



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Winter Rangeland Intern

- Partner Agency:** Bureau of Land Management- Colorado River Valley Field Office
- Positions Available:** 1
- Location:** Silt, CO
- Tentative Dates:** November 18th, 2024 - April 19th , 2025 (up to 880 regular hours).
- Wage:** \$18.75/hour
- Plus:** Gear reimbursement up to \$400
Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.
Paid sick leave

Program Overview:

The Rangeland Intern will assist BLM range staff in the collection of vegetation trend and use data and conduct allotment compliance checks on grazing allotments within the Colorado River Valley Field Office. The intern will assist in the construction, maintenance, and inspection of range improvement projects. They may assist with the logistics and leadership involved with completing project service (e.g., fence removal, weed removal) with RMYC crews.

The intern may work with experienced BLM crew leads and specialists to manage noxious weed populations in rangeland environments. Under the direction of a BLM crew lead and specialists, they may perform routine and recurring weed management activities, including applying herbicides, in accordance with all applicable resource management plans, environmental assessments, cooperative agreements, and safety plans. Approved herbicides will be spot-sprayed from vehicles and backpack sprayers. The intern may operate, maintain, and inventory weed management equipment (e.g., tools, monitoring/mapping equipment, herbicide applicators). They will help ensure all activities comply with existing protocols and policies as they relate to weed management. BLM will provide training and personal protective equipment. Only BLM crew leads and specialists with a current applicator license will mix herbicides.

Under the direction of a BLM crew lead or specialist, the intern will complete recurring tasks involved in inventorying, monitoring, and mapping existing weed populations utilizing GPS and topographic maps. They will use specific computer programs to compile, reduce, store, and retrieve data and other weed management information, including research and

long-term monitoring projects. They will learn how to analyze, evaluate, and report data as needed. They may be asked to perform other rangeland management duties as needed.

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

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. Field experience (e.g., RMYC crew leadership experience) may be considered if the applicant does not have a degree in natural resources.
- Familiarity with navigating and marking waypoints using online mapping software.
- Experience with plant identification and taxonomy. Ability to identify noxious weeds during all growth stages are a plus.
- Familiarity with Colorado noxious weeds.
- Basic understanding of resource management principles and practices.
- Basic knowledge of data collection methods and techniques to make field observations of range conditions, monitor sites for weed population changes, and collect data to document weed growth, mitigation, and control measures.
- Ability to stay focused on duties in adverse weather conditions including extreme heat, monsoonal rains, snow and hazardous wildlife (e.g., gnats, mosquitos, rattlesnakes).
- Skilled at communicating and staying calm during tedious tasks while serving 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 is helpful.

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

This position is classified as Temporary Non-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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