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To: National Executive Board and Advisory Council Members
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Subject: **President Bush Presents Award to ArrowCorps⁵ Shasta-Trinity
Project Participants.**

This afternoon, President Bush will be presenting the President's Volunteer Service Award to Mark Hendricks, Western Region Chief of the Order of the Arrow; Jake Wellman, national chief of the Order of the Arrow; and Alex Braden, deputy youth incident commander of the Shasta-Trinity Project.

As part of his tour of the fire-ravaged area, the president will also be recognizing our Scouts for leading the ArrowCorps⁵ project at Mount Shasta with this national award. This massive effort includes 5,000 members of the OA providing more than 250,000 hours of service at five national forests. These service projects include ecosystem restoration, invasive species removal, trail construction and maintenance, bridge work, campsite improvement, erosion and weed control, and fence removal.

We are extremely excited for this recognition and what it will mean for bringing awareness to this nationally important effort.

Last, it will be worth turning on your television tonight, with nearly 80 media outlets expected to provide coverage. The president is expected to arrive at 2 p.m. Pacific time.

This is a great day for the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America!

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