### **2017 PARTNERS**

Serve Wyoming /AmeriCorps

Devon Energy – celebrating 10 years of partnership

### **University of Wyoming**

- Residence Life and Dining Services
- The Haub School
- UW Foundation
- UW Outdoor Program
- UW History Department
- UW Veterans Services Center
- SLCE

#### **FEDERAL**

- Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area
- Medicine Bow/Routt National Forest
- Shoshone National Forest
- Bridger Teton National Forest
- Casper Bureau of Land Management
- Buffalo Bureau of Land Management

### STATE

• Wyoming State Parks and Historic Sites

### **NON-PROFIT**

- Wyoming Pathways
- The Nature Conservancy
- Casper Rotary Club
- Casper Biathlon Club
- Nature Ltd.
- Wyoming Wilderness Association
- Laramie Rivers Conservation District

# OUR CONNECTION WITH AMERICORPS

WCC receives significant foundational funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) through our State Commission, Serve Wyoming. This partnership allows us to provide a low-cost alternative to our partners for achieving high priority projects while producing incredible experiences for our members. We want to thank the Serve Wyoming Staff and Commissioners for their support.





Since its creation in 2006, WCC has provided over 370,000 hours of service on Wyoming's public lands.

### **CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED**

Wilderness First Responder – 8 members S212 Wildland Chainsaw Certification – 16 members Wilderness First Aid – 32 members Leave No Trace Training – 32 members IMBA Trail Training – 40 members

### **EDUCATION**

\$83,440.64 in Scholarships earned by members 4608 Hours of education provided by agency 14 Upper Division credits earned





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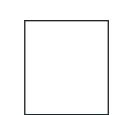
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# 2017 FIELD REPORT

## **WCC MISSION STATEMENT:**

To promote individual development, stewardship, and education through localized national service with AmeriCorps.



# **OVERVIEW**

Each season the WCC partners on high priority projects with Non-profit, Local, State, and Federal land management agencies to engage young adults in meaningful service on public lands in Wyoming. As part of the University of Wyoming we can offer top notch training and certifications through ENR 3700 & ENR 4950 that translate into high quality craftsmanship for our partners and helps train our members to become the next generation of land managers.

# **2017 STATS**

- 66 community volunteers joined our crews.
- 12.25 new trail constructed
- 51.9 miles of trail maintained
- 19.62 miles of fence converted to wildlife friendly, or removed
- 7 gates constructed
- 415 hazard trees removed
- 9700 ponderosa pines planted
- 55.24 acres of noxious weeds treated

- 14 historic structure painted
- 102 fencing bucks and 130+ rails harvested & built
- 113 Wilderness Study Area signs placed in the Red Desert
- 1 Outhouse built
- 24.5 acres of small diameter trees removed on ski trails
- 3 bog bridges built
- 210 pounds of bacon consumed by crews





# **VETERANS TRAIL CREW**

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Wyoming Veterans Trail Crew (WyVTC) completed its inaugural season in 2017 becoming the first veterans crew of its kind in the nation. Dedicated to their mission to build, maintain, and improve non-motorized trails across Wyoming this crew worked long hours while camping near the project site to increase their efficiency. These AmeriCorps members earned industry recognized certifications and trainings intended to help them in their journeys to a career in land management. Beyond the certifications earned in training these members receive a competitive living stipend, an AmeriCorps education award, quality food, and a chance to return to a team setting with fellow veterans. WCC staff was impressed by this crew's tenacity and their ability to get a lot of work done.

### **PARTNERSHIPS**

The WyVTC's first season was made possible through significant support from Wyoming State Parks Non-Motorized Trails program, a matching grant from the Recreational Trails Program, and through support from Serve Wyoming. Other necessary support came from Rocky Mountain Power, UW Veterans Services Center, the Vet Center, and our community college partners across the state. We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Paul Gritten with Wyoming State Parks whose tremendous hard work and willingness to leap into the unknown truly made this crew a success.

## **FUTURE**

WCC has received funding to support the WyVTC in 2018. We expect this crew to work outside of State Parks this season and look forward to discovering new partnerships across the state. Please contact WCC to discuss hiring a crew.



- 62.75 miles of trail built, maintained or improved
- 65 feet of bridge installed
- 461 hazard trees removed
- 975 feet of retaining wall built
- 5 switchbacks built

- 64 stone stairs installed
- 1 metal culvert installed
- 32 acres of forest fire fuel reduced
- 8 trail drains built
- 30 feet of rock armoring built