

The National Fire Plan

Students Making a Difference

Idaho 2002



"These are young, positive people that welcome the opportunity to give back to the community... this is the first time I have seen Forest Service, BLM, Idaho State Department of Lands, a local Volunteer Fire District, and even a private contractor and his son, work together on a community 'clean-up' project. I took a lot of pride in seeing this!"

Rion W. Rodricks, Fire Marshall, Eastside Fire District, Northern Idaho

Accomplishments:

- ™ 104 Public events attended
- ™ 49 Presentations (schools, youth groups, Co. Commissioners, etc.)
- ™ 98 Communities & 3,808 homes canvassed
- ™ 1026 Home evaluations in 113 communities
- ™ 104 Communities GPS/GIS mapped
- ™ 22 Demonstration projects involving 122 homes/359 volunteer and 81 agencies
- ™ 107 Agency/Fire Department meetings attended

Funding:

\$325,000 - 2001

\$720,000 - 2002

Communities:

Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls, Pocatello, Montpelier, Sun Valley, Lewiston, and Boise.

Throughout Idaho, the Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps is making a difference! For the past two summers, teams of students conducted Firewise home assessments and door-to-door wildfire education for hundreds of homeowners throughout the state.



This summer, Idaho Department of State Lands received enough National Fire Plan funding for nine teams, up from four last year.

The students' positive and professional presentations and willingness to pitch in on fuels reduction projects made an impact on their communities - Eastside Fire District gained 8 new volunteers after the students went door-to-door!