SESSION TITLE : Engaging Youth

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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS and/or RECOMMENDATIONS:

Group reviewed 4 existing youth programs:

- PNWTA = SKY
- IATA = Summer Suanters;
- ATC = Trails to Every Classroom
- PCTA = ECHS (Say Yes to…)
- Youth Leadership Summit (ATC)

RECOMMENDATION for PNTS ACTION:

1) Canvass available resources for broader dissemination and funding
2) Encourage partner organizations collaboration in each others programs
3) Explore 'Webinar'/Web Access info-sharing and training and make these available
4) Explore new funding sources outside of traditional NPS, USFS, USFWS, BLM etc. Example is Department of Education.