Wilderness Inventory and Monitoring Technician

Job Code: 2016-NCC-010
Location: Wells
State: Nevada
Program: Nevada Conservation Corps
Contract Length: 6 Months
Employer: Great Basin Institute, U.S. Forest Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest
Deadline: 5/16/2016

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Job Responsibilities:

In cooperation with the U.S. Forest Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, the Great Basin Institute is recruiting two (2) Wilderness Inventory & Monitoring Technicians. The Technicians will play a key role in collecting data that will be utilized by the Forest in their efforts to accomplish inventory and monitoring work for four Wilderness Stewardship Performance elements, including Invasive Species, Solitude, Recreation Sites, and Outfitter-Guides. Technicians will work in four distinct Wilderness areas, including the Jarbidge, Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak, East Humboldts and Ruby Mountains wildernesses. The monitoring and inventory efforts are intended to raise the wilderness stewardship performance scores for each element or build on previous element project efforts.

Wilderness Technicians often make public contacts to educate visitors about forest rules and regulations as well as to provide information and answer questions. Work will be accomplished in remote settings both on and off-trail, so a focus on personal as well co-worker safety is essential. Travel is usually on foot often above 8000’ elevations, carrying a backpack that contains personal gear as well as work supplies and tools. Fifty to 70 pound loads plus tools would be considered average. Overnight stays involve camping in a tent in a remote backcountry setting. Field hitches may last anywhere from 3 to 8 days at a time. The ideal candidate for this position will possess a demonstrated true love for wilderness, backcountry and a desire to spend time there.

Contract Timeline:

May 16, 2016 - November 11, 2016
Location:

The crew will be based in Wells, NV, which is located in northeastern Nevada. Wells is approximately 2.5 hours (181 miles) west of Salt Lake City, UT and 2 hours (115 miles) south of Twin Falls, ID.

Compensation and Benefits:

This is an AmeriCorps position, and candidates will receive a living stipend of $8,500 for the season. This is not an hourly wage or a salary and is paid to members every other week throughout the service term. Upon completion of AmeriCorps service, members shall receive an additional education award in the amount of $2,865 that can be used for paying off qualified student loans or paying tuition for a Title IV accredited college.

Additional Benefits:

1.) Forest Service Housing is provided free of charge during the contract period.
2.) ACA Compliant Health Insurance is available at no cost to the employee during the contract period.
3.) Field Per Diem is provided at a rate of $15/day for every day served in the field.

Job Qualifications:

Technical requirements:

- A combination of educational and/or field experiences related to public land or wilderness management, recreation or other natural resource filed;
- Experience recreating or working in the wilderness or backcountry, including knowledge and proficiency in backcountry travel;
- Experience implementing field data collection protocols accurately and completely;
- Prior experience with wilderness inventory and monitoring protocols, desirable but not required;
- Experience working with hand-held GPS equipment for navigation and data collection;
- Knowledge of GIS software, highly desirable but not required; and
- Experience summarizing data and field experiences in written format.

Additional requirements:

- Possess a valid, state-issued drivers license and clean driving record;
- Experience operating 4WD trucks on and off paved roads setting, including narrow, mountain forest roads;
- Experience with horse and mule packing desirable but not required;
- Experience with equipment maintenance such as cross cut saws and other tools desirable but not required;
- First aid, Wilderness First Responder (WFR), or Leave No Trace training/certification, desirable but not required;
- Ability to work productively as part of a team to accomplish mutual goals;
- Effectively communicate orally or in writing with a diverse public;
- Possess good organizational skills;
- Ability to work in harsh and rapidly changing environments, work in all types of weather conditions, traverse uneven terrain, be very physically fit and able to carry upwards of 50-70 pounds in a backpack;
- Comfortable in very remote settings with experience in backcountry situations for several days and a willingness to camp in remote, improved and unimproved wilderness areas; and
- Meet AmeriCorps eligibility requirements: (1) U.S. citizenship or legal resident alien status, (2) eligible to receive an AmeriCorps Education Award (limit of four in a lifetime, or equivalent of two full-time terms of service), and (3) pass National Sex Offender Public Registry (NSOPR) and federal criminal background checks.