



Request for Project Proposals
For Youth Corps Crews
On Hazard Fuel Reduction Projects
Due December 21, 2009

BACKGROUND

The Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) was recently awarded \$647,400 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds from the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), an agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University. These funds were granted to the CSFS from the USDA Forest Service. The USDA is working to implement provisions of the Recovery Act to put Americans back to work and rejuvenate the nation's economy. The Recovery Act provided USDA with nearly \$28 billion in funding, of that, \$1.15 billion has been allocated to the USDA Forest Service for project work in forest restoration, hazardous fuels reduction, construction and maintenance of facilities, trails, and roads, green energy projects and grants to States, tribes and private landowners.

With these funds, seven accredited youth corps and their partners will employ 90 individuals in both seasonal and full-time positions over the course of 17 months.

The youth corps crews (18-25 year olds) will conduct 74 weeks of hazard fuel reduction work in seven Colorado State Parks and adjacent state, municipal and private lands. Approximately 64 weeks of the work will occur at the designated State Parks with the remaining 10 weeks occurring on adjacent lands. Work will occur between Summer 2010 and Fall 2011.

This Request for Proposal is intended to solicit projects for the 10 weeks of work on lands adjacent to the Parks.

Applicants can apply for **between one and three weeks of youth corps work**. Youth corps will complete handwork with chainsaws. One week of work is a minimum of 320 hours of labor (approximately 8 people for 40 hours per week). Heavy equipment **will not be** available on these projects.

The Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) is a statewide coalition of 10 youth conservation corps that employ and train youth and young adults on land, water, and energy conservation projects. Youth corps are a proven strategy for engaging young people in service to their communities and stewardship of their environment while cultivating in them valuable skills to meet the challenges of the 21st century. For more information about youth corps, please go to www.cyca.org.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Landowners of state, municipal or private lands adjacent to the target Parks (see below) are encouraged to submit proposals for youth corps crews to work on their property. Please complete the narrative questions, below (#1-#19) in a clear and concise manner.

DEADLINE:

Proposals are due by 4 PM Mountain on December 21, 2009.

The narrative portion of the proposal can be no more than **four pages** long with **12-point type** and **1-inch margins**. **Attachments are limited to four** and must include a **project location map** showing the project location in relation to the Park and a **detailed area map** showing the specific project. The remaining two attachments are at the discretion of the applicant and are not necessary. CYCA will not accept CDs, DVDs, videos, brochures, or any other attachments that are not easily replicable on a standard photocopy machine.

Submit proposals via US Mail, fax, or email to:

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A panel, consisting of one staff member each from the relevant Community Wildfire Protection Plan team (if available), State Parks, and the Colorado Youth Corps Association will review proposals and determine which projects will be granted. A State Forest Service staff person will serve as a consultant to the panel.

TARGET PARKS

Northwest/West Region – 5 weeks of youth corps work available adjacent to any of the following Parks:

- Colorado State Forest State Park
- Steamboat Lake State Park
- Sylvan Lake State Park

Front Range Region - 4 weeks of youth corps work available adjacent to any of the following Parks:

- Cheyenne Mountain State Park
- Golden Gate Canyon State Park
- Staunton State Park

Southwest Region - 1 week of youth corps work available adjacent to:

- Lone Mesa State Park

PROPOSAL NARRATIVE – 4 pages maximum, 12-point type, 1-inch margins

1. Proposal contact info (name, title, organization, address, phone, email):
2. Name of property:
3. Landowner:
4. Name of adjacent State Park (must be one of the Parks listed above):
5. Number of youth corps weeks requested (must be within the week limits per region listed above):
6. Number of acres to be treated:
7. Property Location – Provide a brief legal description and **map** showing the property in relation to the Park:
8. Project Area: Provide a brief description and detailed **map** of the project area.
9. Egress/ingress, please describe:
10. Contact person for coordination of technical aspects of project (name, title, organization, address, phone, email):
11. Purpose of project (must be hazard fuels reduction). Please provide details:
12. Long-term benefit of the project:
13. Treatment type (must meet relevant CSFS guidelines - defensible space, shaded fuelbreaks, restoration of ponderosa pine, for example). Describe:
 - a. How material to be treated will be designated
 - b. What will be done with treated material
 - c. Treatment standards to be followed (ponderosa restoration, shaded fuelbreak, etc)
14. Name of relevant Community Wildfire Protection Plan:
15. List communities directly protected:
16. Water considerations – please describe, note whether the treatment type follows Best Management Practices for Water Quality:
17. Opportunities for commercial forest products, biomass, community benefit (firewood, construction, biomass, etc.) Note: All forest products of commercial value generated from State Trust lands will be sold by CSFS for the benefit of the State Land Trusts.

18. Landowner contribution to project – Are you able to provide things such as funding, chippers, trucks, free camping for crews, staff technical assistance?
Note - Landowner contribution is not a requirement.

19. Preferred Season – when would you like the project completed? We cannot guarantee that crews are available during your preferred season

_____ Summer 2010

_____ Fall 2010

_____ Summer 2011

_____ Fall 2011 (must be complete by Sept 30, 2011)