

Dworshak Dam and Reservoir Training Assistance Program

Lake: Dworshak Dam and Reservoir

Partner: State of Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections

Partnership Type: Challenge Partnership

Corps POC: Deb Norton

Dworshak Dam and Reservoir entered into a challenge partnership with the Juvenile Correction Center- Lewiston, Idaho (JCC Lewiston). This juvenile corrections center is managed by the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, which is responsible for the care, housing, rehabilitation and training of juvenile offenders assigned to that facility.

As part of its rehabilitative and competency development responsibilities, JCC-Lewiston provides a Trail Crew Maintenance Training Program. This program provides qualified residents with an opportunity to learn specific lifetime outdoor skills and environmental awareness while providing the community with a valuable service.

Big Eddy Trail (a ten mile long trail at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir) was adopted by JCC Lewiston as the site for their training program. In early spring, the trail crew hikes the trail to access and document trail conditions. Items of special concern include obstructions such as downfalls and slides, erosion, washouts, and conditions of features such as signs, mile markers, bridges, crossing or benches.



Subsequent trips are made to provide routine maintenance and improve trail conditions. Routine maintenance may include removal of brush of encroaching vegetation, repair of trail surfaces, removal of obstacles, repair or replacement of signs and mile markers and repair to bridges, crossings, benches or other manmade features. JCC Lewiston provides all necessary labor, hand tools, supplies and personal protective equipment necessary to perform the above services.

While work on the trails proceeds, opportunities are taken to train the residents in the use of: first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); maps and compasses; and global positions systems (GPS). In addition, the training may also encompass trail maintenance and tool safety, the teaching of minimum impact practices and the concept of expedition behavior.

The Corps provides materials for improvement projects such as benches, bridges, etc. and logistical support to deliver those materials if needed.

