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CIMARRON NATIONAL GRASSLAND HOSTING AMERICORPS CREW

ELKHART, Kan., February 29, 2012 – The Cimarron National Grassland is hosting an 11-member AmeriCorps crew and a U.S. Forest Service supervisor on the national grassland in Morton and Stevens Counties, Kansas. Their work includes cutting and piling dead trees at the Tunnerville Work Center, rehabilitation and debris disposal at the Cimarron Recreation Area, and critical stabilization work on the Point of Rocks trail.

“What a fantastic group of young adults! The goal of this project was to stabilize the trail and help to prevent future erosion of sandy soils. They provided much-needed help,” said Acting Ranger Jeff Stoney.

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a full-time national service program run by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This residential program provides young Americans with the opportunity to perform 10 months of service that meets critical needs in urban and rural communities across the United States.

AmeriCorps members live and work with their team while completing community-based service learning projects. Projects can last from one day to several months. Some projects will take place in the campus community, but most will be “SPIKE” projects, which allow teams to travel to and work in other areas of their multi-state region, as well as respond to disasters anywhere in the U.S. For more information about AmeriCorps visit their website at:

www.americorps.gov/nccc.education

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Note to Editors: photos are available.