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Blackwell Job Corps Center Introduces New Center Director Jacob C. Benes

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Jake began his career with the Forest Service working as a Human Resources Specialist on the Olympic National Forest, Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, and at the Northern Region's Regional Office. In Early 2005, he accepted a counseling position at the Anaconda Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.



While serving in this position, he developed a strong personal and professional appreciation for the Job Corps program and, ultimately, sought greater opportunities to contribute. From this position, he accepted a promotion to the Center's Residential Living Manager and served for a period of time as Anaconda's Acting Center Director. Jake intends to continue Blackwell Job Corps Center's tradition of excellence.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Montana and a Master's of Science in Management through Minot State University's Job Corps Executive Management Program.

The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is associated with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. The Blackwell Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center serves 205 students. The USDA Forest Service operates 28 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers across 18 states with a capacity of 6,200 students. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobcorps.gov>

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world.

The Blackwell Job Corps is the nation's oldest and largest residential job training program for economically disadvantaged youth. This program is free for eligible students and includes benefits such as career, technical, academic and life skills training, housing, and health care.

The Blackwell Job Corps Center is located in Laona, WI. For more information on the Center, please call (715)674-2311 or visit the website at <http://blackwell.jobcorps.gov>