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**Grant Awarded to Northwest Youth Corps Benefits Douglas County**  
*Scholarships Available to Douglas County Youth*

July 21, 2006 (Eugene, OR) – Northwest Youth Corps, an outdoor conservation and youth education organization has been awarded a grant of \$71,514 from the Douglas County Board of Commissioners\*. The Douglas County Grant funds assist with crewmember wages and training, program coordination, materials and supplies, scholarships, and other program costs.

Northwest Youth Corps provides forest-based summer employment opportunities for local youth ages 14 - 19. Throughout the summer, Northwest Youth Corps participants will carry out conservation work in Coos Bay, Roseburg, and the Umpqua National Forest. Project partners include Umpqua National Forest, Oregon State Parks, Bureau of Land Management, and Douglas County Parks and Recreation.

Northwest Youth Corps will work with land management agencies on a variety of projects including trail restoration, timber stand improvement, and noxious weed removal. Youth will learn how to properly construct, maintain, or improve trails, and learn how to promote forest health through timber harvesting methods, forest health indicators, low-impact and multi-use activities, and resource management.

In addition, youth will learn and practice decision making skills, perform service, while gaining self-esteem. NYC participants work and live in a field-based team of ten youth and two staff.

“This experience at NYC has taught me self motivation, the value of hard work, and has certainly helped me practice my communication and cooperation skills. These are all things I can use in real life.” – Laura A., 2005 Northwest Youth Corps crewmember

*\* Funding for the Northwest Youth Corps' is provided by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners through Title III funding as part of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000.*

*Northwest Youth Corps is a non-profit youth development organization whose mission is to create leaders through teamwork, education, and outdoor conservation work experiences. For additional information, contact Northwest Youth Corps at 2621 Augusta Street, Eugene, OR 97403, phone (541) 349-5055, or visit [www.northwestyouthcorps.org](http://www.northwestyouthcorps.org).*

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