



Malheur National Forest

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MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST INVOLVES LOCAL YOUTH IN YEAR-AROUND PROJECTS

Hines, OR – Kids and critters both benefited from work done on the Malheur National Forest this summer, announced Teresa Raaf, Acting Emigrant Creek District Ranger. A partnership with the Training and Employment Consortium, Rural Oregon Partnership for Employment (ROPE) and the Community Stewardship Corps (CSC), provided the opportunity for local youth to earn money while improving conditions for wildlife and learning about forest conservation at the same time.

“It was a real pleasure to work with this crew,” Raaf added. “They tackled each job with a great attitude and willingness to work hard to get these projects done on time.”

Under the lead of Roy Sutcliffe, Wildlife Biologist on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District, the ROPE and CSC crew repaired summer watering systems for wildlife and range animals, as well as helped with several aspen rehabilitation projects consisting of repairing and building fence around aspen stands for protection. In addition, the crew planted over eleven acres of shrubs and constructed cages around some of the plants.

The ROPE’s and CSC crew goals are to enhance education, employment, and personal growth for youth that are enrolled in the program.

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