

Partners

Agencies

Bureau of Land Management

U.S. Forest Service

National Park Service

Wyoming Game and Fish Department

Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investment

Wyoming State Engineer's Office

Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources

Wyoming Water Development Office

University Partners

Center for Volunteer Services

School of Energy Resource (SER)

Dean of Students Office

Student Leadership and Civic Engagement Office (SLCE)

UW Residence Life and Dining Services

Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center



WCC working with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Private/Corporate

Chevron

Devon Energy Corp.

EnCana Energy

RockWell Petroleum

TriHydro

Non-Profit Organizations

AmeriCorps Serve Wyoming

The Nature Conservancy Corps Network

Wyoming Backcountry Horsemen

Wyoming Community Foundation



WCC 2009 crew members and leaders.



Leadership in Public Service



To connect young adults in Wyoming to hands-on natural resource and environmental management experiences and promote higher education through community service projects working to maintain Wyoming's public lands.



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The WCC is part of UW's Environment and Natural Resources Program.

Overview

Founded in 2006, the Wyoming Conservation Corps (WCC) builds on the long legacy created by the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s and the Youth Conservation Corps of the 1970s. The WCC continues this legacy by carrying out the highest caliber of service for Wyoming's public lands. Participation in the WCC program provides members with an opportunity to learn first-hand the complexity involved with and reasoning behind current natural resource management decisions in Wyoming.

As an AmeriCorps program, the WCC requires 450-900 hour commitments that start in the classroom and end in the field. During the course of their service, members earn a monthly living stipend. Members also earn upper-division college credit while receiving extensive training in leadership, civic engagement, natural resource ethics, and wilderness first aid.



WCC members work in crews conducting projects on public lands in 10-day stints.

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Education & Benefits

Members can earn 1 to 3 upper-division credits and AmeriCorps educational scholarships (\$1,250-\$2,363) when they complete their terms of service. All of the costs associated with course credits for members are funded by the UW School of Energy Resources (SER). Depending on commitment level, members may take classes in Student Leadership Strategies, Civic Engagement, Wilderness First Responder (WFR), Wilderness First Aid (WFA), and Leave No Trace (LNT). Additionally, participants engage in work projects during the summer months with Wyoming land management agencies. This learning dynamic of class time combined with field time provides a superior educational experience to participants. In addition, the WCC provides members with skills beneficial to professional success in the future.



Energy management is vital to Wyoming's future.

Upon completion of the WCC program, alumni have a greater understanding of many of the complex natural resource issues in Wyoming and the nation. Responsibility and work ethic, are just two of the qualities members will bring to every future employment opportunity. Perhaps most important, alumni will bring a set of leadership and volunteer skills to the communities where they live and work.

2009 Field Season Statistics

- 10 Crew Leaders, 30 Crew Members
- 28,000+ Service Hours
- 12 Miles of Fencing
- 14 Miles of Trail
- 300 feet of Bridges/Boardwalks
- 6,000+ Transplanted Willows

Public Service

Public service is the driving force of the WCC! Status as an AmeriCorps program has made the WCC a valuable source of contracts for a number of land management agencies that would otherwise be unable to fund such projects. WCC projects are an important service for these agencies and ultimately, the citizens of Wyoming. Members and alumni of the WCC can take great pride in having contributed a much-needed service to the beautiful landscapes of Wyoming.



WCC crew building a singletrack at Curt Gowdy State Park, a trail design of the International Mountain Biking Association.

