**Poster Abstract for Collaborative Restoration Workshop**

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**Title:**

Transforming Lives and Landscapes: The US Forest Service and 21st Century Conservation Service Corps

**Summary:**

* The [21st Century Conservation Service Corps](http://www.21csc.org) (21CSC) is a public-private initiative to engage youth and veterans with work and training opportunities on public lands to protect, restore, and enhance our natural and cultural resources. The 21CSC is helping to develop the next generation of conservation stewards and leaders while accomplishing mission critical work for the agency.
* Over the past two years, the Forest Service has engaged 20,000 youth and veterans through partnerships with 21CSC member organizations. There are currently 186 non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and local, state, and Tribal governments that support 21CSC work on National Forest System and other public lands.
* Case studies featuring the diverse contributions of youth and veterans to Forest Service restoration projects, such as:
	+ Hazardous fuels removal and prescribed burns;
	+ Restoration of trails and recreational infrastructure;
	+ Restoration of fish and wildlife habitat;
	+ Preservation and restoration of historic and cultural resources; and
	+ Monitoring and evaluation of restoration activities.
* These case studies will highlight the range of geographic regions that youth and veterans work in across Forest Service programs, including examples from the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration, National Fisheries, and Volunteers & Service programs.