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PRESCOTT CREEKS TEAMS WITH AMERICORPS Two AmeriCorps Volunteers Assist Non-Profit and Community

PRESCOTT, Ariz. – Although Renee Hoover and Will Waterman are working full-time with Prescott Creeks as Outreach and Field Projects Coordinators, their work goes beyond the usual nine-to-five. Their work even goes beyond working for a conservation-driven non-profit. In July, Hoover and Waterman joined Prescott Creeks by volunteering their time through a national service-organization called AmeriCorps.

Maggie Garvey is the local liaison for AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps VISTA and runs the program from the office of Youth Count in Prescott Valley. “The AmeriCorps team is growing and it’s wonderful to see. We’re fulfilling a vision and mission now that I knew we could attain,” Garvey said.

Hoover, an AmeriCorps VISTA – *Volunteers In Service To America*, receives a meager living stipend while helping Prescott Creeks grow its volunteer base, among other duties. Waterman, an AmeriCorps National Direct member, receives a similar stipend to lead hands-on projects such as creek restoration, clean-ups and water quality monitoring for Prescott Creeks and the community. An added benefit for both Hoover and Waterman is an education award at the end of their service with AmeriCorps and Prescott Creeks.

“The AmeriCorps volunteers couldn’t have come at a better time,” Michael Byrd, Executive Director of Prescott Creeks, said. One main project of Prescott Creeks is the management and restoration of Watson Woods Riparian Preserve. This winter, Prescott Creeks plans to complete over a decade of planning with the ecological restoration of the Preserve to a more natural and functioning state. Prescott Creeks secured over \$1 million in restricted state grants for the project.

“We would not be able to do this large project without our new AmeriCorp team-members, as well as the continued support from our wonderful community,” Byrd said. “We’re very lucky to have a national organization such as AmeriCorps available to help us complete this local restoration project.”

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Prescott Creeks protects, restores, and celebrates riparian ecosystems by providing people with meaningful interactions with the creeks.