



LARIMER COUNTY
**CONSERVATION
CORPS**

**2021 ANNUAL
REPORT**



OUR MISSION

The Larimer County Conservation Corps (LCCC) promotes individual development through service for the benefit of our environment and community. Each of our programs is unique within the corps, but each one reflects our core values of environmental conservation and individual development. LCCC is housed within and administered by the Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development.



OUR CORPSMEMBERS

This year, we had 52 corpsmembers and 10 lead staff that completed trail maintenance, fire mitigation, post fire recovery, invasive species removal and water and energy conservation projects across Larimer County.

 8 Water & Energy members

 12 USFS Trails Crew members

 9 Forestry Crew members

 11 RMNP Trails Crew members

 11 Land Crew members

 11 Fire Recovery Crew members



“I thought this work was challenging. It challenged my work ethic and my mental attitude but being out here and working in these conditions changes you and what you’re able to accomplish. I really love this work because you can see that through your hard work you are able to make a good impact.” - Aidan, *Land Crew*

“This work is very important right now especially because of the Cameron Peak Fire coming in last year. Every time it rains, we’re helping minimize the impacts, helping the rivers and water sources stay clean and helping roads from washing out. I find pride in that sort of work.” - Collin, *Fire Recovery Crew*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



15

miles of trail maintained and constructed

16

acres of fire mitigation treatment

275

drains installed

319

slash piles constructed

423

home efficiency assessments completed

807

wattles installed in post fire areas

FUNDRAISING

Our 7th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival was held virtually for a 2nd year due to concerns of COVID-19. Through donations, sponsorships and ticket and raffle sales, we were able to raise \$11,940! This money will be put towards purchasing uniforms, tools and safety equipment for our corpsmembers, as well as, sustaining the overall mission of the LCCC.



PARTNERSHIPS

The majority of work done by LCCC crews is supported through fee-for-service contract dollars and grant funding. Our partnerships with federal, state, local and non-profit organizations allow us to provide programs for youth and young adults to participate in. We are incredibly thankful for the various partnerships and sponsors that worked with us through 2021!

Federal



State



Non-Profit



Philathropic



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

When looking back on 2021, there were numerous accomplishments mixed into a complex year. With so many uncertainties during this pandemic, we are grateful to our friends, families, partners, project sponsors, donors, and the community at large for the opportunity to collaborate on so much meaningful work across Larimer County. We can't thank you enough for all your trust to continue the great work of supporting local youth and young adults to find their place in our community through a conservation corps experience. Our corpsmembers thinned acres of trees, maintained miles of trails, and installed hundreds of wattles for erosion control. The list goes on and on. We're still on that road to recovery, but it's good to know we're not alone on this journey.

As the new year approaches, plans are taking form to kick off our new Climate Corps initiative through state and national partnerships focused on addressing the local threats to our climate. Our Water & Energy Program will start off the new year of programming with a deeper focus on residential water and energy conservation. These climate initiatives will not only carry over into our summer programs focused on fire mitigation and reforestation of the burn scar, but deeper into our long term vision.

On behalf of our Economic & Workforce Development team behind the scenes, our corps staff, and our alumni, we want to say 'Thank You' for supporting our work as the Larimer County Conservation Corps.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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