Civilian Conservation Corps 1933-1942

Public – No. 5-73d Congress
S. 598

"An Act for the useful public work, and for other purposes"
March 31, 1933

"to provide for employing citizens of the United States who are unemployed, in the construction, maintenance and carrying on of works of a public nature in connection with the forestation of lands belonging to the United States..."

"the prevention of forest fires, floods and soil erosion, plant pest and disease control, the construction, maintenance or repair of paths, trails and fire lanes in national parks and national forests, and such other work on the public domain, ..."
75th Anniversary of CCC
March 31, 2008

To Prepare For Anniversary:

- What is the Extent of the CCC Resources?
- Where are the Resources Located?
- What are the Resource Types?
- Is There Sufficient Information to Evaluate Significance for the Potential Resources?
- What are the Overall Conditions of the Potential Resources?
- Can We Correctly Identify CCC Features?

What Areas Still Need to be Addressed?
Intermountain Region
CCC Resources

Number of Specifically Identified CCC Resources on the LCS by Region
November 2005
Intermountain Region
CCC Resources

Number of Specifically Identified WPA Resources on the LCS by Region
November 2005
Intermountain Region CCC Resources

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Intermountain Region CCC Statistics:

- Approximately 1,000+ CCC Buildings and Structures within the Region. (Resources such as Roads & Landscapes have Multiple Features not Reflected in the Overall Count.)
- 28 Known Park Units with CCC Resources
- 24 Known Park Units with CCC Camps within Park Boundaries
- Total of 68 Former CCC Camps within the 24 Park Units (1941)
- CCC Work in the Region Includes Over 30 Major Categories of Project Types
Types of CCC Buildings, Structures & Projects
Found in the Intermountain Region Parks:

- Telephone and Utility Lines
- Lookout Houses and Towers
- Trails (Truck, Horse, and Foot)
- Park Dwellings
- Administration/Museum Buildings
- Campgrounds with Associated Structures
- Fences
- Water Systems
- Reservoirs
- Nurseries
- Erosion Control (Dams, Bank Protection)
- Flood Control
- Bridges (Foot, Horse, and Vehicular)
- Corrals
- Roads and Related Features (Culverts, Guard Walls, Guard Rails, Diversion, Ditches and Retaining Walls)
- Picnic and Trail Shelters
- Cabins
- Equipment and Supply Houses
- Comfort Stations
- Lodges
- Water Storage Facilities
- Camp Fireplaces
- Signs, Markers, and Monuments
- Incinerators
- Drinking Fountains
- Walkways
- CCC Camp Structures
- Tree Towers
- Ranger Stations
- Stone and Adobe Walls
- Table and Bench Combinations
- Tunnels
- Retaining and Compound Walls
- Maintenance Buildings
- Landscaping
- Tree Wells
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Intermountain Region Parks with CCC Buildings, Structures and/or Projects:

- Arches National Park
- Bandelier National Monument
- Big Bend National Park
- Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP
- Bryce National Park
- Capitol Reef National Park
- Carlsbad Caverns National Park
- Cedar Breaks National Monument
- Chaco Culture National Historical Park
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area
- Chiricahua National Monument
- Colorado National Monument
- Devils Tower National Monument
- Fort Laramie National Historic Site
- Glacier National Park
- Grand Canyon National Park
- Grand Teton National Park
- Mesa Verde National Park
- Petrified Forest National Park
- Pipe Spring National Monument

Visitor Center Bridge – Arches NP

- Old Santa Fe Trail Building
- Rocky Mountain National Park
- Tuzigoot National Monument
- Saguaro National Park
- Walnut Canyon National Monument
- Wupatki National Monument
- Yellowstone National Park
- Zion National Park
Intermountain Region Parks with WPA Buildings, Structures and/or Projects:

- Capulin Volcano National Monument
- Dinosaur National Monument
- Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
- Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve
- Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument
- Timpanogos Cave National Monument
- Tuzigoot National Monument
- White Sands National Monument

Superintendent's Residence – Great Sand Dunes NP&P

Visitor Center – White Sands NM

Museum and Headquarters Bldg – Tuzigoot NM
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Distribution of CCC-Period Resources by Cluster
Intermountain Region
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CCC Camp BR–23 C Montrose, CO
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park (North Rim Spike Camp)
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1941 Listing of CCC Camps Located in Region Parks and/or Supervised by the NPS:

**ARIZONA**
Chiricahua National Monument – 1 Camp  
Grand Canyon National Park – 5 Camps  
Petrified Forest National Park – 2 Camps  
Saguaro National Park – 1 Camp  
Wupatki National Monument – 1 Camp

**COLORADO**
Colorado National Monument – 3 Camps  
Mesa Verde National Park – 3 Camps  
Rocky Mountain National Park – 6 Camps

**MONTANA**
Glacier National Park – 15 Camps

**NEW MEXICO**
Carlsbad Cavern National Park – 1 Camp  
Chaco Culture National Historical Park – 1 Camp  
Bandelier National Monument – 2 Camps

**OKLAHOMA**
Chickasaw National Recreation Area – 1 Camp

**TEXAS**
Big Bend National Park – 1 Camp

**UTAH**
Arches National Park – 1 Camp  
Bryce Canyon National Park – 1 Camp  
Capitol Reef National Park – 1 Camp  
Cedar Breaks National Park – 1 Camp  
Zion National Park – 3 Camps

**WYOMING**
Devils Tower National Monument – 1 Camp  
Grand Teton National Park – 5 Camps  
Yellowstone National Park – 10 Camps
Other Known CCC Camps Located in the Region and/or Supervised by the NPS 1932-1940:

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Extant CCC Camps or Support Structures Located in the Region:

**ARIZONA**
To Date None Identified

**OKLAHOMA**
To Date None Identified

**TEXAS**
To Date None Identified

**COLORADO**
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
Mesa Verde National Park (Community Building, Bunkhouse)

**UTAH**
To Date None Identified

**MONTANA**
To Date None Identified

**WYOMING**
Fort Laramie National Historic Park (Equipment Shed)
Grand Teton National Park (Bath House, Mess Hall)
Yellowstone National Park (Bunkhouse)
CCC Related National Historic Landmarks or NHL Districts in Intermountain Region Parks

- NPS Region III Headquarters NHL
  Santa Fe, New Mexico

- Bandelier CCC Historic District NHL
  Bandelier NM, New Mexico

- Mesa Verde Administrative District NHL
  Mesa Verde NP, Colorado

- Painted Desert Inn NHL
  Petrified Forest NP, Arizona

- Grand Canyon Village Historic District NHL
  (Three Residences) Grand Canyon NP, Arizona

- Northeast Entrance Station NHL
  Yellowstone NP, Montana
Other CCC Related Historic Districts or NR Designations in the Intermountain Region

- CCC Structures Historic District (SHPO DOE)
  Saguaro NP, Arizona

- CCC Structures Historic District (SHPO DOE)
  Chiricahua NM, Arizona

- Platt Historic District (SHPO DOE)
  Chickasaw NRA, Oklahoma

- North Rim Road Historic District (NR)
  Black Canyon of the Gunnison NP, Colorado

- Signal Hill Fire Tower District (SHPO DOE)
  Grand Canyon NP, Arizona

Bear Cage (For CCC Camp Pet Bear)
Chiricahua NM
Overview - Conditions & Impacts Effecting CCC Structures
Intermountain Region
Condition of CCC-Period Resources

Intermountain Region
LOW IMPACT Level:
Known impact(s) no significant effects to structure and/or not a threat to visitors or staff.

MODERATE IMPACT Level:
Significant damage or loss if action is not taken within 5 years and/or potentially threatening to visitors or staff.

SEVERE IMPACT Level:
Significant damage or loss if action is not taken within 2 years and/or an immediate threat to visitor or staff safety.

Impact Levels for CCC-Period Resources
Intermountain Region
Primary Impact Types Affecting the Region’s CCC Buildings and/or Structures:

- Structural Deterioration - 25%
- Weather - 25%
- Tenants/Occupants - 24%
- Park Operations - 8%
- Visitation - 3%
- Vegetation - 2%
- Inappropriate or Inadequate Preservation, Restoration, Rehabilitation - 2%
- Inappropriate or Inadequate Maintenance Techniques - 2%
- Erosion - 2%
- Neglect - 2%
- Consumptive Use - 2%
- Animal/Pest Infestation - 1%
- Development - Less than 1%
- Biological Degradation - Less than 1%
- Inundation - Less than 1%
- Vandalism - Less than 1%
- Inappropriate Environment - Less than 1%
- Agriculture - Less than 1%
Conclusions Regarding the Overall Good Conditions and Low Impact Levels:

- The buildings and structures are actively being used.
- The majority of the buildings and structures support park operations (maintenance facilities, roads, housing, administration, etc...)
- Compatible adaptive uses have been found for functions no longer needed (residence to offices, equipment storage to other maintenance use, etc...)

Shadow Mountain Fire Lookout – Rocky Mountain NP
What Areas Haven’t Been Adequately Addressed in Preparing for the CCC’s 75th Anniversary?

Findings:

- Insufficient evaluation criteria for determinations of eligibility for CCC buildings, structures, landscapes, landscape features, furniture, preservation projects and archeological resources.
- Insufficient criteria to identify unique examples of CCC Resource Types
- Inadequate identification of CCC and “New Deal” related features within NPS resource databases.
- Minimal National Register work completed for “New Deal” related features.

South Rim Tree Tower – Grand Canyon NP
Possible Ways to Address Areas Which Are Inadequately Addressed:

- Establish National Register Criteria for Making Significance Determinations

- Prepare a Multiple Property Nomination to Identify CCC Resource Types

- Encourage NPS Resource Managers to Evaluate and Nominate Potential CCC Resources and Districts

- Encourage NPS Database Managers and Survey Teams to Identify and Document "New Deal" Resources in the National Databases

- Have WASO Resource Managers Assemble a Team of Park, Region, and WASO Staff to Plan for 75th Anniversary
The CCC a Living Legacy?

- The CCC Alumni Association Will Likely Disband Within 2 Years
- The Annual CCC Gathering at Shenandoah National Park has Dwindled From Nearly 4,000 to 7 Attendees in the Last 10 Years.
- CCC Alumni Are Now Nearing 90 Years in Age.
Arno B. Cammerer, Director, National Park Service 1938

"A basic objective of those who are entrusted with the development of such areas for the human uses for which they are established is, it seems to me, to hold these modifications to a minimum and so to design them that, besides being attractive to look upon, they appear to belong to and be part of their settings."
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