgeon Spawning Habitat Restoration	MI	\$30,000		\$144,393	\$30,000
Accessibility Improvements	MO	\$23,822	\$1,200		\$22,500
Land Stewardship Trail and Demonstration Area Phase 1	WI	\$32,000		\$29,018	\$32,425
Native Plant Nursery	IL	\$30,000			\$30,000
Watchable Wetlands: Lynch and Balsam Creeks	WI	\$15,000		\$15,000	
Wildlife for Everyone-Terrestrial Habitat Restoration	WI	\$23,900		\$15,480	\$10,424
Bat Habitat and Cave Safety	IL	\$38,000			\$56,500
Bat Habitat and Cave Protection	MO	\$35,000		\$20,000	\$15,000
Total		\$488,155	\$14,900	\$754,094	\$333,324
Total Partner Contributions				\$1,087,418	

Region 10 Alaska Region



Tongass National Forest

Region 10: Alaska

Project Funding Summary

Region 10	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
			Cash	In-Kind
Total for Region	\$445,500	\$206,706	\$969,298	\$384,056
Total Partner Contributions			\$1,353,354	

For a complete list of Region 10 projects, see page 44.

R10 Project Highlight

Controlling Invasive Plants on Prince of Wales Island

Project: Controlling Invasive Plants on Prince of Wales Island

Location: Prince of Wales Island – Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts

Funding Ratio: 1:1 (FS CSC: Partner)



Marshall Eggen, SAGA/Community Connections worker, tackling bull thistle along Control Lake.

Project Purpose:

This project reduced the presence of and assisted in the containment of invasive plants along Prince of Wales Island roadsides. It also provided partnership and employment of individuals with developmental disabilities, thereby encouraging independence, community belonging, and improved quality of life through a temporary job with the Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts.

The Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts of the Tongass National Forest partnered with Community Connections (a local organization that

provides individualized employment resources for individuals with developmental disabilities) to work on mechanical control of invasive plants on Prince of Wales Island.

In the 2005 summer field season, the Forest Service hired a team of contractors to survey nearly 500 miles of National Forest Service roads on Prince of Wales Island for non-native plants. The team detected thousands of undocumented populations, including spotted knapweed, orange hawkweed, white sweetclover, reed canary grass, and both Canada and bull thistle. These species are among a set of non-native plants, commonly called “invasive” plants, which have the potential to displace and dominate native plant species and communities.

Inventory in hand, the Craig and Thorne Bay districts realized the island’s urgent situation: any delay in eradication or control work would guarantee further expansion of these identified populations. District staff began to organize invasive plant mechanical control and eradication work for the 2006 field season, targeting bull thistle and white sweetclover given their high invasiveness ranking and lower total infested acreage on the island.

Accomplishments and Outputs:

To complete the work, the districts partnered with Serve Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) and Community Connections, a local organization that provides individualized employment resources for individuals with developmental disabilities. Based on the projected benefits of this project to the Tongass National Forest, the project received \$8,900 in CSC funds, complimented by \$5,800 from the Forest’s Vegetation Management Program for support and staff time. SAGA/Community Connections matched Forest

Service funds, contributing another \$8,700 towards the project.

Ultimately, these funding sources supported 24 days of field work during the 2006 summer, employing three clients of Community Connections and their field coaches. Staff from the ranger districts and a separate SAGA crew pitched in, and together the team completely eradicated bull thistle and white sweetclover from approximately 10 acres on the island, filling more than 300 large trash bags with weeds.

Resource/Public Benefits:

- Reduced the presence of and assisted in the containment of invasive plants along Prince of Wales Island roadsides.
- Provided partnership and employment of individuals with developmental disabilities, thereby encouraging independence, community belonging, and improved quality of life through a temporary job with the Craig and Thorne Bay Ranger Districts.

Next steps in invasive plant management on Prince of Wales Island include developing a multiple-year invasive plant eradication/control action plan and completing required NEPA documentation for future eradication work. The districts are also pursuing further partnership opportunities in eradication and control work on the island.



Justin Harmon, SAGA/Community Connections worker, loading bags with bull thistle.

Media Coverage of Project: Article in Sourdough Notes Fall Edition. A news article is also planned for the Prince of Wales Island News.

R10 Projects & Funding

Projects	State	CSC Funds	Other FS Funds	Partner Contributions	
				Cash	In-kind
Iditarod National Historic Trail 2006	AK	\$155,925	\$70,000	\$238,555	\$30,000
Spencer Glacier Scenic Overlook	AK	\$45,540		\$570,000	\$10,000
Winging Northward - "Migration, Science and Mystery" A Distance Learning Adventure	AK	\$34,650	\$10,000	\$36,000	\$50,000
Forest Ocean Ice Teacher Training Workshops	AK	\$28,710	\$8,850		\$86,515
Latseen Leadership Training Camp	AK	\$49,500	\$22,314		\$50,507
Petersburg Totem Park Cultural Educational Panels	AK	\$12,870	\$800	\$1,500	\$13,000
Teaching the Teachers Workshops	AK	\$9,900	\$3,942	\$14,543	\$8,334
Prince of Wales Island Invasive Plant Mechanical Control and Eradication	AK	\$8,910	\$5,800	\$8,700	
America's Rain Forest - A Distance Learning Adventure	AK	\$7,920	\$85,000	\$20,000	\$85,700
Sal Creek In-Stream Restoration Phase II	AK	\$91,575		\$80,000	\$50,000
Total		\$445,500	\$206,706	\$969,298	\$384,056
Total Partner Contributions				\$1,353,354	

