



Rocky Mountain Conservancy

CONSERVATION CORPS

Yearbook
2025



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Program History

1931

Rocky Mountain Conservancy is founded as the Rocky Mountain Nature Association

Since 1931, Rocky Mountain Conservancy has supported Rocky Mountain National Park and other public land partners through educational programs and philanthropic donations. Early on, the focus of the Conservancy was developing educational materials and publications for visitors to use while in Rocky Mountain National Park. Over the past ninety years, the Conservancy has grown to support its public land partners in a breadth of ways.

1962

Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Field Institute is established to provide visitors with enhanced educational opportunities

Rocky Mountain Conservancy Contains five departments:

1985

The Conservancy begins providing substantial financial support to Rocky through philanthropic outreach

Retail – manages nature stores throughout Colorado and Wyoming to provide visitors with educational materials to enhance their experience.

Publications – produces nature guides, children's literature, natural and cultural history books, and more.

2003

Rocky Mountain Conservancy - Conservation Corps is created

Philanthropy – raises funds for Rocky and Conservancy programs through donor outreach, grant proposals, a membership program, and community engagement. Funds are used for specific projects including land acquisition, historical preservation, trail maintenance, wildlife conservation, search and rescue, and environmental education.

2006

Next Generation Fund was created as an endowment to support youth education efforts

Education – provides Field Institute Courses, memberships, nature-based activities, and fellowships for people of all ages to further understand and connect with public lands.

2014

Rocky Mountain Conservancy changes its name from Rocky Mountain Nature Association

Stewardship – hosts service-learning programs for people of all ages through the Conservation Corps, High School Leadership Corps, and Volunteer Stewardship programs.

2017

Rocky Mountain Conservancy High School Leadership Corps is implemented into the Stewardship Program

In its first year in 2003, the Rocky Mountain Conservancy Conservation Corps supported seven members on one crew in Rocky Mountain National Park. The program has grown to provide 50-60 young adults with a summer long AmeriCorps member opportunities across several different crews based in seven locations.

RMC-CC Program Goals

- Empower youth and young adults with job skills, career development resources, a conservation ethic, and a connection to our nation's public lands to create the next generation of stewards.
- Increase participant awareness of careers related to the environment, environmental stewardship, and public lands.
- Link Conservation Corps projects to the missions and visions of Rocky Mountain Conservancy, Rocky Mountain National Park/National Park Service, and Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests/US Forest Service.
- Increase participant awareness and use of effective leadership skills based on positive and constructive communication and provide opportunity to practice these skills.
- Increase participant awareness of the cultural and natural histories and environment of the Rocky Mountain region.
- Inform crew members of the need for and use of various methods of construction for environmentally friendly trails, restoration, and reclamation projects.
- Perform on-the-ground conservation work for Rocky Mountain National Park and the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests.



The Rocky Mountain Conservancy Conservation Corps (RMC-CC) is an immersive 11-week experience located in the Rocky Mountains of northern Colorado. Throughout the season, members work with various project partners around the region, camp, cook, live, and work in crews, and practice skills such as backpacking, invasive species removal, the use of various tools, and much more.

RMC-CC emphasizes professional development, leadership, mastery of outdoor skills, and environmental stewardship. Participants receive an AmeriCorps Education award upon successful completion of the program. Additionally, the Rocky Mountain Conservancy provides living sites, work clothing, and various gear for the season. In 2025, the Conservancy hosted 10 crews that worked alongside Rocky Mountain National Park, U.S. Forest Service, and other project partners.

Boulder Crew



2025 Crew

Accomplishments

- 16.5 mi. of trail cleared/maintained
- 0.82 mi. of trail constructed
- 72 trees removed from trail
- 111 drains cleared/constructed/repared
- 21 ft. of rock construction
- 7 check steps/staircases built
- 1 14ft bridge constructed
- 1 sign installed
- 2 illegal campsites removed
- 33 social trails removed
- 366 trees lopped

RMC-CC's Boulder crew resides near Nederland, CO, and partners with the Boulder Ranger District in Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. The 2025 crew consisted of two crew leaders and seven crew members, who learned trail maintenance skills such as setting rock check steps, clearing logs using crosscut saws, and performing various maintenance to keep trails sustainable. Highlights of their season included installing a bridge on the trail to Isabel Lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness, taking a four-day backcountry hitch along Hesse Trail outside Eldora, and establishing 0.82 miles of new trail near Brainard Lake. In addition, all members of the 2025 Boulder crew received formal crosscut saw certifications through the U.S. Forest Service.

Boulder Crew



Emma Edmondson 🛠️

"I've played in the dirt and got to help humans grow. Livin' the dream y'all."

Hometown: Slocomb, AL

Career/Education: University of South Alabama - Biology, minor in GIS

Career goals: Work as a botanist for NPS



Tobi Miller 🛠️

"RMC has changed me beyond what I could have anticipated. As a leader, I am so much more confident in myself and prepared to move into this field."

Hometown: Houston, TX

Career/Education: Natural Resources, Forest Services

Career goals: Environmental Conservation & Science



Boulder Crew



Fisher Farnsworth

"Amazing friends. Automatic. Awesome adventures. Automatic. Bumping techno in the work truck at 7am. Automatic."

Hometown: Fort Collins, CO

Career/Education: Colorado State University

Career goals: Work Outside

Riley Gale

"The work, the place, and most importantly the people. I love it all. Automatic."

Hometown: Woolwich, ME

Career/Education: St. Lawrence University

Career goals: Anything Outdoors



Trace Olmstead

"Yeah, it was pretty cool. Automatic."

Hometown: Lexington, KY

Career/Education: University of Kentucky - Philosophy

Career goals: Win the Lottery

Boulder Crew

Kate Reap

"What an incredible life changing experience! I love RMC, and I got so super lucky with my crew. I love you guys!"

Hometown: Tempe, AZ

Career/Education: Marketing

Career goals: Packing/Outdoors



Seneca RiceWoolf

"Great fishing. Automatic."

Hometown: Davidsonville, MD

Career/Education: Duke University -
Masters of Environmental Management

Career goals: Drive another big truck

Sam Kalman

"You miss 100% of the mountains you don't hike. Automatic."

Hometown: Amherst, MA

Career/Education: Connecticut
University - Environmental Studies

Career goals: Chase that bag, head to
the grindstone



Boulder Crew



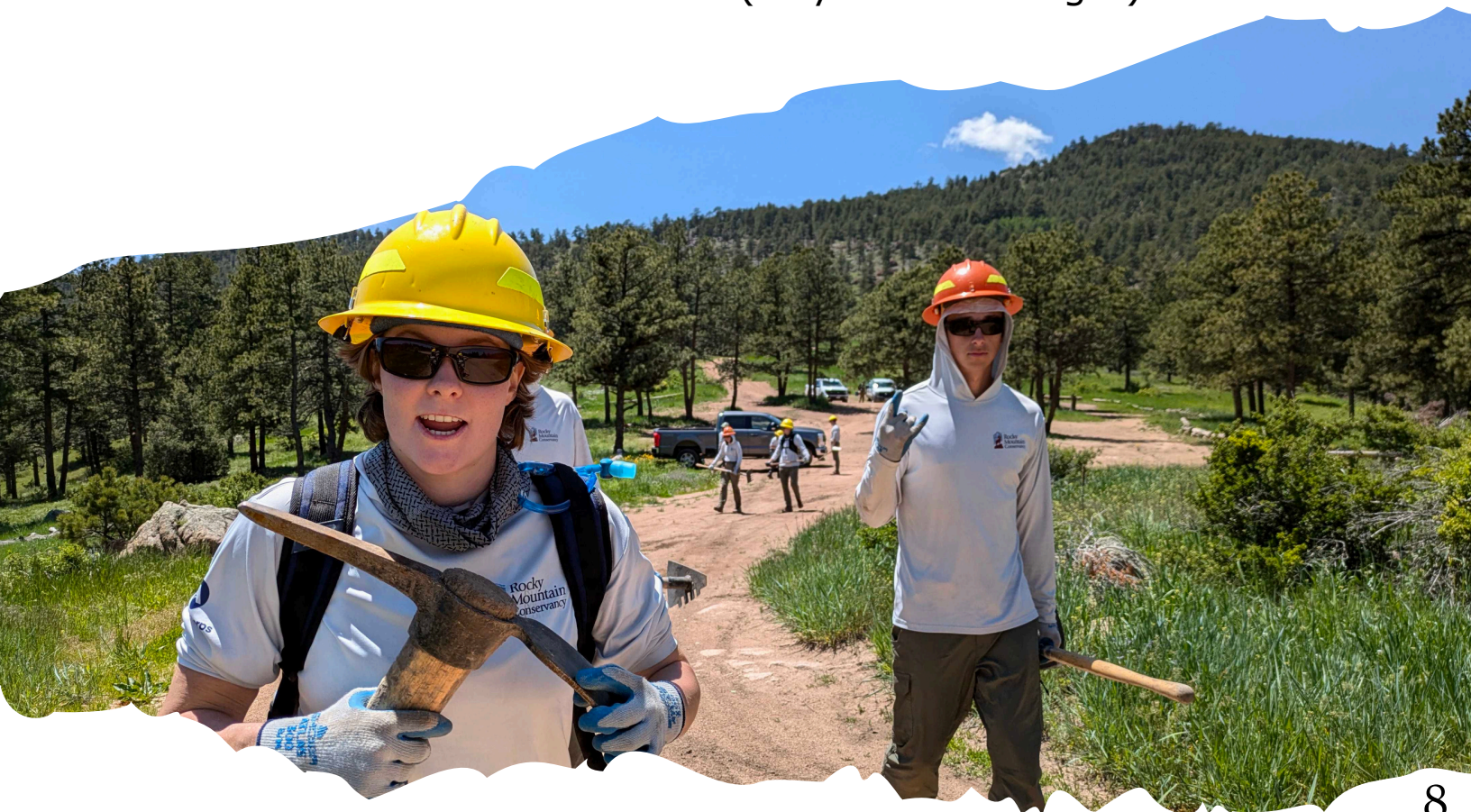
Annika Harper

"In a Colorado state of mind! Thank you RMC & my Boulder Bhaddies for shaping me into the person I am now! ...Automatic."

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Career/Education: Cal State Monterrey Bay - Environmental Science (Ecology)

Career goals: Wildlife Biologist, Animal Behavior (Maybe Park Ranger)



Canyon Lakes Crew



2025 Crew Accomplishments

- 35 mi. of trail cleared/maintained
- 1.46 mi. of trail constructed
- 148 fallen trees removed
- 104 drains constructed/repared
- 25 ft. rock construction
- 41 check steps/staircases built
- 2 signs repaired/installed
- 20 sections of geo netting laid
- 2 illegal campsites removed

The Canyon Lakes crew works alongside Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests' Canyon Lakes Ranger District and reside in remote cabins near the Rawah. Project highlights for the 2025 crew include performing much needed maintenance on the Rawah Trail and building 1.46 miles of the accessibility trail, Lady Moon. The crew, consisting

of eight members and two leaders, became experts on crosscut saw use, building rock steps, and more. Members of this crew also received formal crosscut saw certification through the U.S. Forest Service and went on several eight-day backcountry hitches.

Canyon Lakes Crew



Bren Laughlin 🪓

"I can be trusted with saws and other various sharp tools."

Hometown: Fort Lupton, CO

Career/Education: Ball So Hard University - Mother Nature is my Employer

Career goals: Become the first ever D-Sawyer

Ilena Elmore 🪓

"It's pronounced Rawah, not Rawah."

Hometown: Portland, OR

Career/Education: Gonzaga - Environmental Studies

Career goals: Non-Profit Work



Canyon Lakes Crew



Molly Tracy

"Llamas are leapers & weepers - be kind to them."

Hometown: Brookfield, IL

Career/Education: GVSU -
Environmental & Sustainability Studies

Career goals: Joy

Beatrice "Bea" Money

"This summer taught me that there's nothing more important than working in beautiful places outside. I love the Rawah!"

Hometown: Kent, CT

Career/Education: Smith College -
Biological Sciences

Career goals: Work for the Forest Service
managing trail crews



Victoria Sanchez

"Embrace the suck!"

Hometown: Houston, TX

Career/Education: Texas State
University - Environmental Science

Career goals: Policy and Conservation

Canyon Lakes Crew

Rose Von Eckartsberg

"I loved being able to explore the Rawah and see the beautiful sites in Colorado."

Hometown: Arlington, VA

Career/Education: Stony Brook University - Marine Sciences

Career goals: Marine Ecologist



Liam Edberg

"Say yes to life!"

Hometown: Iowa City, IA

Career/Education: Luther College - Environmental Science

Career goals: Work outside everyday

Canyon Lakes Crew

Kyle Thrush

"Hooray!"

Hometown: Ottawa, IL

Career/Education: University of Illinois -
Architecture

Career goals: Liberation



Peter Tuttle

"Slam Poetry Rocks!"

Hometown: Wyoming, OH

Career/Education: OSU - Finance

Career goals: Ventriloquist

Ella Jacobs

*"When the going gets tough, the tough
get going."*

Hometown: Silver Spring, MD

Career/Education: University of
Maryland - Environmental Science & Policy

Career goals: Non-Profit Director



Historic Preservation Crew

2025 Crew

Accomplishments

5 structures painted or stained
10 picnic tables built
Assisted with hazardous tree removal at Holzwarth
2 Longs Peak ADA Accessible Campsites built
1 ADA accessible trash pad built
50 Lawson logs built and installed



The Historic Preservation Crew partners with Rocky Mountain National Park's Project's Shop. Members of this crew reside within Rocky for the summer and learn traditional park trades such as masonry, carpentry, construction, and more. The 2025 crew consisted of one crew leader and four crew members whose hard work left a permanent legacy on several historic sites in the park, including the creation of two ADA accessible campsites at the Longs Peak Campground. On top of that, the crew was tasked with repainting many of the restroom facilities as well as the amphitheater in the newly reopened Moraine Park Campground, completing renovations many years in development.

Historic Preservation Crew

Aiden J. Morriss 🛠️

*"There is no higher honor than to lead
Big Prez!"*

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Career/Education: Deep Roots Craftsmen

Career goals: Work in Historic
Preservation



Owen Oliver

*"There is no love without forgiveness, and
no forgiveness without love."*

Hometown: Fort Collins, CO

Career/Education: Traveling Europe

Career goals: Save the Planet

Gabriella Rant

*"Best summer ever! New friends, outside
24/7, doing good work."*

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Career/Education: Working in a hospital,
hopefully starting med school next year

Career goals: Become a Doctor



Historic Preservation Crew



Colleen Drake

"Wake up, paint, eat hot dogs, sleep, repeat."

Hometown: Waterford, MI

Career/Education: Preschool Teacher

Career goals: Interpretive Ranger/Outdoor Educator with NPS



Cameron Doyle

"Learned a ton of useful skills and explored a ton of nature."

Hometown: Pensacola, FL

Career/Education: Engineering

Career goals: Engineer and retire early



Kawuneeche Crew



The Kawuneeche Crew lives and works on the west side of Rocky Mountain National Park. This year's crew, consisting of one leader and five crew members, spent the summer working on Green Mountain, a new trail construction project in burn scar of the 2020 East Troublesome fire. The crew gained mastery of tools such as rigging and grip hoists, and completed many components of the trail including check steps and turnpikes which are crucial for keeping the trail safe and walkable.

2025 Crew Accomplishments:

- 0.2 mi. of trail cleared/maintained
- 0.41 mi. of trail built
- 8 drains built/repared
- 6 check steps built
- 4 turnpikes built
(106 ft. turnpike length)
- 5 check dams built

Kawuneeche Crew



Elliott DiSalvo 🛠️

"Live Laugh Love & Fart Freely."

Hometown: Atlanta, GA

Career/Education: CU Boulder -
Evolutionary Biology, Ecology

Career goals: Pursue research in NPS &
eventually become a professor

Grace Wilson

*"Diggin holes, crushin rocks, laughin with
friends, swimmin in rivers, and sleepin in
tents - All in a day's work! What a life :)"*

Hometown: Winston Salem, NC

Career/Education: University of
Virginia - Global Studies &
Environmental Science

Career goals: Continue doing public
service and be outside!



Sydney Kolz

*"Thank you to the people I met, memories I
made, rocks I crushed, trees I peeled,
mosquitoes I smashed, and rice and beans I ate."*

Hometown: Oakdale, CT

Career/Education: Environmental
Sciences, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology

Career goals: Conservation Biology



Kawuneeche Crew

Jamie Bryan-Levy

"It felt like I didn't work a day all summer. I just got to experience being outside and living naturally."

Hometown: Berkeley, CA

Career/Education: MSU - Biology and Environmental Engineering

Career goals: Bio-Carbon Capture Work



River Caro-Landry

"This summer has revealed to me the life I wish to lead. I have met such wonderful people and have forged friendships that will last a lifetime."

Hometown: New Orleans, LA

Career/Education: Archaeology

Career goals: RMNP Historic Preservation

Samantha George

"Who knew digging was this much fun??"

Hometown: Cincinnati, OH

Career/Education: Arizona State University - Sustainability

Career goals: Getting to work outside, in food systems or with the park service!



Moraine Crew



2025 Crew Accomplishments:

- 71 mi. of trail cleared/maintained
- 8 fallen trees removed
- 951 drains constructed/repared
- 76 ft. rock construction
- 6 check steps/staircases built
- 2 signs repaired/installed
- 3 lbs. trash removed
- 47 ft. of rip rap pavement for Long's Peak Trail
- 20 ft. lopping at Moraine Park campground

Moraine crew resides on the east side of Rocky Mountain National Park and works alongside Rocky's Long's Peak crew. This year's crew, comprised of one leader and four members, made significant progress installing rock pavers called "rip rap" along the Long's Peak trail. The 2025 crew spent 16 days in the backcountry on hitch.

In addition to their work on the Long's Peak trail, the 2025 crew performed annual maintenance runs on several iconic trails in the park.

Moraine Crew



Daniella Vogel 🛠️

*"Guys I'm going to PA School I swear.
Follow @themorainesituation"*

Hometown: Scottsdale, AZ

Career/Education: University of Arizona -
Physiology & Medical Sciences, minors in
Italian and Computer Science

Career goals: Junior Ranger

Theo Kiniklis

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Hometown: Natick, MA

Career/Education: School of Life

Career goals: Oil Executive



Kazimir Nyzio

"ok."

Hometown: Stone Ridge, NY

Career/Education: SUNY Albany -
Masters in Applied Atmospheric
Sciences

Career goals: NOAA commissioned
officer corps or NWS



Moraine Crew

Hannah Saiger

"Rocks are heavy."

Hometown: New York City

Career/Education: Starting as an Outdoor Instructor at Slide Ranch this fall

Career goals: Climate Resiliency/Safe & Equitable Food & Water Systems



Elana Naide

"Rocks are heavy. So lucky to have spent my summer outside!"

Hometown: Milton, MA

Career/Education: University of Maryland

Career goals: Climate Scientist



Sulphur Crew



2025 Crew

Accomplishments:

- 120 ft. of buck & rail replaced
- 37.5 mi. of trail cleared/maintained
- 0.3 mi. of trail constructed
- 182 fallen trees removed
- 85 drains constructed/repared
- 8 ft. rock construction
- 4764 signs inventoried
- 7203 stickers organized
- 12 check steps/staircases built
- 20 signs repaired/installed
- 37 lbs. trash removed
- 12 illegal campsites deconstructed
- 240 gal. of herbicide applied

The Sulphur crew works in partnership with the Sulphur Ranger District in Arapaho National Forest. The crew resides near Granby, CO, on the west side of the Continental Divide. The Sulphur crew experiences a variety of work environments throughout the season. In addition to completing two four-day backcountry hitches with the Sulphur wilderness team, this year's crew worked alongside members of the Headwaters Trails Alliance and the Student Conservation Association to maintain and clear trails, repair infrastructure and combat invasive plants throughout the Arapaho National Forest.

Sulphur Crew



Sarah Merriman 🛠️

(Chug Jug)

"Got Water?"

Hometown: Albion, IN

Career/Education: Environmental Educator

Career goals: Being Happy

Noah Thomas

(Crunch)

"Simmy called..."

Hometown: Little Rock, AR

Career/Education: St. John's University, Queens NY

Career goals: Wildlife Biologist



Kiki Glorioso

(Twinkers)

"... she said she can't stand ya bits."

Hometown: San Diego, CA

Career/Education: Whitman College

Career goals: Firefighting



Sulphur Crew

Isaac Bradshaw

(IZ Melon) (Daddy Long Legs) (Fire Starting Bradshaw)

"Can I go home yet?"

Hometown: Saint James, MO

Career/Education: University of Missouri - Natural Resource Science & Management, Fisheries & Wildlife

Career goals: Conservation Law Enforcement



Kevin Miller

(Sir Speed)

*"I speak for the trees, they tell me to breathe.
I speak for the trees, oh where could they be?
The trees, the trees, they are so much fun.
The trees, the trees, they have my heart won."
– The Lorax (kind of)*

Hometown: West Dundee, IL

Career/Education: Colorado State University - Conservation Biology

Career goals: Imma turn into the Lorax



Audra Disselkamp

(Rogers)

"Nothing like being homeless all summer."

Hometown: Rineyville, KY

Career/Education: University of Kentucky

Career goals: Unicorn



Sulphur Crew



Grant Blackwell

(Grunk)

"That's not ideal :/"

Hometown: Loveland, CO

Career/Education: DNR (Department of Natural Resources)

Career goals: Wilderness Ranger

Molly Socha

(Maybelle)

"10-4 Rubber Ducky..."

Hometown: Bloomfield Hills, MI

Career/Education: Purdue University

Career goals: Conservation Engineering



Haleigh Eichenlaub

(Bones)

"... 10-4 Pig Pen"

Hometown: Tallahassee, FL

Career/Education: University of Central Florida

Career goals: To blow up, and act like I don't know nobody



Vegetation Crew



2025 Crew **Accomplishments:**

9122 stems/243.6 acres of
invasive species treated using
42.4 mixed gal. of herbicide
application

1093 native species planted
at Glacier Basin Campground

Removed leafy spurge,
orange hawkweed, canada
thistle, common mullein,
houndstongue, scentless
chamomile, musk thistle

Trail work isn't the only skill participants learn from RMC-CC---the Vegetation Crew partners with Rocky's vegetation department to target noxious weeds throughout the park. This crew resides on the east side of the park, and learns to use backpack sprayers safely and effectively in order to keep Rocky's native species free from non-native competition. They also spent two weeks of their season on the west side completing the same work. The 2025 vegetation crew, comprised of one leader and five crew members, also worked planting native forbs and grasses in the parks popular Glacier Basin Campground.

Vegetation Crew

KJ Boyland 🛠️

"These veggies made the best summer salad."

Hometown: Abilene, TX

Career/Education: UT Austin - Sustainability & Geography

Career goals: Attain a job that unites people and nature



Shira Nathan

"I loved this summer of friends, fields, and fiends in fields. I think RMC does exactly what it sets out to do: bring people together, build their skills & confidence, and get them outside!"

Hometown: Lafayette, CO

Career/Education: Smith College - Environmental Science & Policy, Anthropology

Career goals: Make a positive impact on the world, tell stories, & be outside



Abhay Singh

"I LOVE RMC and will forever be grateful for memories, experiences, and opportunities made possible by RMC ❤️ in one of the best summers of my life."

Hometown: Billerica, MA

Career/Education: U Mass Lowell - Criminal Justice

Career goals: NPS or Forest Service or Law School



Vegetation Crew



Megan Steffek

"Survived the willows! Strengthened my knowledge of National Parks, native plants, wildlife and various career paths."

Hometown: Austin/Yoakum, TX

Career/Education: Animal Science

Career goals: Wildlife
Biologist/Researcher

Mia Bawendi

"Fell in love with this place and all the people connected to it. We love Veg."

Hometown: Cambridge, MA

Career/Education: Amherst College -
Biology. Central Rock Gym

Career goals: Learn so much more
about plants



Sierra Rain Yanez

"The connection between community and natural areas is integral to our hearts and our health."

Hometown: /

Career/Education: Environmental
Science

Career goals: Water Conservation







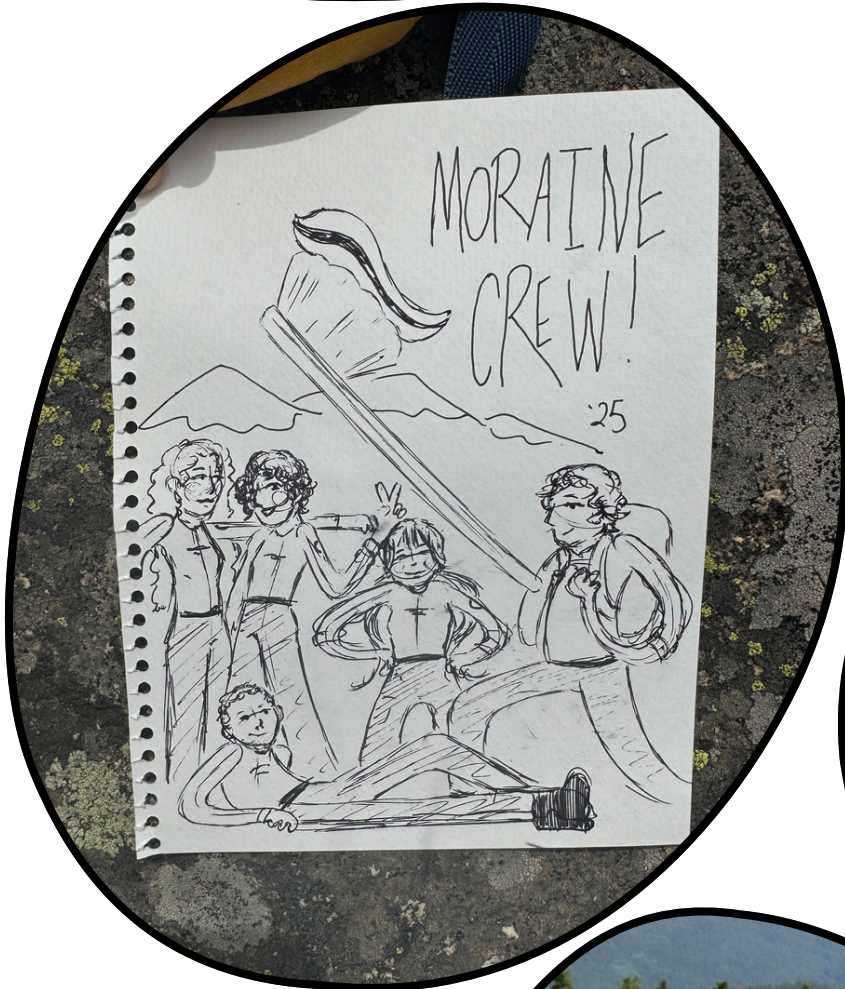
















Field Team



Eli Bolick

Conservation Corps Field Coordinator

"You need a lot of love and compliance"

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Career/Education: Kent State University -
B.S. in Environmental Science

Connor Neal

Conservation Corps Field Coordinator

"For the love of the game"

Hometown: Blacksburg, VA

Career/Education: Virginia Tech - B.A. in
National Security Studies and Foreign Affairs



AJ Lullo

Conservation Corps Field Coordinator

"Let it be"

Hometown: Sleepy Hollow, IL

Career/Education: University of Illinois - B.S. in
Natural Resources & Environmental Science



Field Team



Owen (Oba) Bass

High School Leadership Field Coordinator

"Existentialism at the back of the bus."

Hometown: Mount Pleasant, MI

Education: Central Michigan University -
B.A. in Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Sasha Lott

High School Leadership Program lead

"Just a leg cramp."

Hometown: Nederland, CO

Education: University of Colorado, Boulder -
B.A. in Elementary Education



Dani Woods

Corps Manager

"Being yourself can be like a never-ending barbeque."

Hometown: New Milford, NJ

Career/Education: Montana State University -
B.A in Natural Resources and Rangeland Ecology

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