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## **USDA Forest Service Seeks Local Teens for Summer Job Opportunities**

(Whitmire, SC) Feb. 22, 2012—The USDA Forest Service, Enoree Ranger District is seeking young men and women, aged 15-18, who are interested in summer employment with the USDA Forest Service in the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC). Crew members will earn minimum wage, working 40 hours per week for eight weeks (June 4 – July 27, 2012).

“The YCC program teaches young adults about the forest environment by engaging them in the management of its natural resources,” said Enoree District Ranger Beth LeMaster. “Students gain hands-on experience in trail building; campground maintenance and renovation; noxious weed removal and planting projects. These and other projects all serve to benefit the forest and its ecosystems. It’s a great introduction for kids interested in pursuing a natural resources career.”

Applicants must be prepared for hard physical work in an outdoor environment under potential adverse weather conditions and rough terrain. Crew members are responsible for their own daily transportation to the appropriate Enoree district office. Each participant must provide his/her own work boots, proper work clothes, a backpack and a daily lunch. The USDA Forest Service will provide project tools and transportation to and from project work sites each morning.

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The district will conduct a random drawing from the applications received and select an equal number of men and women. Applications must be submitted in “hard copy” form to USDA Forest Service, 3557 Whitmire Hwy, Union, SC 29379 by April 11, 2012. E-mails will not be accepted.

Interested persons may pick up an application from the guidance counselors at Union County, Whitmire, Newberry, Chester or Laurens high schools. The Enoree district offices also have applications: Enoree Ranger District (Tyger Office), 3557 Whitmire Hwy., Union, SC 29379, telephone (864) 427-9858; or Enoree Ranger District (Enoree Office), 20 Work Center Rd., Whitmire, SC 29178, telephone (803) 276-4810.

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