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## Lava Beds National Monument News Release

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Mike Reynolds, Superintendent

### **2013 Youth Conservation Corps Positions Available at Lava Beds National Monument and Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge**

**Tulelake, CA** – Superintendent Mike Reynolds and Refuge Manager Ron Cole are pleased to announce that Lava Beds National Monument and the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge will be hosting the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program again this year. YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women, ages 15 through 18, who work and learn together by participating in conservation work on public lands. The program is expected to begin on or around June 17th, and run for 5-8 weeks, dependent upon available funding.

Applicants must be in very good physical condition. This work can be fun, even adventurous, but it can also be strenuous and is performed in hot, rugged, dirty environments. If regular exercise is not already part of an applicant's lifestyle, they are strongly discouraged from applying. Planned work projects include exotic weed control, composting, native plant care, landscape restoration, walkway and trail maintenance, and cave clean up.

Conservation education is incorporated into the YCC program. This education will highlight the diversity and responsibilities of different National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service areas, introduce participants to the natural and cultural history of the local area, and may involve field trips to surrounding sites.

Between 4 and 8 YCC staff will be selected during a random drawing of applications on May 31, 2013. Participants will be selected for either Lava Beds National Monument or the Tulelake National Wildlife Refuge. Applicants should specify their preferred work location on the application, but preferences are not guaranteed. Successful candidates will earn \$8.00 per hour (California minimum wage). All participants must bring a lunch and be able to provide their own daily transportation to and from the monument or refuge. No housing is available and carpooling is encouraged. The work schedule is 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays.

Applications for the YCC Program should be mailed to Lava Beds National Monument, P.O. Box 1240, Tulelake, CA 96134, and be postmarked no later than May 28, 2013. For more information about the program and to download applications please visit the website at: <http://www.nps.gov/labe/supportyourpark/ycc-youth-conservation-corp.htm>. Interested applicants may also call the interim YCC coordinator, Amy Ellinger at (530) 667-8152.

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