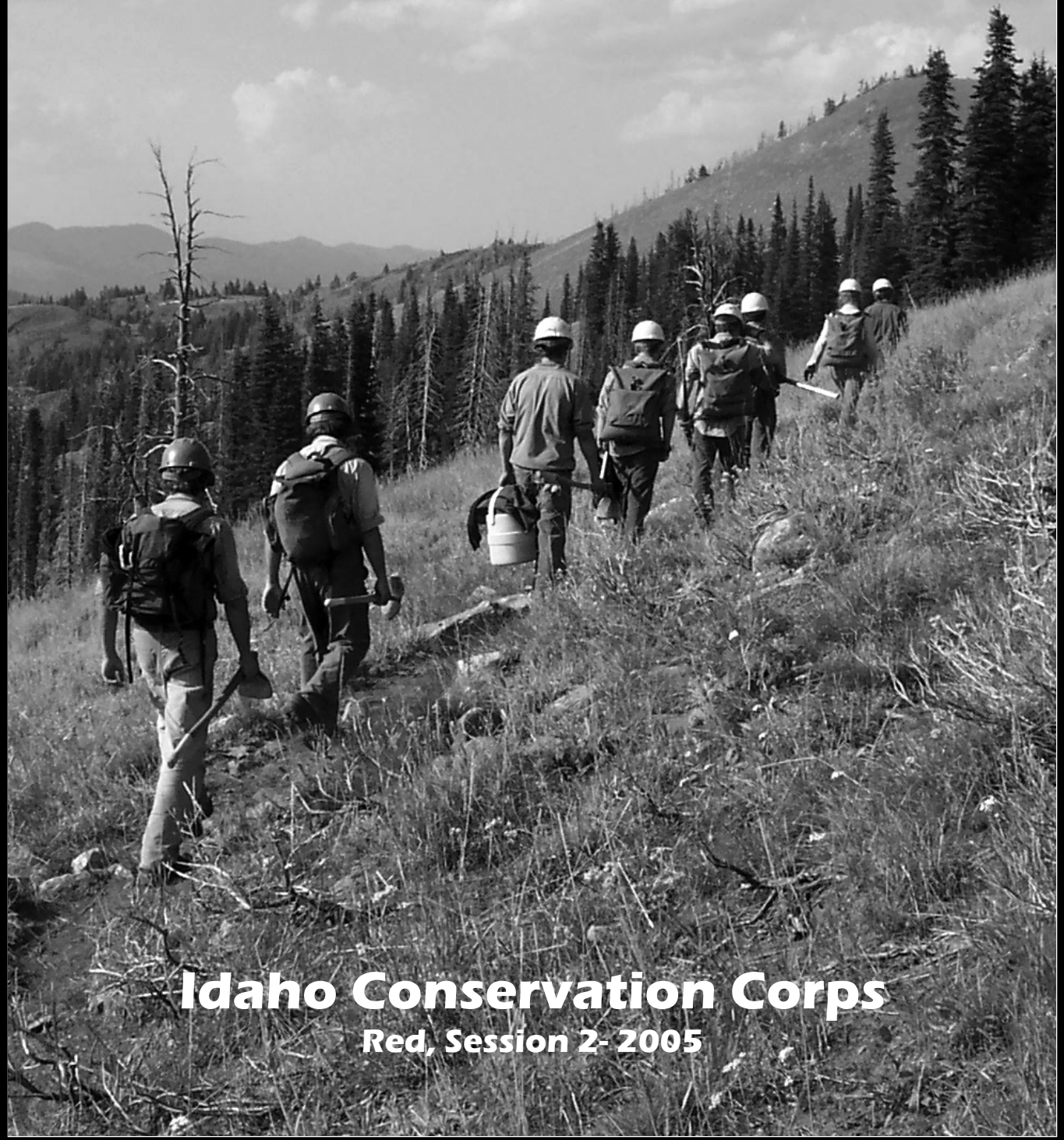




Crew Journal



Idaho Conservation Corps
Red, Session 2- 2005



Dear NYC graduates,

It is human nature that as time goes by, memories fade and our perception of history changes. Tall tales grow taller, and in the retelling details are lost and added. In your hands is a written record of your crew's trials and tribulations during the summer of 2005. It is a testimony of your successes, challenges, experiences both good and bad as well as some that were weird and wacky. As you sit back in the comfort of your home and relive some of those memories I encourage you to add your own notes on how you felt, what you saw and what you did.

As you embark on your next adventure, whatever it may be, remember the things you did here. Remember the challenges you faced and that nothing is impossible. All you need is a fistful of gorp, a PB&J and some good friends in your bump line. Make it happen!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Ojerio'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Ryan Ojerio
Program Manager



Location: Little Pend Oreille Wildlife Refuge
Project Name: Little Pend Oreille Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Week 1: July 31 – August 6

Monday: This weekend we met each other and after the parents left, there was a sudden downpour of rain. We had to drive 10 hours, wow. Well, it was pretty cool. I hope we meet each other better. Red Crew out. –Dumpster. –Dustin H.

Tuesday: This week we are slash piling. Yay! We get to do it next week too. Zach is stupid, especially when he tries to mess up on my writing. Oh well, we have hump day tomorrow and I hope you guys don't edit the part about Zach being stupid. –Evan R.

Wednesday: Today the Red Crew (my crew) went out and piled slash. We'll be doing that for the rest of this week and next week. This is boring. I worked well today. –Eric W.

Thursday: This week my crew learned about ismism's. An "ismism" is an ism that is against all other isms, like communism, racism, sexism, and being homophobic. We also learned from Mr. Kline the biologist about what a park biologist does, and what is in the area. –Zach M.

Friday: This week our challenges were all the slash piling, it was hard but alright for the first week. Our accomplishments were that we met our goal of the border and got ice cream, yum. We also were on the saw guys' heels. We also go someone new dude Red Crew out. –Dustin H.

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Week 2: August 7 – August 13

Monday: We went swimming and got to go into a town to call loved ones. After that we hiked up a mountain and slept under the stars. The next day we went swimming again and worked the rest of the day. The mountain was Columbia Mountain. There was a cabin on top of it and there was graffiti there from 1950 or so-ish. –Terrence P.

Tuesday: We are slash piling. We are in Colville, Washington. I am writing special lines for dinner and every person has a prompt.

Wednesday: My crew's goal would have to be finishing and meeting our contact's expectations and going back to Idaho for a 3-week project. –Jeremiah

Thursday: We learned the difference between Douglas Firs, Western White Pine, Tamaracks, and Western Hemlocks. Then we learned about different leaf shapes and arrangements. –Shane L.

Friday: On Friday we had to challenge ourselves and lived. We pitched in and helped. I actually helped for a change. We are now done with slash piling for good. –Eric W.

National Forest: Payette
Ranger District: McCall
Project Name: Bear Pete Trail Relocation

Week 3: Date: Aug 14th-20th

Monday: This weekend we had a lame weekend site. It was also parents weekend. Eric and Zack's families came but no one elses. Zacks parents brought us a water melon which was nice. We ate it right before a grueling NYC long hike up a very large hill. We are now working on a new trail through a burn area. Tommorrow we will be moving camp because the contact had a problem with the camp site. It was to far from our work site...Oh Well...Evan

Tuesday: We are digging a trail. So far it is 1,980 feet long. Tomorrow we are going to try to do 800 or 900 feet. We are doing this for a motor bike trail to make people have a great time on the weekend or summer...James

Wednesday: Our goal for this week is to dig at least 1 ½ miles of trail, so far we have 4,000ft(plus) the first and second day...Zach

Thursday: We learned how Iodine changes your bodily functions and turns your poo into mush ice cream, we learned how to dig 2,000 feet of trail a day. We did close to a mile and a half in a week... Shane

Friday: On Friday we work two hours. We found out we had a different job. We are going to get a boat ride up there...Eric

National Forest: Nez Perce
Ranger District: Red Rive Ranger District
Project Name: Sheep Creek Trail Maintenance

Week 4: Date Aug 21st-27th

Monday: This weekend we hiked up here. We hiked two miles and camped there. Then on Sunday we hiked about four miles. The hikes were hard, but we made it. I say Thank God!...Eric

Tuesday: This week we had a sweet hike in on un-maintained trail. Hiking in on un maintained trail made us see why it needed maintenance. The work is sweet because we got to do some cross cutting. See ya...Evan

Wednesday: One of our goals was for three people to “cross-cut” at least 25 logs before lunch and we got 23 plus by lunch break. Then we got 2 plus after to complete the goal. Another one of our goals was for everyone else to complete two miles of loping and swamping by lunch but we only got about a mile...Zach

Thursday: This week we learned about predator and prey, we also learned about Mike P.H....

Friday: This week we did a lot, we hiked in a long way. We worked hard loping and we did an awesome re-route. We did a lot of cross cutting. Everyone is bickering but the session is almost over. Oh well...Evan

National Forest: Nez Perce
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Project Name: Sheep Creek Trail Maintenance

Week 5: Date Aug. 28th-Sept. 3rd

Monday: This weekend we hung around camp on Saturday and on Sunday we finished up our trail re-route. It is sweet right now. The wind is blowing and David Bowie is stuck in my head...Evan

Tuesday: This week we are going to take our time hiking out from the 5 ½ miles. I'm not quite sure how it will work but oh well...Evan

Wednesday: Our crew's goal this week was to finish our final project and then some

Thursday: We learned how to finish up the session strong and impress our project sponsors with our accomplishments. We learned that if everyone does not work together to get chores done, things do not get finished quickly...Hannah

Friday: Today we woke up after a night of pranks spent on the beautiful Salmon River. We jet boated out yesterday and saw 15-20 mountain sheep on the ride. We went to Tim's hot springs and relaxed on the way to Big Clean. Hooray! We're done, clean, refreshed and happy. See ya next time!

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

The day we hiked up Sheep Creek Trail...Zach

Hiking Sheep Creek Trail....Jeremiah

Hiking Sheep Creek Trail...Terrence

Telling another crew member to change his pants after a long hike to work because I had to stay behind him the entire hike...Dustin H.

No fighting...Evan

The 5 ½ mile hike...Shane

Slash Pilling...Mike

Mental and Physical...James

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Meeting everyone for the first time, getting projects done, making friends within my crew...
Zach

Iodine and beans, making desert, sleep....Jeremiah

Food, Iodine, New friends...Terrence...

Being out in God's beautiful creation, new friends and eating anything...Dustin

Wilderness, eating, pooping in the woods

Fishing, Sleeping, the feeling of accomplishing tasks...Shane

Fishing, sleeping, and accomplishments...Mike

Meeting friends, motivation, swimming...James

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

The friends I made while at NYC...Zach

All the things that happened in our tent...Jeremiah

The iodine...Terrence

I will remember everyone I met...Dustin

The beauty of sheep creek

The awesome scenery...Shane

The country I saw...Mike

Stories and P.H....James

From Now On I Will Always...

Trust that I can do something by myself or with other....Zach

Never look into the Iodine water...Jeremiah

Not complain about food...Terrence

Deal with my little brother when he's annoying...Dustin

Eat Mustard...Evan

Eat lots of Food....Shane

Like Donuts and chocolate milk...Mike

Eat anything and do anything...James

At NYC I Learned...

How to live off only the necessities, how to depend on myself to get something done, how to cope with problems and get over them...Zach

How to cross cut, eat new food, wipe with bark...Jeremiah

How to cross cut, use items of the woods to wipe and how to trust in myself...Terrence

I learned food is yummy, How to get closer to God, Patience...Dustin

Seeds, Outdoor skills, new experiences

Different SEEDS, and how important food is...Shane

How to use a cross cut...Mike

How to make friends and build trails...James