



Washington Conservation Corps

Getting Things Done

Our Mission Statement:

To Conserve and enhance the natural resources of Washington State and help young adults enrich themselves by providing a meaningful work and service experience



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Chapter 43.220 RCW

The Washington Conservation Corps

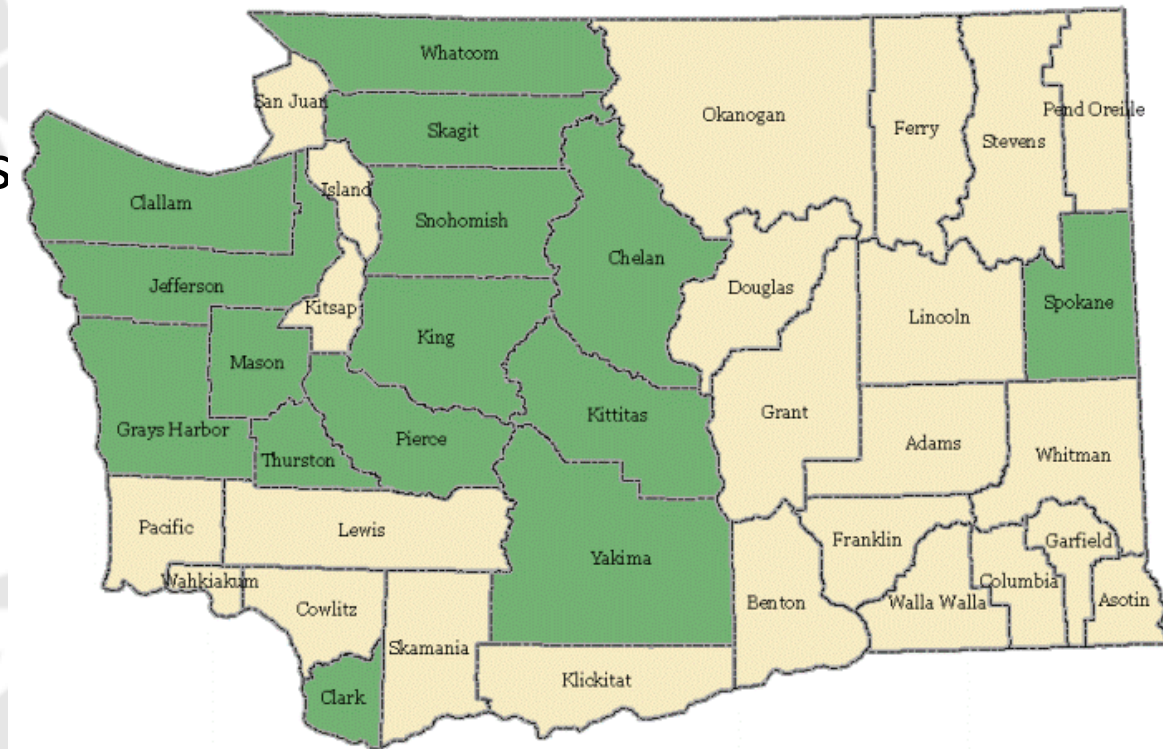
Section 1:
The Washington
Conservation Corps is
created...

- Program Inception 1983
Loosely modeled after FDR's
Civilian Conservation
Corps.
- Partnered with Americrops
in 1994



Modern Day WCC

- Currently 45 crews statewide
- 9 individual Placements (IPs)
- Administration staff:
Program Director, 3 Project Coordinators, training coordinator, Tools/ Logistics Coordinator, 3 Office Administrators, Americorps/grant liaison



Corp Member Eligibility

The Perks:

- 18-25 years old
- U.S. Citizen/National/ Resident Alien
- High School Diploma or GED. If candidate has neither the WCC will help with obtaining GED
- Hourly wage (\$9.04)
- Basic Health Care
- Upon completion of program contract, Americorps Education Award of \$5550 (12-month term)
- Paid Trainings
- Student Loan forbearance and payment of accrued interest
- One on One interactions with other professionals in the field.
- Paid job shadow hours

Program Breakdown:

- Veterans' Corps
- Individual Placements (IPs)
- The Washington Conservation Corps/Puget Sound Corps

Veterans Corps

- Began Fall of 2011, The Washington Conservation Corps formed a partnership with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs, and United States Forest Service.
- Formed first 100% Veterans Crew.
- The Veteran's Corps creates opportunities for veterans to continue serving their country through programs help provide education, mentoring, and job training to and from fellow veterans.
- This is the first program of its kind.
- Up to 5 additional crews planed for crew 2012-2013 crew years



Individual Placements (IPs)

- Internships.
- Work includes public outreach, community education, monitoring, and data collection.
- Because of the technical nature of these positions, a college degree is preferred, but not required.



Washington Conservation Corps Crews & Puget Sound Corps



Puget Sound Corps

- State and federal money earmarked for restoration of the greater Puget Sound area.
- Focus will be on state DNR lands
- Improvements/Restoration of shore and near shore habitat.
- Creosote log removal
- Recreational access improvements
- Recovery goal date of: 2020

The whole darn package...

- 5 person trained crew, aka THE MULES
- Experienced/Formally trained crew supervisor
- Crew buggy, aka a full size 6 person capacity 4x4 truck
- Full assortment of top quality hand and power tools
- No headaches just a hardworking, straight forward, efficient, and safe experience...

Lake Mills Reservoir Revegetation efforts (Elwha Dam)

Olympic National Park Trails and restoration Crew:
Crew Supervisor: Justin Zarzeczny







Auburn's Environmental Park

Olympia Spike and Vet Crew

Supervisor: Shawn Zaniewski





- 1,700 feet in length, 6 feet in width
- Included installation of benches, picnic tables, directional signs, bicycle racks and interpretive signage.
- Height of 30 inches in places due to high water.
- Installation of bird viewing tower





Local Level

- 2010-2011 session was first year that a crew was based in Ellensburg full time
- Before the 2010 crew year Kittitas County was serviced by a Spike Crew
- Sponsors included: Yakama Nation, Kittitas County Conservation District, and the Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Supportive and cooperative sponsors are key to a successful year.

Current Ellensburg WCC status

- Current Sponsors: Yakama Nation, WDFW, DNR, MCRFEG, KCCD, City of Ellensburg, City of Roslyn, NRCS, BOR, BLM, Fortera (formally CLC).
- Three crews consisting of 16 members
- Home of the Central Regional Lockup and Emergency Response Cache
- Projects Includes:
 - LWD recruitment,
 - Riparian plantings/site maintenance, noxious weed management, fire fuel reductions, forest health practices, recreation site maintenance, inclusionary fence installation, and many more...

Wenas Creek Bank Stabilization

Sponsor: WDFW











Reecer Creek Floodplain Revegetation, weed slaying, and site maintenance

Sponsor: MCRFEG













Williams Creek LWD

Project Sponsor: Scott Nicolai Yakama
Nation



































L.T Murry Wildlife Area Buck/Pole Fence

Sponsor: WDFW



Cherry Creek Reveg

Project Sponsor: Brent Dixon KCCCD



Spring Creek

Project Sponsor: Yakama Nation & Bureau of Reclamation





Upper Swak LWD recruitment

Sponsor: Yakama Nation & MCRFEG











Acheson Flood Fence Planting

Sponsor: KCCD





Kittitas County Head Start Riparian Mitigation

Sponsor: KCHS/Bright Beginnings







MLK Service Project



Emergency Response



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Sorry no photos...

- Swak Ranch Riparian Planting
- Olin Nichols Planting
- Holms Salmon Education Days
- Trail construction and trail structure construction
- Middle Swak Riparian planting and site maintenance
- Taneum Winter LWD Spike
- Taneum Thinning
- Taneum Spike
- LT Murry Elk Fence
- Beaver project WDFW

We're all fighting the same fight...

- At this current economic time it is key to build partnerships that allow more bang for the buck.
- Get the boots on the ground! Show ranchers, producers, recreators, and the general public **PROGRESS**.
- The WCC is another tool to be used to make your projects more successful. The Swiss army knife of natural resource work
- Take risks, try innovative ideas, and learn from your mistakes.

Eye Candy







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Thanks for your time!
Questions?

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