

## *The Road Less Traveled* MCC March 2019 eNewsletter



Greetings from snowy Montana! It's March 29th, and another blizzard is laying down a fresh coat of snow over backcountry trails and campsites. After a February with five times the average snow fall and a month of March slow to release its wintry grip, summer days full of adventure and learning, digging, sawing, spraying, and laughing with fellow crew members still seem far away.

But we know summer is just around the corner. At MCC, this is the season of crew leader training and corps member recruitment. We have a target of 800 positions to fill with AmeriCorps field crew members, Veterans Green Corps positions, middle and high school service expedition leaders and youth participants.

For each of those 800 individuals, their choice to serve with MCC this year reflects a conscious decision to do something out of the ordinary, to seek new opportunities. The poet, Robert Frost reflected on such choices in his poem, *The Road Less Traveled*, which concludes with the verses.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

For those seeking an adventure with purpose and a chance to accelerate his, or her, or their learning of leadership, stewardship, and civic engagement, MCC is a rich and rare path. It promises unexpected learnings of self and the world. Indeed, it is a choice that makes all the difference.

See for yourself in the tales of transformation shared by our members below. For those who already wandered this way with MCC, we're grateful our paths crossed. For those yet to "diverge in the woods," we eagerly await your arrival.



Jono McKinney  
President and CEO  
Montana Conservation Corps



## AmeriCorps and the Uprooted Foodie - Miranda Lipes

Miranda wasn't sure she would fit in at Montana Conservation Corps. At 22 years old, she had rarely left her home state of Illinois, and she was having difficulty choosing a career path. But see what she accomplished with MCC and her successful path forward. [READ MORE](#)

If you're committed to and impassioned by making an impact on both the lives of youth and our public lands, then serving as a leader of a youth crew is the right position for you!

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## Exploring the cool confines of lower Big Ice Cave

Explore the Big Ice Cave in the Pryor Mountains of Montana with Carl Froslic and Kara Posso, two Montana Conservation



## Veterans Green Corps - Filling the Void

Learn more about our Veterans Green Corps through the experiences of our MCC Veterans Green Corps Coordinator Justine Woodend. What she will not tell you is that

Corps Interns who offer a glimpse into an underworld that has hooked people on becoming cavers, or wanting to explore caves. [READ MORE](#)

The Conservation Intern program is designed to make a measurable difference in local conservation efforts while strengthening the professional experience of our members.

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she not only was VGC's first female member, but was also the first female leader of the five person veteran's crew. [READ MORE](#)

The Veterans Green Corps is designed for US Military, post-9/11 veterans who are interested in gaining experience, education and professional development in resource management, wildland firefighting and other outdoor related fields

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