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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today released details on 14 Job Corps camps for more than 1,300 men which are to be activated in the early fall. The camps are in national parks, wildlife refuges, on reclamation projects and Indian reservations, and other public lands administered by Interior. Decision to open the camps was announced August 15 by President Johnson. Eight additional camps will be operated by the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Each camp, Secretary Udall said, will originally take about 100 men of the Job Corps, and a few of them will gradually be built up to handle 200. In getting the program started, existing facilities are being used to the fullest extent possible, he added.

The 14 sites selected for early use are in Arizona, California, Colorado, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Men will start arriving at the camps in October, Secretary Udall said, and will immediately begin their combined program of work and education.

Secretary Udall explained that Interior's Job Corps camps will be located on public lands managed by the Department. Administration of the camps will be handled by bureaus of the Department with the education and welfare programs for the men being drawn up and overseen by the new Office of Economic Opportunity, which the President has announced will be headed by Peace Corps Director R. Sargent Shriver.

The work program at each camp will include a wide variety of conservation projects--providing more outdoor recreation facilities, reforestation and timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat development, stream clearance, and others.

"There is no 'made work' here," Secretary Udall stressed. "The work that the Job Corps will do will help us catch up on a backlog of much-needed conservation work that has been piling up for nearly three decades, while at the same time--and more importantly--thousands of young men will be gaining new skills and new confidence in their ability to become full participants in the bounty of this Nation."

"Each of these camps will also be a great community asset. Local payrolls and expenditures will amount to more than one-half million dollars the first year," Secretary Udall said. "By the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1965, Interior will open more than 75 camps in about 30 States."

Following is a brief description of each of the 14 camps selected for activation on early this fall:

ARIZONA

Winslow Base. This camp is designed for 300 enrollees and is located on the Navajo Reservation eight miles from the town of Winslow in Navajo County. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has facilities available at this site. The enrollees at this camp will be involved in streambank protection and stabilizations, channel erosion control, fencing, brush control, windbreak and shelter" belt planting, and road improvement. They will also assist in community improvements for schools and community centers, recreation development programs at Canyon Diablo and Grand Falls and in the rejuvenation of

prehistoric ruins. CALIFORNIA

Lewistown Facilities are available for 200 enrollees at this site in Trinity County one mile south of Lewistown and about 35 miles from Redding. This camp is located on Bureau of Reclamation land. The enrollees will assist in roadside fire hazard reduction in the Trinity Lake area and the construction of campgrounds and picnic areas. In addition to these projects, the enrollees will be engaged in making property line surveys, assisting in helistop construction, fuel break construction, recreation and administrative road construction and rehabilitation and construction of trails.

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This camp site, on National Park Service land, is 14 miles from Death Valley National Monument in Inyo County. The 100 enrollees will be given the opportunity to work in many phases of wildlife and land management including development of game watering holes, game management and protection, and erosion control; conservation, preservation and interpretation of natural features, including fencing, walks, trails, exhibits and displays

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Most of the necessary facilities for 100 enrollees are available at this camp site on Bureau of Reclamation lands. It is 13 miles from Redding in Shasta County. This area provides tremendous opportunity for conservation work--wildlife habitat improvement, timber stand improvement, timber planting and seeding and trail rehabilitation and construction. In addition, the enrollees will construct campground and picnic areas and timber access roads. Major projects the enrollees will assist in will be the ShastaKeswick Erosion Control Project, and roadside fire hazard reduction in the Shasta Lake area.
