

# MT. ADAMS INSTITUTE



## 2016 IMPACT REPORT

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## OUR MISSION

To strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research.

## PROGRAMS



VetsWork GreenCorps trains military veterans for wild land firefighting careers. In 2016,

**87.5% of graduates were hired into the field.**



Cascade Mountain School inspires students through hands on science / recreation activities.

**276 kids spent 19,968 hours outside**



VetsWork Environment engages military veterans in 45 weeks of career training.

**43 veterans developed skills for public lands / natural resource jobs.**



Public Lands Stewards places young adults in internships on public lands. In 2016, programs provided

**57,000 hours of volunteer service.**



# VetsWork Environment & GreenCorps

*"When I left the military, I struggled to find a new sense of purpose."*

Former VetsWork participant

*"Our public lands need a diverse workforce that can deal with 21st century issues."*

Forest Service employee



VetsWork addresses these issues with proven results



**Laurel Poff**

Forestry Technician  
Ozark National Forest



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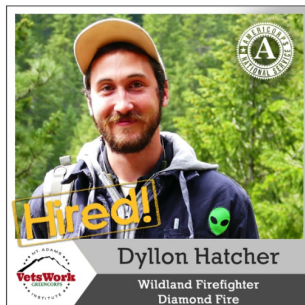
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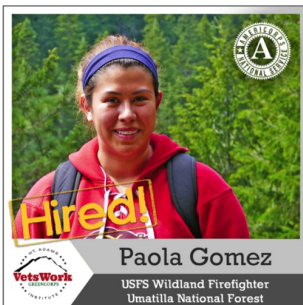
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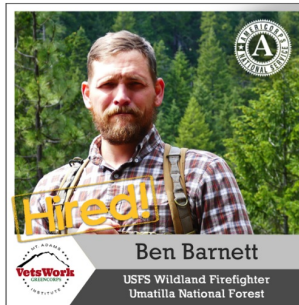
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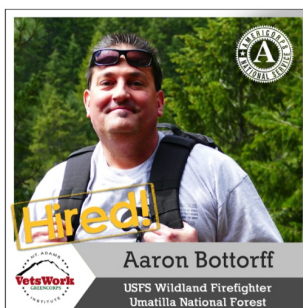
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# Cascade Mountain School



532 miles hiked



10 day camps  
6 overnight camps  
6 custom school programs



28 students received  
scholarships



20 gallons of raw milk used  
by campers to make  
mozzarella cheese



180,000 feet of elevation  
hiked by participants



276 campers from 7  
states and 2 countries



1,432 granola  
bars eaten



17% minority  
representation



# Public Lands Stewards



Erynne van Zee  
Environmental Stewardship Associate  
Cascade Mountain School



*The diversity of roles I'm playing allows me to be involved in sharing the outdoors with students ages 6 to 18. I'm making science fun, developing teamwork and outdoors skills, and encouraging students to be creative and curious*

*Erynne van Zee, Hometown: Corvallis, OR*

*There are not many jobs where you can spend 40 hours/week (or more) outdoors. I have been able to make connections with people from different parts of the United States. I am fortunate to display my public service while setting myself up for future endeavors.*

*Michael McNeil, Hometown: Chicago, IL*

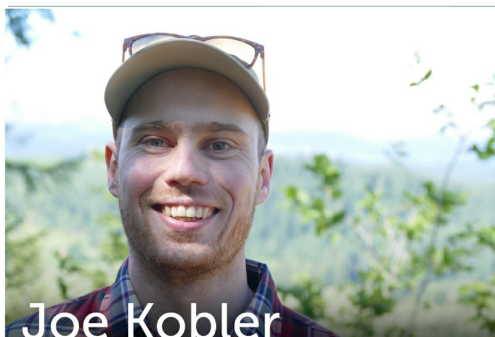


Michael McNeil  
Wilderness-Backcountry Ranger  
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest



*The beauty of Columbia Refuge is in the severity of its features, in the stark lines of migrating birds, the lonesome song of coyotes calling through the canyons in the gathering dusk, and the broken bones of bare basalt that thrust forth from the earth.*

*Joe Kobler, Hometown: Los Angeles, CA*



Joe Kobler  
Refuge Technician  
Conboy National Wildlife Refuge



Planted over 3500 trees to restore critical habitat.



Hiked over 1800 miles to monitor trail conditions.



Captured over 7500 invasive Bull Frogs to protect wildlife.

# NEW PROJECTS FOR 2017

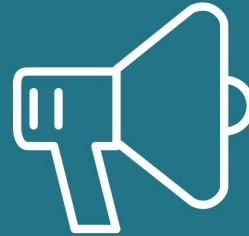
In addition to continuing to refine programs to better serve our communities and participants, we have two big projects on the board for 2017.



## Improve our camp facility

One of the best attributes of our Trout Lake facility is its proximity to the great outdoors. However after 40 years, our bunkhouses and kitchen buildings are showing their age.

We will be installing energy efficient windows, updating furnishings and improving our outdoor spaces to better accommodate our growing number of camps and trainings.



## Partner to engage the broader community

As our communities continue to grow in numbers and diversity, we are making efforts to engage a broader audience.

In 2016, we partnered with Mid Valley Elementary School (90% Hispanic student population) on a summer camp program that got kids into the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Our public lands are for all and we're committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy them.

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