



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2023 Wildlife Intern

Partner Agency: Bureau of Land Management- White River Field Office

Positions Available: 1

Location: Meeker, CO

Tentative Dates: May 1 - October 13, 2023 (or upon completion of 24 weeks).

Stipend: \$650/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$15,600.

AmeriCorps: 900-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$3,447.50) upon successful completion

Plus: Boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400

Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.

Program Overview:

Participants will serve with experienced Bureau of Land Management (BLM) crew leads and specialists to monitor wildlife populations and habitat. Under the direction of a BLM crew lead and specialists, member-technicians will perform a variety of habitat and wildlife monitoring including vegetation monitoring using line point intercept, utilization (installing and monitoring range cages), monitoring nesting status of woodland raptors, sage-grouse pellet counts, vegetation monitoring, raptor/bird surveys, fish sampling and reptile/amphibian monitoring. BLM specialists will provide training and personal protective equipment (if necessary).

Service will be completed in remote areas on BLM lands. Intern-technicians will be required to drive long distances, often on rough roads, in the field office. Crews will often serve a four-day week for ten hours a day. Intern-technicians will be trained to operate 4x4 pickups and utility terrain vehicles.

Applicants should be aware that there are multiple partnerships between organizations involved in their employment. While applicants are hired and paid through RMYC, the office and field service take place on BLM property. Because of this, intern-technicians are required to pass a background check and take government specific training to access government buildings and computer networks. The intern-technician's supervisor is a full-time BLM employee, and the intern-technician will spend the entire summer serving directly under this person.

The intern-technician's administrator (who handles paychecks, job injury paperwork, etc.) is a RMYC employee, who the intern-technician will see very occasionally.

The service varies from sedentary in completing office phases of the duties assigned, to field-based service. The field-based service requires hiking in remote areas over rough, uneven, or rocky terrain for extended periods of time, carrying equipment such as GPS units, cameras, packs, etc. in a variety of weather conditions. Hiking long distances may be required (6-8 miles per day) with a 20-30 lb. pack.

General Qualifications:

- College graduate or working towards a degree in ecology, botany, range science, soil science, wildlife biology, environmental science, natural resource management, conservation biology, or a related field.
- Familiarity with one or more Esri products, such as ArcMap, ArcGIS Pro, ArcPad, Collector, Survey 123, and ArcGIS Online.
- Familiarity with GPS units is preferred.
- Experience with plant identification and taxonomy preferred.
- Basic knowledge of data collection methods and techniques to make field observations of range conditions,
- Ability to hike long distances in rough, uneven terrain and a variety of weather conditions (e.g., heat, rain etc.). Occasional camping and early morning/evening work may be required.
- Skilled at communicating and staying calm during tedious tasks while working in challenging environments.
- Ability to maintain a close working relationship with crew members.
- Comfortable with driving trucks on 4WD roads in unpredictable conditions. Some experience with UTVs and small engines helpful.
- Must possess a valid driver's license to operate government vehicles and equipment.

Service Statement:

As an AmeriCorps service program, RMYC holds all of its staff to the highest standards of service focused on environmental stewardship, education, and healthy futures. AmeriCorps is a federal program that is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connect over 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs. Their mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct and team-based national and community service. We provide resources and people power to organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. We enrich the lives of those we serve and those who serve. Participants grow personally and professionally gaining new skill sets through providing hands-on work experience, valuable networking opportunities, and professional skills training. Why do you want to serve with AmeriCorps? Spending a season serving with AmeriCorps through RMYC can be a life-changing and rewarding experience. Successful candidates will demonstrate a commitment to service, diversity, self-development, and the team environment.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- Eligibility to work in the US
- This position is supported by the Public Lands Hiring Authority which requires candidates to be between the ages of 16 to 30.

- Pre-service background screening required, including FBI background check
- Must be able to provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT: AmeriCorps members will be subject to all state and federal laws, and the rules and regulations of OSHA and RMYC. The member is expected to fully understand and adhere to the rules, regulations and code of conduct as described in the AmeriCorps member manual. 10/19 Policy violations will result in disciplinary action according to program guidelines, including written warnings, fines, suspension without stipend, and/or termination. The AmeriCorps member is accountable for meeting or exceeding the responsibilities of this position as described above, and will be evaluated at mid-term and end-term by Corps Program Staff, with input from project hosts. Successful completion is contingent on both AmeriCorps education award hours and service through the agreed upon term end date.

This position is classified as Temporary Exempt and is a seasonal position with no benefits.

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Rocky Mountain Youth Corps is committed to the inclusion of members with all levels of ability. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

This program is available to all, without regard age 40 and over, color, disability, gender identity, genetic information, military or veteran status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or any other applicable status protected by state or local law.

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Member Name

Signature

Date