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SUBJECT: ***ArrowCorps⁵*** Project

It is my pleasure to introduce an exciting historical opportunity for the Boy Scouts of America to exercise leadership in service to our nation's forests. The Order of the Arrow's 2008 program of emphasis – ***ArrowCorps⁵*** – is a joint effort between the OA and the U.S. Forest Service (“USFS”) to provide much needed work at five USFS sites across the country, work that would otherwise go undone. The USFS sites range from Mark Twain in Missouri, Manti-La Sal in Utah, George Washington & Jefferson in Virginia, Shasta Trinity in California, and Bridger-Teton in Wyoming. Planning for this project has been underway for almost three years.

The ***ArrowCorps⁵*** Project Reservation Information packet is enclosed. Please review this information carefully with your lodge chief and lodge adviser, assure the youth and adult Contingent Coordinators are appointed by October 15th, and take an active role in promoting and encouraging your lodge membership to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime event. With the theme “***Five Sites, Five Weeks, Five Thousand Arrowmen***” – the ***ArrowCorps⁵*** project will be the largest single service project in the history of the Boy Scouts of America and promises to inspire Arrowmen to greater service in your council!

ArrowCorps⁵ is just the type of creative outdoor program envisioned by our 2006 – 2010 Strategic Plan. As we approach the BSA's 100th anniversary, this project presents a unique opportunity to showcase the timeless values expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, provides greater visibility to our outdoor program and desire to protect the environment, and serves as an excellent starting point as we begin developing collaborative relationships and strategic alliances with other organizations. Finally, councils that meet the Trailblazer program requirements will receive special recognition at the 2008 annual meeting in San Diego, California.

Please join me in promoting and supporting the ***ArrowCorps⁵*** project.