

# Forest Service Department Of Natural Resources Gunnison Colorado

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## Background

I found this job by applying on the Student Conservation Associations website. The job was working for the Gunnison National Forest in Colorado. My job was in recreation. I would clean bathrooms, drive a truck around on 4x4 roads talking to campers, putting in fire pits, helping campers find the places they were looking for, build worm fences to stop erosion, help the campers to understand why there was a fire band at the time, and finally to cut down dead trees or hazardous trees. The mission of the Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. What is unique about this mission statement is that they want to focus on the land first over people's visitation. Yes you can recreate there but they want the land to be healthy over people so the land can be there for everyone.

### Me In Uniform



### Worm Fence



We build worm fences to stop people from establishing a dispersed camping areas to stop erosion. In this image people made a new road on a tundra because there was a snow plug. They destroyed the tundra landscape which will take some time to come back.

## Speaking To The Public



We spoke to the public about the fire ban and why they can not camp 100ft from the water. You can't camp next to water due to erosion and, we don't want people defacing the water.

### Vandalsem To Trees



People like to carve their names into trees, but this is bad. As you see here the tree is trying to heal. Trees are like humans they try to heal cuts.

### Many Destroyed Vehicles



## Emerald Lake



## Crystal Mill



## Mirror Lake



As you see above Gunnison National Forest has many recreation opportunities. From Fishing, kayaking, to swimming. These lands are public and for everyone.

## Reflection

Some accomplishments I am happy with are getting my leave no trace certificate, building worm fences, and helping people get unstuck or giving directions. This will help me in the future because I worked with the public. I will help with my communication skills. What do I want to do next? My goal is to work with fire as a wildland firefighter then go to the police academy after my degree here. I want to work as an Ohio Wildland officer or a ODNR officer. I would recommend this to anyone who loves to be outside and wants to work with their hands. They will learn a lot and realize what they want to do in life. I recommend this to anyone who wants to protect this public lands and wants to help people.

### Smokey Bear



### Clear Cut



The Forest Service lets loggers come in and cut down certain parts of the forest. Thie is a clear cut the logs left are too small or rotten to make lumber out of. The Forest Service then replants new trees, so the forest regrows.

