

Lockett Meadow Fuel Wood

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

Ancestral Lands Conservation Corps and Arizona Conservation Corps, in partnership with National Forest Foundation and the Coconino National Forest, engaged two crews of young adults and a youth conservation corps crew to start off their summer 2020 term of service.

This partnership allowed for this group of youth and young adults to gain knowledge and hands on experience in conservation work while providing them with the opportunity to complete important work which is having a big impact for the local communities where these crews work and live. The crews main objective was to cut, load and deliver fire wood to designated distribution sites so that members of the local tribal community can have a source of fire wood in preparation for the fall and winter season.

In late 2019 The Navajo Generating Station, coal-fired power plant near Page, Arizona, shut down. The plant was the largest coal plant in the West. The closure was seen by many environmental groups as a positive for sustainability and climate change. For the local communities that depended on the plant and associated coal mine for jobs and a heat source, the impact of the plant closure was less positive.

Although the air would be cleaner and water resources better protected, the plant and mine closures meant that the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe faced large cutbacks. The plant and mine workers, almost all Native American, lost their jobs. The coal mine was also a source of fuel for the local community members during the fall and winter seasons.



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PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

With support from US Forest Service and Ancestral Lands, Arizona Conservation Corps YCC crews removed nearly 100 cords of hazardous fuel wood from Lockett Meadow camping area to a staging area. Crews have already delivered around 300 cords of wood to the Cameron Chapter House, where volunteers and community members worked hard to buck, split and deliver the wood to elders and other community members who will use the wood to heat their homes this fall and winter season.

Ancestral Lands crews will continue to deliver wood to villages in Hopi and we are working to continue these efforts with our incredible partners into the coming years.

Sixteen members served 656 service hours.

“The project was focused on restoring the meadow, as well as cutting, loading and hauling firewood out to various locations to help Hopi and Navajo tribes. Many are without a heat source due to the mine shut down. The hitch was full of heavy lifting and early mornings, the crew remained high spirited, working hard simply helping the environment and people in need.”

—Mac Jacobs, Crew 393

