



## - Road Maintenance Partnership Case Studies -

### Correctional Camps Provide Roadside Brush-clearing

- Long-term partnership
- Cleveland National Forest
- Partners: McCain Valley Conservation Camp, Los Piños Conservation Camp

#### Project description

*Two correctional camps for youthful offenders provide roadside brush-clearing for the Cleveland National Forest.*

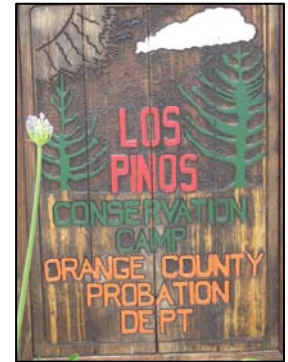


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The camps offer conservation services as part of their treatment program. The Forest contacts the camps early in the fiscal year, after the annual road maintenance plan is developed, to see which brush-clearing tasks the camps can take on. The camps supervise and transport the crews and provide their own tools. Because of the long-term nature of this partnership, and the experience of correctional camp staff, the Forest Service does not need to provide day-to-day oversight of this work.

#### Benefits

With limited road maintenance funding and only one person on the Forest's road management staff, this partnership allows the Forest to accomplish brush-clearing that would otherwise not get done. The "wards of the court", serving commitments, gain conservation-related job experience and a chance to serve part of their sentences working outdoors.

#### Keys to success

"It's important to keep the lines of communication open in both directions," says Steve Eastwood, Forest Engineer. "And we try to keep some extra projects on the shelf—the camps know they can contact us when they need more work for the youth."

#### Project costs and contributions

Cleveland National Forest occasionally helps with maintenance of brush-clearing tools owned by the correctional camps. The correctional camps transport and supervise the crews, and provide tools.

#### Estimated savings

\$10,000-\$20,000 annual savings

#### More information

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