



New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Commission



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To:

The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor
Members of the New Mexico House and Senate

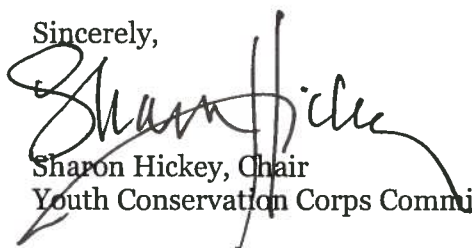
As the Chair of the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Commission, it is with great honor that I share our 2019 Annual Report. YCC continues to achieve its legislative mandate by instilling New Mexico's youth with an appreciation for hard work and accomplishment while emphasizing education and training through employment opportunities that conserve and enhance our natural resources and communities. Through these opportunities, YCC provides youth from diverse backgrounds life-enhancing experiences.

Through the stewardship of YCC funds, the support of the Governor and Legislature, and the hard work of the YCC staff, the Commission is proud to report in 2019 we successfully funded 42 projects in 19 counties totaling \$3.1 million. The Commission most recently approved awards for 32 projects totaling 3.16 million for 2020.

The commission has five new members this year and we are especially enthusiastic about YCC's new task of administering the Outdoor Equity Grant fund. The Commission adopted a new rule to administer the fund, and has been laying the groundwork to release these funds in time for summer 2020. We are partnering with the Office of Outdoor Recreation to develop a marketing plan for the fund to attract sustainable donors.

On behalf of the YCC Commission and staff, I pledge our continued commitment to the Youth Conservation Corps and the Outdoor Equity fund and thank you for your support and assistance. YCC is a life-enhancing experience for our youth, and an important asset that provides lasting benefits to our communities and fosters stewardship of our natural resources.

Sincerely,



Sharon Hickey, Chair
Youth Conservation Corps Commission