

# COYCC Summer 2019 Season

81 Youth, 18 crews

Crews in Warm Springs, Madras/Culver, Prineville, Redmond, Sisters, Bend, La Pine, and Crescent/Gilchrist



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There are three days of the season where we take time to explore career and educational opportunities available in the region. Above, crew members are touring the Redmond Smoke-jumper base and the dispatch center after touring Central Oregon Community College.



COYCC helps maintain highly-trafficked public lands in Central Oregon, benefitting the recreation economy and helping youth gain work and social skills.

Above, the Sisters crew completing a day of trail maintenance on the Deschutes National Forest with Three Fingered Jack in the background.



Crew leaders and USFS specialists mentor and teach youth why the projects are vital as well as how to safely use different tools.

Above: A Prineville crew constructs a fence that burned down on the Crooked River National Grassland. Right: Crescent crew clears a trail in the Diamond Peak Wilderness area. Bottom right: A Prineville crew maintains an enclosure fence around a natural spring, keeping cattle out but letting wildlife in. Bottom Left: Sisters crew helping with the revegetation process after a wildland fire.





COYCC crews complete critical work for the USFS, while also gaining knowledge of and pride for the public lands in their backyards.

Above: A Madras crewmember building infrastructure for a campground expansion on the Crooked River National Grassland. Right: A crew member enjoying the perks of the job on the hike back from a fire lookout tower.

Bottom: Sisters crew hauling materials up Black Butte for an interpretive sign installation.



**“The most important thing that I learned by being in the program is that I could work for the Forest Service.”**

**-Austino, Sisters crew**

One goal for this program is for it serve as an “on-ramp” to future careers in natural resources, especially for youth who did not know that was an option for them. There is a large network of support during and post-program for youth who are interested in applying for federal jobs.

