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Fire Crew Training for CCC

YREKA, CA - A total of 17 enthusiastic young men and women in the California Conservation Corps recently completed a week long training program to become Fire Crew qualified for initial attack on wildland fires. They are trained in all aspects of fire suppression including initial attack, fire line construction, mop up and suppression repair. "With fire crews stretched thin by the high demand for firefighters in southern California this newly trained crew will be a valuable resource here in Siskiyou County as well as statewide", stated Ed Guzman, Fire Management Officer for the Klamath National Forest.

The fire crew training program is a joint effort between the Klamath National Forest and the California Conservation Corps. The Forest Service provided classroom and field training and the CCC provided the corpsmembers. The Forest Service will also be providing equipment and a Crew Boss and two Squad Bosses to oversee actual wildland fire suppression work.

"We see this program as valuable training and work experience for these enrollees" stated Nicholas Johnson, Conservation Supervisor for the CCC. "It provides an excellent career avenue for the enrollees to progress into the fire fighter apprentice program offered by the Forest Service."

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17 California Conservation Corps corpsmembers, all residents of Siskiyou County, recently completed a week long Fire Crew training program provided in partnership with the Klamath National Forest

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