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COCONINO RURAL ENVIRONMENT CORPS

- NORTHERN ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS
- ARIZONA NORTHLANDS YOUTH CORPS

YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

THE COCONINO RURAL ENVIRONMENT CORPS models its corps programs after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s, effective throughout the Reconstruction era at meeting critical social and environmental needs.

The **NORTHERN ARIZONA CONSERVATION CORPS**, a program for young adults aged 18-25, and the **ARIZONA NORTHLANDS YOUTH CORPS**, for high-school students aged 15-18, teach its Corpsmembers how to become stewards of the land. Through the challenging, hands-on implementation of project work, listed to the right, they develop life and work skills while repairing historical damage to the environment and learning about contemporary environmental conservation issues.

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"I don't believe I will ever find another group willing to work as hard as these amazing people do day in and day out."

-Adam Kroger
Corpsmember, Summer 2002
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Since 1997, the Coconino Rural Environment Corps has been providing service and conservation work in collaboration with a variety of land management partners. Based out of Flagstaff, Arizona, crews travel and spike camp around the region to carry out work projects, partnering on short and long-term projects and assisting in the development of large-scale, ongoing projects. Crews are also trained for special projects in order to meet the needs of our partners.

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"The Corps continues to have a positive impact on young adults, natural and cultural resources, and the local economy."

-Mike Schneegas
Flagstaff Area National Monuments
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TYPES OF CREC PROJECTS

- Trail construction and maintenance
- Forest restoration for wildfire fuel reduction and forest health
- Constructing and maintaining fences and outdoor facilities
- Restoring wildlife habitats and monitoring populations
- Planting trees, conducting native plant revegetation, and eradicating exotic species
- Maintaining public parks, campgrounds, and recreation areas
- Conducting ecological testing and monitoring
- Surveying and monitoring using GPS technology
- Leading volunteers and youth corps
- Archeological/paleontological surveys, excavations, and historical preservation

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"I would like to commend the crew for an excellent job done. I found the group to be eager, well-mannered, and they worked well together. They proved to be valuable to me and we accomplished a great deal."

-Brian Crawford
Wildlife Area Manager
Arizona Game & Fish
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LIFE AS A CORPSMEMBER

Corpsmembers work as a team under the leadership of a trained, experienced crew supervisor, learning outdoor skills and engaging in public service projects that address environmental conservation needs in Northern Arizona. Service work is almost exclusively outdoors, involves strenuous physical labor in all weather conditions and climates, and involves spike camping for several days at a time in remote wilderness locations.

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"The crew was great to work with, motivated,
and sensitive to park resources."

-Nancy Stone
Superintendent

Hubbell Trading Post Nat'l Historic Site
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CREC'S PARTNER AGENCIES

- National Park Service
 - Flagstaff Area Monuments
 - Canyon de Chelly National Monument
 - Lake Mead National Recreation Area
 - Hubbell Trading Post Nat'l Hist. Site
 - Petrified Forest National Park
 - Glen Canyon Nat'l Recreation Area
 - Grand Canyon National Park
- US Forest Service
 - Coconino National Forest
 - Kaibab National Forest
 - Prescott National Forest
 - Tonto National Forest
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Greater Flagstaff Forest Partnership
- Arizona State Parks
- Arizona State Lands Department
- Coconino County
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Public Works
- The Nature Conservancy
- Northern Arizona University
 - Ecological Restoration Institute
 - Centennial Forest
- Arizona Game and Fish
- Bureau of Land Management
 - Kingman Field Office
 - Safford Field Office
 - Arizona Strip Field Office

