

# Youth Conservation Corps Forest Cleanup

Project made possible through the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act.

Imagine a caravan of 64 dump trucks filled to overflowing with dead refrigerators, old tires, rusted out engine blocks, holey mattresses, and other trash rolling single file out of the forest and you may have an idea of the gargantuan task accomplished by YCC crews this summer. In eight weeks, local youth from Lowell and Oakridge comprising two YCC crews serviced about 436 miles of road. Ninety illegal dump sites had been found and mapped through a Title III funded study done by University of Oregon students.

Some of the trash had been there for 20 years. One site was a "meth" lab dump, which the workers flagged for subsequent law enforcement investigation. This and other types of trash create biohazard and contamination risks.

*YCC crews collected 642.45 cubic yards of trash.*



*Illegal Forest dump sites pose biohazard and contamination risks to natural resources.*

- **Total Project Cost:** \$41,000
- **Title II Funding:** \$41,000
- **Employed:** Two six-person crews
- **Type of Project:** Other Project Types--Illegal Dump Sites Cleanup
- **County:** Lane
- **Year Awarded:** 2004



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