



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2024 Timber Sales/Prep Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service White River National Forest- Eagle-Holy Cross and Dillon Ranger Districts
- Positions Available:** 3
- Location:** Minturn and Dillon, CO
- Tentative Dates:** May 20th - September 7th, 2024 (or upon completion of 16 weeks).
- Stipend:** \$625/week living allowance. Total amount will be \$10,000.
- AmeriCorps:** 675-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$2,626.27) upon successful completion
- Plus:** Boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400
Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.
Housing stipend up to \$175/week for up to 16 weeks
Single occupancy rooms are available to rent from Vail Resorts for approximately \$750/month. Shared living space with a shared kitchen, bathroom, and laundry. No pets allowed in Vail Resorts housing and may be subject to COVID-19 protocols. Candidates are welcome to search for housing elsewhere in the surrounding areas. Housing can be very expensive, bedrooms in a shared house can be up to \$1000/room. Candidates are responsible for extra housing costs over allotted stipend.

Program Overview:

This position focuses on vegetation management for a variety of outcomes, including reducing fuels, improving wildlife habitat, and providing material to local markets. This is a field going position that involves little office work. Service includes implementing silvicultural prescriptions, identifying timber sale boundaries, and cruising trees. Other duties may include regeneration surveys, cone collection, and recreation site hazard tree identification. Training will be provided for all assigned tasks. Hiking 4+ miles/day off trail in mountainous terrain carrying around 30 lbs. is required. Cover-types include aspen, lodgepole pine and spruce-fir. In some instances, service locations occur in areas with high levels of blowdown where hiking/walking is difficult. General hours are Monday – Thursday 7:00- 5:30.

Travel to and from worksites can be more than an hour (during regular work schedule) in a variety of conditions including Interstate travel to primitive 4x4 forest roads. Overnight camping (Monday-Thursday) will be required for a portion of the field season.

Training will include Rocky Mountain tree species identification, timber cruising, GPS software and data collection, Survey 123, forest orienteering, forest management, and silviculture practices and principles including reforestation and restoration techniques. Other training provided may include defensive driving, first aid/CPR, wildland firefighting, as well as required Forest Service training such as ethics and conduct, computer security and safety, and workplace harassment.

General Qualifications:

Experience with the following is preferred but not required for the position, however there is an expectation that individuals will gain that experience on the job, if needed.

- Successful applicants must have a strong work ethic and the ability to work independently in remote locations in a variety of weather conditions.
- Positive attitude and desire to learn new skills.
- Ability and comfort working outdoors for long periods of time in inclement weather.
- Knowledge and ability to safely operate Forest Service vehicles on district roads in order to safely travel to assigned areas.
- Practice effective communication and good people skills while serving with members of your team and the public.
- Single Placement(s) must be able to hike long distances while carrying a backpack of up to 50 pounds in mountainous, remote terrain.

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.
- 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 eligible for enrollment in AmeriCorps as a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident. Documentation will be required on the first day.

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