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Youth Spend Summer Building Trails at Stub Stewart State Park *Youth from Northwest Youth Corps conservation crews leave a lasting legacy*

August 24, 2006 (Eugene, OR) – Thirty-one miles from of Portland in Washington County, Northwest Youth Corps conservation crews are leaving their legacy on the new Stub Stewart State Park. Expanding upon work they completed last year, the youth age 16 – 19 added three new trails to the park this year.

Totaling more than a mile of trail, the three new trails include views of the Coastal Range and Brooks Creek. Due to the steep nature of the land, youth built more than ten switchbacks and climbing turns to make the trail user friendly to all park visitors.

To build the new hillside trails Northwest Youth Corps crews removed heavy vegetation, grasses, short shrubs and small trees. The new trails were built a minimum of three feet wide and ten feet tall to accommodate hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.

About Northwest Youth Corps

Established in 1984, Northwest Youth Corps is a non-profit organization whose mission is to create leaders through teamwork, education, and outdoor conservation work experiences. Northwest Youth Corps is the Pacific Northwest's largest youth conservation corps, serving more than 10,000 youth. For additional information, contact Northwest Youth Corps at phone (541) 349-5055, or visit www.northwestyouthcorps.org.

About Stub Stewart State Park

The park is Oregon's first new state park in over 30 years. It spans more than 1,600 acres of breathtaking wilderness. Park visitors will be able to enjoy individual and group campgrounds, a 17-mile hiking and horseback riding trail system, 15 rental cabins, and a hilltop day-use area with an observation tower for sightseeing and stargazing.

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