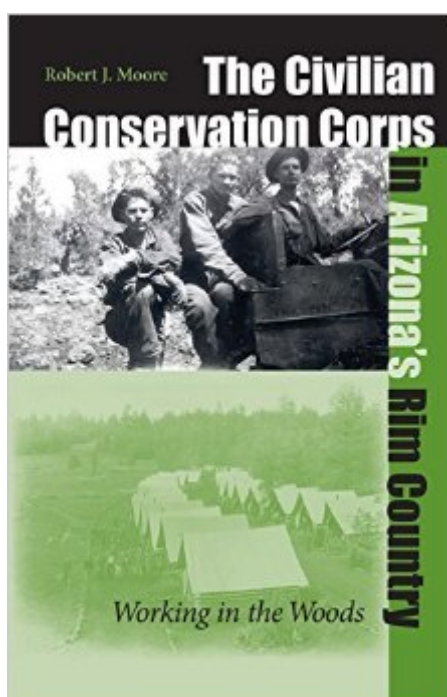


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# The Civilian Conservation Corps In Arizona'S Rim Country: Working In The Woods (Wilbur S. Shepperson Series In Nevada History)



## Synopsis

Part of the massive relief effort of Roosevelt's New Deal, the CCC was created in 1933 to give young men an opportunity to work and make money to help families devastated by the Great Depression, and to participate in forest and conservation projects across the country. In Arizona, thousands of young men, many of them from the industrial Northeast, served in the state's CCC forest camps. Arizona's Mogollon Rim is a spectacular expanse of cliffs that slices through half the state, stretching from Sedona eastward to New Mexico. Along with the White Mountains, it includes the largest contiguous forest of ponderosa pine in America. Remote and little-visited in the 1930s, the Rim Country offered copious outlets for the CCC men's energies: building roads, public campsites, hiking trails, fire lookout towers, and administration buildings; fighting fires; controlling erosion; eliminating vermin; and restoring damaged soils.

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Sometime in the late 1960's, I was walking with my grandfather along a remote stretch of East Fork of the Little Colorado River where it runs south of Greer, Arizona. Somewhere along the way, we came upon a series of fishing pools which had been created with log dams built across the stream. My grandfather explained to me that men of Civilian Conservation Corps had built the dams in the 1930's. I was only about six years old at the time, so he had to explain to me just what the CCC was, and how it had helped many young men eek out a living during the Great Depression. I was fascinated, if for no other reason that the men had done such fine work that the log dams remained

intact almost 40 years after they were built. I have often returned to this stretch of stream during the ensuing years, regularly fishing in the very pools that I first saw that day, and I am pleased to report that in 2012 the stoutly built dams remain where they were built, a fine testament to the men who built them almost 80 years ago. Because of this personal experience, I was very pleased when I came upon Robert Moore's account of the CCC operating in this part of Arizona during the Depression. I was further pleased to find his book contained an account of the CCC camps in Greer, and that these log dams were specifically mentioned. Moore's entire book is filled with detailed information such as this. It is good to know that historians such as Mr. Moore have taken the time to record this part of the history of the United States. Most of the men who worked on these projects have passed on over the years, and it would be a terrible shame if the memories of their work died with them.

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