

Working Effectively with Paid Crews

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For almost ten years I have been working with Conservation Corps crews on a variety of projects, including restoration projects. To the corps members, "restoration" is often a fancy word for months of hard, tedious work pulling weeds. Why bother? In this talk, I will focus on the attitudes, skills, and desires that corps members (and inmate crews) bring to the job of restoration, and how you, as a sponsor, can work with these factors. In addition, I will discuss what you should expect from a crew and the crew supervisor, and what your responsibilities are toward them. In the last part of my presentation, I will cover ways in which you can work with the contracting agency to ensure you are getting the crew, the tools, and the work you bargained for.