

A group of approximately 15 young people, members of the Forest Stewards Youth Corps, are posed for a group photo. They are all wearing bright yellow fire-resistant shirts, dark pants, and yellow hard hats. Some are holding tools like shovels and axes. They are standing in a grassy field with a wooden fire tower in the background. The sky is filled with large, dramatic clouds. The image is framed by green geometric shapes on the left and right sides.

# Forest Stewards Youth Corps Fire and Fuels Program

Engaging New Mexican Youth to be  
Students of Fire





# What is Forest Stewards Youth Corps?

- ▶ An entry-level training program for local recent high school and college graduates interested in a career in fire hosted by U.S. Forest Service ranger districts and Jemez Pueblo Natural Resource Department
- ▶ Provide extra capacity to prepare for and complete prescribed burns across New Mexico
- ▶ A career steppingstone into Natural Resource Management for young adults

# How does the Guild run FSYC?

## Host Units

- ▶ Santa Fe National Forest
  - ▶ Espanola Ranger District
- ▶ Cibola National Forest
  - ▶ Mountainair Ranger District
- ▶ Pueblo of Jemez Natural Resource Department

## Partners

- ▶ Carson National Forest
- ▶ Valles Caldera National Preserve
- ▶ Cottonwood Gulch
- ▶ Pueblo of Santa Clara
- ▶ New Mexico State Land Office
- ▶ Tesuque Pueblo
- ▶ Santa Fe County
- ▶ And more to come...

## Funding

- ▶ NMYCC
- ▶ U.S. Forest Service
- ▶ University of New Mexico
- ▶ National Forest Foundation
- ▶ Taos Ski Valley and other donations
- ▶ Other project specific funds



# FSYC Vision and Goals

- ▶ Build capacity for crew members and leaders by providing trainings and hands-on experience in Natural Resource Management.
- ▶ Build capacity of local communities and agencies by providing employment opportunities and workforce to complete important on-the-ground land management projects.







Building Crew Member Capacity



# Building Crew Member Capacity: Trainings

- ▶ Classes that lead to basic Willand fire fighter FFT2
  - ▶ S-130, S-190, L-180, I-100, I-700
- ▶ S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws
- ▶ Instructed by a mix of Guild Staff, Jemez Pueblo, and Call When Needed Staff





# 2022 Project Work





# Tree Planting: Restoration

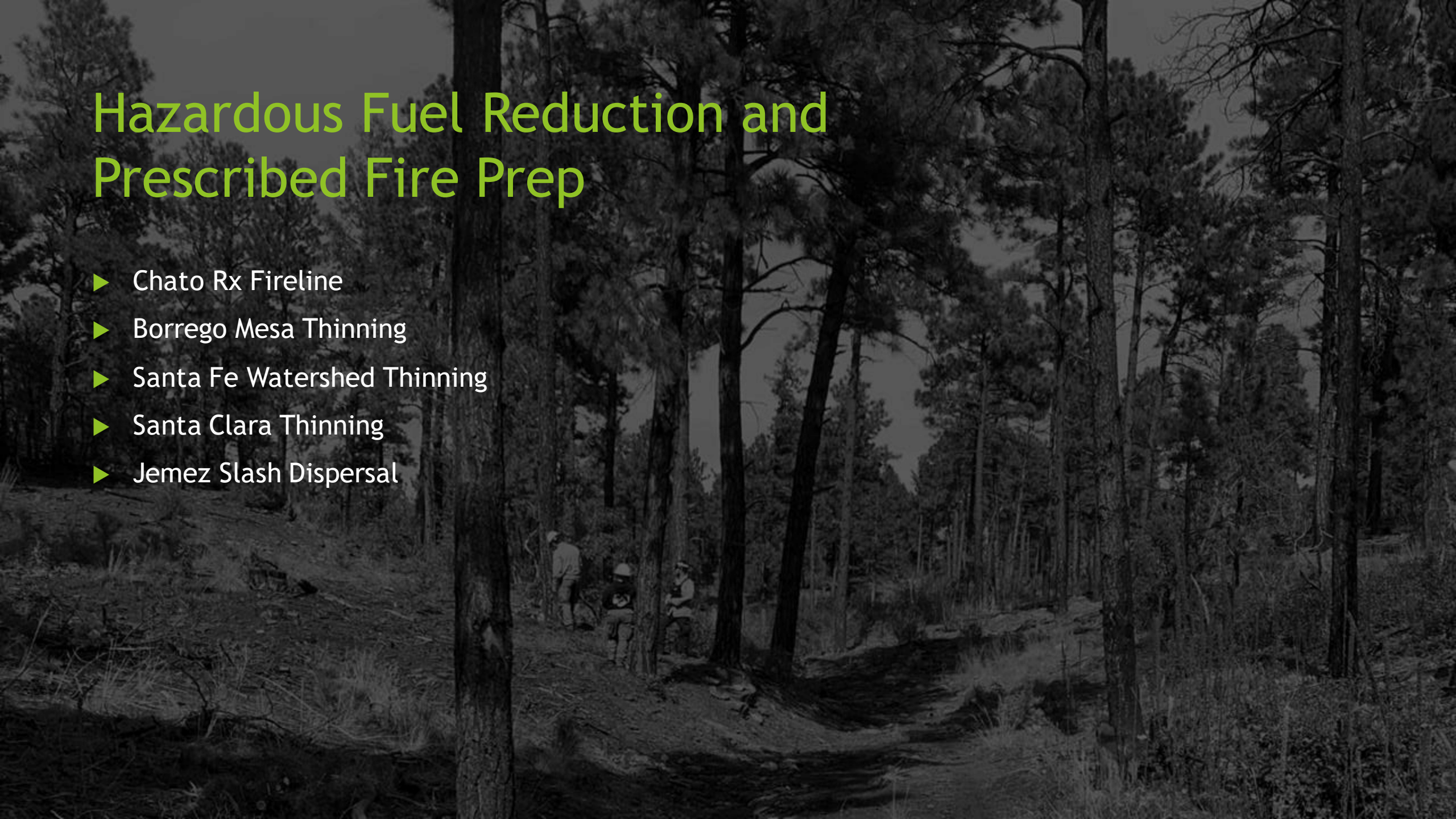
- ▶ UNM Tree Planting
  - ▶ Mora, NM
  - ▶ Jemez, NM
  - ▶ Cimmaron, NM
- ▶ Pueblo of Jemez Tree Planting
  - ▶ Jemez, NM
  - ▶ Cochiti, NM





# Hazardous Fuel Reduction and Prescribed Fire Prep

- ▶ Chato Rx Fireline
- ▶ Borrego Mesa Thinning
- ▶ Santa Fe Watershed Thinning
- ▶ Santa Clara Thinning
- ▶ Jemez Slash Dispersal







# Natural Resource Management

- ▶ Fence Maintenance
- ▶ Sign Installation
- ▶ Trail Building



# How does this help Communities?

- ▶ Employment Opportunities
- ▶ On-the-ground management to keep the outdoors for everyone
- ▶ In just the 2022 fall season
  - ▶ Over 10,000 trees planted
  - ▶ Over 7 miles of Fire line maintained
  - ▶ 2.5 miles of fence line built
  - ▶ 5 acres of thinning
  - ▶ 2 acres of Chinese Elm removal







# Thank you!

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