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## BIO-SAFE SKIN PROTECTANT AND POISON OAK / IVY / SUMAC PROTECTION STUDY

STUDY GROUP:	Northwest Youth Corps Eugene, OR
DESCRIPTION:	Youth crew members work on conservation, reforestation, and recreation projects. Crews camp in the field for several weeks, traveling from project to project. Normally, there are three separate sessions per summer (June-July., July -Sept., Sept.-Oct.)
STUDY SPECIFICS:	Test groups applied Bio-Safe before work, after lunch and again at another 4-hour mark as well as practiced common sense exposure techniques.
FIRST STUDY RESULTS (2007):	<p>The first June session did not use Bio-Safe. 5.3% of the group members had reported cases of poison oak and 9 actual cases requiring clinic/hospital visits.</p> <p>The second and third sessions both applied Bio-Safe as specified above. The percentage of reported cases dropped significantly. The cases dropped to 1.9% with only 1 requiring medical attention.</p> <p>The third session had 0 reported cases.</p>
SECOND STUDY RESULTS (2008):	There were four sessions and Bio-Safe was used during all four. There was a reduction of approximately 45% in SAIF reported poison oak claim. Not only was there a reduction in the number of cases, but the severity of the cases as well. Sessions during the years of 2001 through 2006, reported an average of 13 SAIF claims per year. This session had only 7 reported cases.
THIRD STUDY RESULTS (2009):	Over 5,000 exposed with less than 1% reported poison oak cases. Zero comp claims. Also, due to the elimination / reduction in claims, NWYC's SAIF insurance was reduced by \$18,000!

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