

# Corporation for National and Community Service

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## DISASTER SERVICES UPDATE 6/28/12

*If you would like to learn more about how you can assist communities affected by disaster visit [www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov) or <http://www.fema.gov/rebuild/recover/howtohelp.shtm>. If you would like to learn more about how to prepare your family and or community please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) .*

### **JAPANESE TSUNAMI DEBRIS**

#### NORTH BEACH, SOUTH BEACH AND LONG BEACH, WA

*Washington Conservation Corps*

*June 26<sup>th</sup>*

Three, six-person teams are deploying to North Beach, South Beach and Long Beach Peninsula to remove debris that has washed onto shore from the Japan Tsunami. These teams will be working with community volunteers and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to identify and remove debris. These teams are scheduled for a four day deployment which may be extended if further need is assessed.

### **WESTERN WILDFIRES**

Approximately 200 AmeriCorps members and RSVP volunteers have been deployed to fight wildfires, manage volunteers and donations, operate emergency shelters, and support call centers in Colorado, New Mexico and Utah. Members of AmeriCorps NCCC, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps State & National, and RSVP programs are working with federal, state, and local government agencies, the American Red Cross, the United Way, Adventist Community Services, and other organizations. Additional teams are being deployed as conditions evolve.

*Southwestern Conservation Corps*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Graduates of SCC are out in force helping to fight fires in Colorado and elsewhere during a wildfire season that is being described as one of the worst in years. We know of SCC alumni on the following fires: Weber Fire, Little Sand Fire, Stateline Fire, (all in S. Colo.), Whitewater / Baldy Complex (Gila Wilderness, N.M.), Gladiator Fire (Ariz.), and many other small incidents. SCC joins with communities around the West in thanking them--and all firefighters--for their efforts, and wishing them safe return.

### **UTAH WILDFIRES**

#### PRICE, UT

*AmeriCorps NCCC Pacific Campus*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Gold 6 and Green 4 with 16 members total, have been deployed to Price to assist El Dorado Forestry Service to combat the Seeley Fire. These teams will be cutting fire line and other duties as assigned.

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## COLORADO WILDFIRES

### GREELY, CO

*AmeriCorps VISTA*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Four AmeriCorps VISTAs are staffing the United Way of Weld County 211 Call Center. These members are directing callers to resources available for those affected by wildfires in the area.

### COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

*AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Team Fire 7, a seven member team has deployed to support the United Way call center.

*AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Team Sun 2, a nine member team has sent half their team to the town of Divide to assist with shelter evacuation. The other half of the team is in Colorado Springs assisting with shelter evacuations. They have also been assigned by the Red Cross to assist the Humane Society with large animal evacuation in Colorado Springs. Sun 2 is expected to end this deployment on 7/19/12.

*AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Team Fire 8, a ten member team deployed this morning as a second support team to the Red Cross sheltering operation.

**UPDATED** *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*May 14<sup>th</sup>*

Team Fire 4, a nine member team has been deployed to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office to assist with the Waldo Canyon fire. Fire 4 has been providing structure protection, cutting fire break line, cutting trees and putting out spot fires. Fire 4 should is expected to be deployed until 7/19/12.

### FORT COLLINS, CO

*RSVP*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

RSVP members from 4 partner agencies: Salvation Army of Fort Collins, American Red Cross Centennial Chapter, United Way of Larimer County and Catholic Charities of Denver, (a roughly estimated 100 members) are assisting with volunteer and donations management, assisting with Elbert County tornado and wildfire events. Some RSVP members are also assisting in Colorado Springs COVOAD response. They are hosting 1-2 state conference calls a day for fire updates and disaster recovery planning.

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## *United Way of Larimer County AmeriCorps State Program*

*June 27<sup>th</sup>*

Four AmeriCorps State members are assisting with 2-1-1 Call Center support. This call center is helping those affected by surrounding wildfires to access support resources.

## *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Fire 8, a ten member team has been deployed to the American Red Cross to support sheltering, distribute comfort and clean-up kits, client case work and logistics. Fire 8 will end this deployment on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

## *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

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## *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 19<sup>th</sup>*

Water 5, a twelve member team from AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus has been deployed to Fort Collins, CO to support the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter. Water 5 will be supporting sheltering operations for evacuees from the High Park wildfire that has forced many residents from their homes. The team will also be distributing comfort and clean-up kits, client casework and supporting logistical operations. Water 5 will be deployed for two weeks.

## *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 16<sup>th</sup>*

Fire Team 3, a team of 10 members, has been deployed from the AmeriCorps NCCC Campus in Denver to Fort Collins, CO to assist ACS Community Life/Adventist Community Services Disaster Response with the High Park fire disaster response. Fire Team 3 will provide leadership and assistance managing volunteers and donations. These members will assist in scheduling volunteers to staff the donations collections center and the distribution center. The team is scheduled to be deployed for two to four weeks.

## LAKE GEORGE AND LEADVILLE, CO

### *AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Campus*

*June 6<sup>th</sup>*

Water 6, a ten member team is serving with the USDA Forest Service, Pike/San Isabel Forest. Water 6 has responded to six fires in the area; Lost Turtle, Webber, Pole Creek, Lost Mountain and Treasure fire north of Leadville, CO. This team has provided mop up, cold trailing, and fire line cutting services. The month of June has been busy with a number of fire responses. They are listed below. At the Treasure fire on June 25, Water 6 were the first fire team on-site and provided initial attack of the fire and lookout assistance.

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## **NEW DISASTER EVENTS**

For information on new disaster events, please visit FEMA's daily situation report at:

<http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

## Resources

### ***Colorado Wildfire Assistance***

For those interested in assisting those affected by the wildfires in Colorado, please visit:

[www.HelpColoradoNow.org](http://www.HelpColoradoNow.org). This website identifies ways to donate time or resources to those in need.