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Centennial of Service Challenge



Through the 2006 Centennial of Service Challenge (CSC) cost share initiative, the Intermountain Region of the Forest Service, in collaboration with partners throughout Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming, successfully accomplished over \$2 million dollars worth of work on National Forest System lands. Diverse partners completed over 20 projects on 13 National Forests in four states. These projects ranged from trail improvements to riparian rehabilitation projects to non-motorized recreation design and layout.

In 2005, the Centennial of Service Challenge cost share initiative was introduced to honor the Forest Service Centennial and encourage collaboration between the Forest Service and various publics who utilize the land. The implementation of this initiative directly benefited the Forest Service by increasing cost efficiency and leveraging funds. It established and strengthened relationships between the Agency and the communities it serves – providing long-term benefits such as enhanced

conditions of the forests, watersheds, habitats, and recreational services.

In Fiscal Year 2006, \$4 million dollars of appropriated funds were tripled through partner contributions. Nationwide, over 137 individual partner projects were completed, which provided more than \$12 million in partner contributions.

The Intermountain Region received \$400,000 from Congress to accomplish important Regional projects which would engage youth, college students, tribal members, outdoor enthusiasts, user groups, and community volunteers, as well as other agencies and private businesses and organizations. In some cases, the partnership funds provided the Region 4 units the opportunity to complete and/or continue implementation of large-scale projects that they would not have been able to accomplish alone. Forest Service units in Region 4 contributed \$1.4 million in funding to match Centennial of Service Challenge dollars and partner contributions.

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