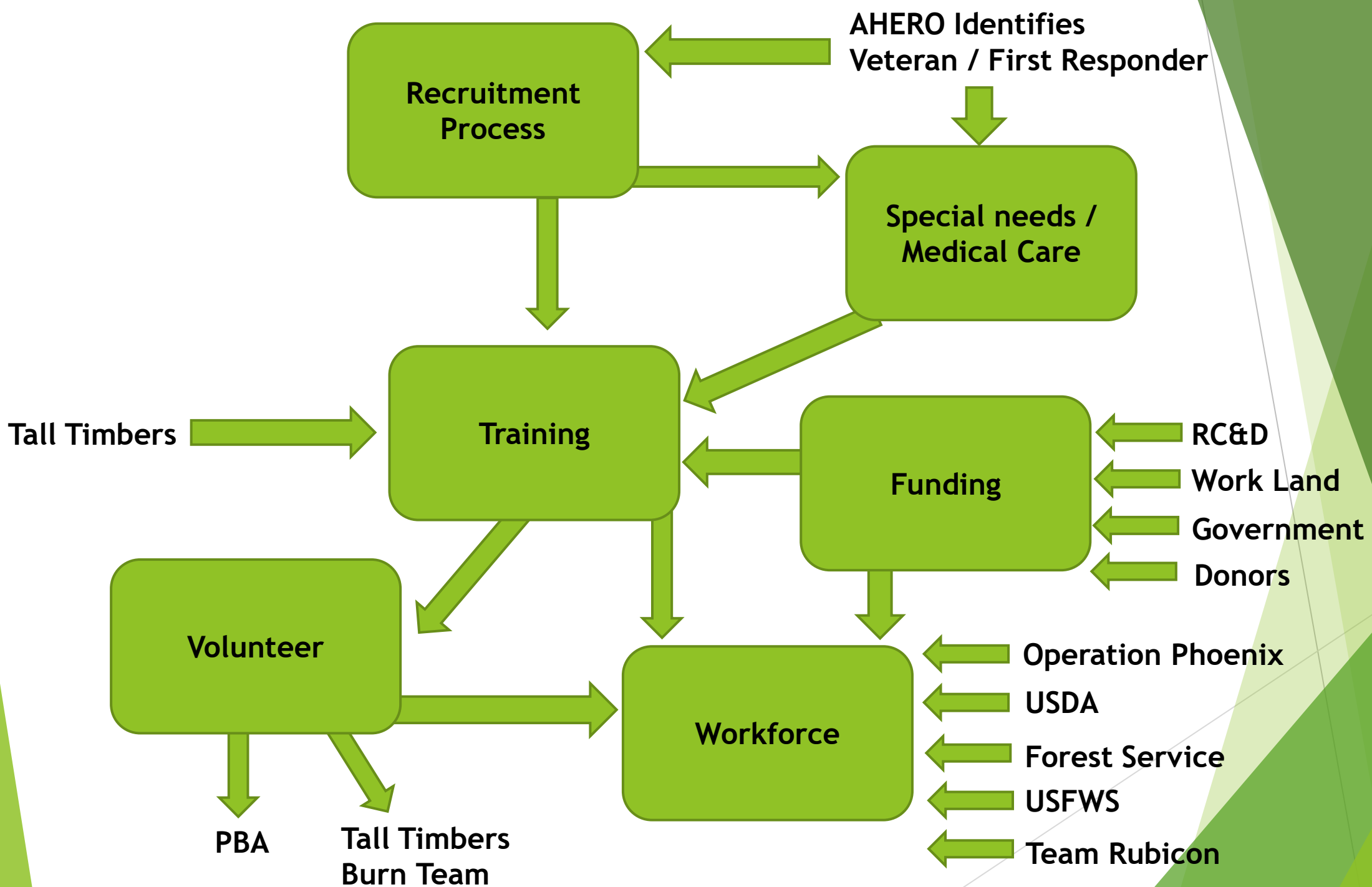


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AHERO, Tall Timbers and RC&D: Creating a New Sense of Purpose for Veterans and First Responders

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America's Heroes Enjoying Recreation Outdoors (AHERO)

- ▶ AHERO connects participants with patriotic members of local communities by organizing outdoor events and social activities. Our goal is to heal the physical and psychological wounds of war, military service, and first responder trauma by:
 - ▶ Introducing participants to resources and programs available to them to increase their overall quality of life.
 - ▶ Developing an informal support network of Veterans and first responders across the country.
 - ▶ Encouraging constructive communication and engagement.
 - ▶ Boosting morale.



Tall Timbers Research

- ▶ The mission of Tall Timbers is to foster exemplary land stewardship through research, conservation and education.



TALL TIMBERS
Research Station & Land Conservancy

Stewards of Wildlife & Wildlands

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Mid-South Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D)



- ▶ Mid-South RC&D has a mission to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of our communities by enhancing our human and natural resources through education and involvement in response to the needs in our Region.

Operation Phoenix

- ▶ Like the Phoenix reemerging from the ashes, Operation Phoenix is a way for Veterans and First Responders to find a new sense of purpose and pride of belonging, while helping with wildlife management, conservation, and Wildland Fires.





Veterans and First Responder Wildland Fire Training

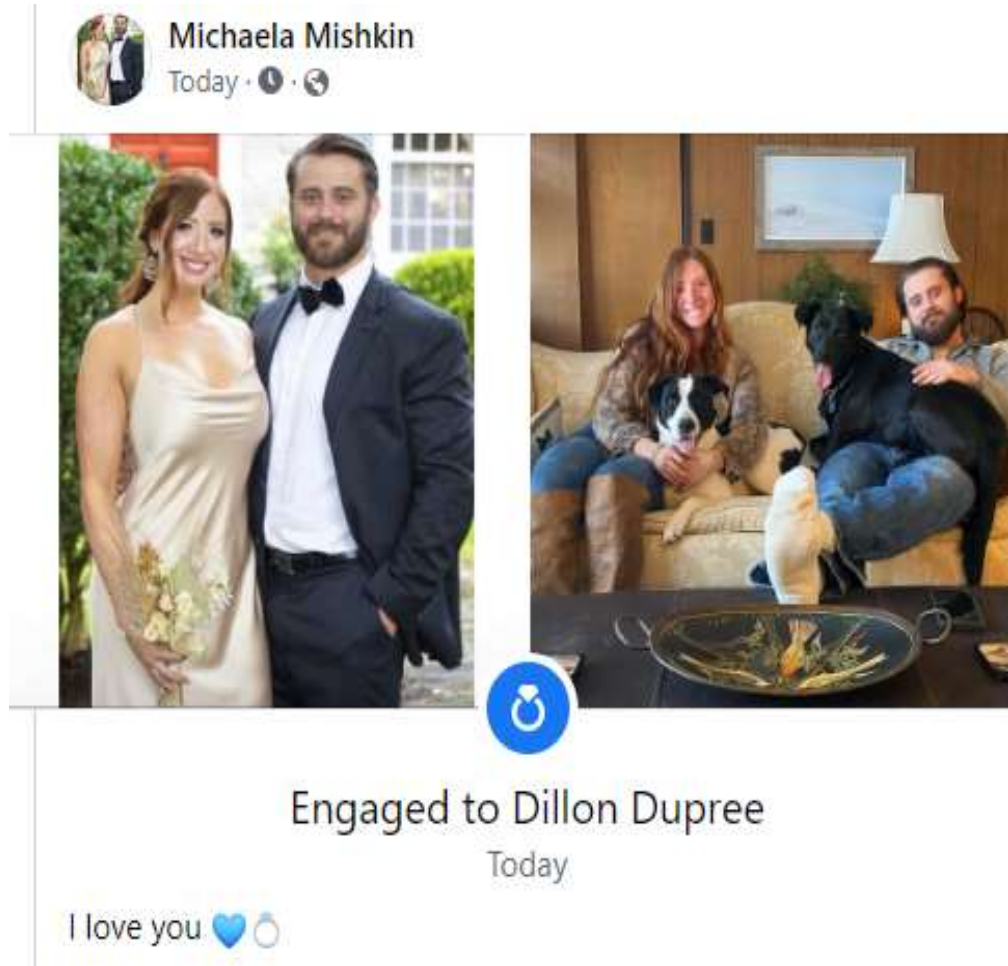
Overall Workforce Development Goals

- ▶ Help identify veterans and first responders that are seeking meaningful employment.
- ▶ Identify grants and various funding streams to train veterans and first responders.
- ▶ Reach out to State, Federal, and the private sector to find employment opportunities for all personnel that are seeking employment in the workforce.
- ▶ Train, mentor, and empower veterans and first responders to succeed with a new sense of purpose, pride in belonging, while filling capacity shortfalls within the wildfire and natural resource fields.

Marine Corporal Dillon Dupree's Story



Dillon Dupree



End Results from our program

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If our program saves even one life, it was worth all the effort. Be that one phone call that saves a life!



“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”

