

## **Project Completion Report Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (RM-CESU)**

**Project Title: Reduce Fuels and Control Exotic Weeds at Devils Tower National Monument**

**Discipline:** Natural Resources  
**Type of Project:** Technical Assistance/Education  
**Funding Agency:** National Park Service  
**Cooperators:** University of Wyoming  
**Effective Dates:** 7/22/2013 – 7/31/2014  
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**Accomplishments:** The University of Wyoming, Wyoming Conservation Corps (WCC) crew worked with DETO staff on July 22-13, 2013 to do hazard fuel reduction and trail rehab work (see photos and description in the attached report).

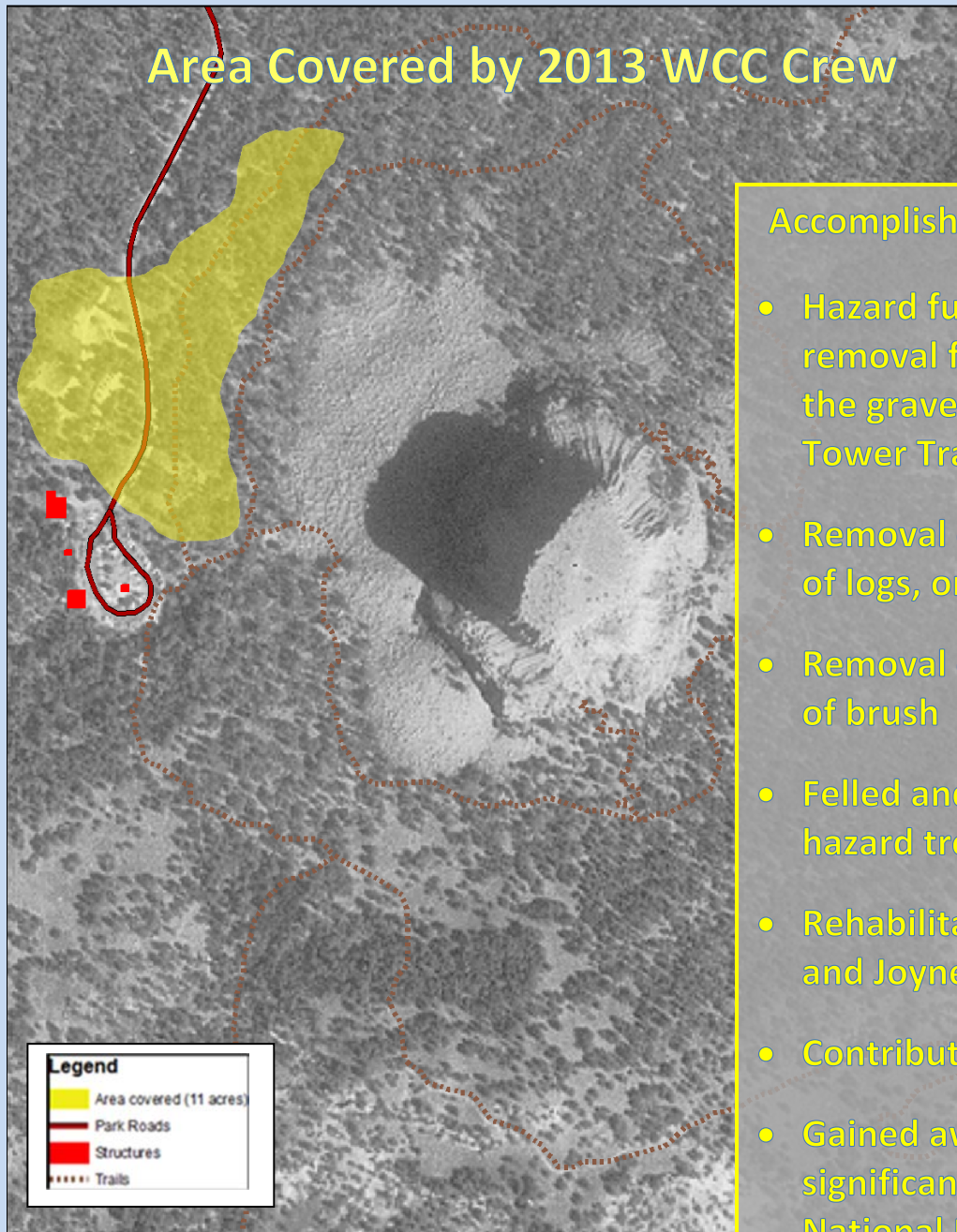
**Number of students participating in this project:** six student crew members from the Wyoming Conservation Corps, University of Wyoming.

**Lessons Learned from this project:** There were a number of Divisions in the park that assisted with the student crew's work, including the DETO interpreters, who provided evening programs. The Law Enforcement Division assisted with parking help, campground reservations, and radios. The Natural Resource Division in the parks assisted with overall supervision of the students and worked with them in the field. The Maintenance Division provided for equipment loans, training, and helped with splitter/chipper/trailer logistics, and staff time. And the Administrative Division did budget and agreement support. This team effort with the University of Wyoming allowed the students to learn more about the park, and to develop useful skills.

# Wyoming Conservation Corps Fuel Reduction Project

July 2013

The Wyoming Conservation Corps (WCC) worked with the Resource Management division July 22 – July 31 to remove hazard trees and fuels in the area of long vehicle parking, the gravel parking lot, Red Beds and Tower Trail.



## Accomplishments of the WCC

- Hazard fuel and tree removal from 11 acres near the gravel lot, Red Beds and Tower Trail
- Removal of 3,930 cubic feet of logs, or 50 metric tons
- Removal of 7,095 cubic feet of brush
- Felled and removed 22 hazard trees
- Rehabilitated the Red Beds and Joyner Ridge Trails
- Contributed 560 work hours
- Gained awareness of the significance of Devils Tower National Monument



*Chipping 9 Trailer and 34 Truck Loads of Brush*



*Wood Chips Ready for Use*



*Splitting Firewood*



*50-Ton Pile of Wood*

