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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the 12 week internship program I participated in. Working with the Re-vegetation program in Glacier National Park helped me expand my interest in the environmental science field. My internship for 2006 prepared me for my future career. The twelve week internship strengthened my trainings and perspectives of Restoration Ecology. Although I am a first year environmental science student, I plan on focusing my studies towards management, and preservation work.

First of all, I would have to say I was warmly welcomed by my co-workers. My crew supervisor, Matt Whithead, was patient, as well as eager to strengthen my basic knowledge of backcountry living, and the use of tools and materials. My other crew members, Stacy Jacobson, and David Fothergill, also endowed me with useful information, and kinship. My co-workers helped me become a stronger, wiser individual. Thank you!

Secondly, I would have to say, this internship formed my outlook on working outdoors. This job created new experiences. I'm now familiar with the hoedag, and Pulaski, as well as the sequence of planting and seed collecting. The involvement of site preparation and replanting of disturbed areas strengthened my newly acquired stewardship skills. The work was physically demanding, and I enjoyed the projects I was handed.

My final thought, I would have to say working with the re-vegetation crew has advanced, and enhanced my education; I am studying Restoration Ecology at the Salish and Kootenai College and from my experience, here at Glacier, I have developed ideas for future plans to restore disrupted and degraded areas within my reservation.

In conclusion I would have to say my overall experience at Glacier National Park has broadened my horizons and helped shape my future careers. Working for the Park Service strengthened my perspective of what is involved with federal government work. I came to know park service employees as healthy, hearty individuals and this is a direction I want to continue growing in.