



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS 2023 Glenwood Canyon Recreation Intern

Partner Agency: US Forest Service White River National Forest- Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District

Positions Available: 2

Location: Eagle, CO

Tentative Dates: May 22nd - August 26th, 2023 (or upon completion of 14 weeks). Temporary, seasonal, exempt.

Wage: \$625/week living stipend

Plus: 450-hour AmeriCorps Education Award (\$1,718.25), housing allowance up to \$150/week boot/gear reimbursement up to \$400.

Shared housing is provided. Rooms are double occupancy with a shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Alcohol and other drugs are not permitted in Forest Service housing. All field gear is provided including a day pack, work gloves, first aid supplies, rain jacket and Forest Service uniform.

Benefits: Sick leave as determined by Colorado law

Program Overview:

This position will serve with a crew and Forest Service leader to manage visitor use at Colorado River boat ramps and perform trail maintenance projects at the Hanging Lake National Natural Landmark area and other area trails. Crew members are front-line representatives of the Forest Service at these high-use recreation areas in Glenwood Canyon, Colorado. Through a professional appearance and friendly, helpful interactions with visitors, the crew helps create a positive recreation experience.

Many areas of Glenwood Canyon burned in the 32,000-acre Grizzly Creek fire in 2020 and were affected by subsequent debris flows in 2021. The crew will train in trail maintenance methods and contribute to rebuilding debris-flow damaged trails. This area will be a significant focus of scheduled projects in 2023. A position on this crew will be physically demanding, with hiking steep and rocky trails, carrying heavy gear and performing difficult manual labor.

Crew members will also research topics about the natural environment and history of the area to help visitors learn about Glenwood Canyon. Established protocols guide our response to emergencies and incidents.

Glenwood Canyon Recreation Crew members will:

- Professionally represent the Forest Service to visitors and our commercial Outfitters and Guides
- Collect data in the field to inform special use permit administration for the commercial raft companies on the Colorado River
- Perform trail maintenance and manual-labor project on fire and flood-impacted trails
- Direct traffic and manage vehicles at boat ramps
- Collect visitor use data on trails and at the boat ramps
- Contact visitors about safety, Forest regulations, and to provide information about the local area

- Research and present natural and cultural history topics
- Respond to emergencies using established protocols, learn basic safety concepts for swiftwater environments and radio communication for remote areas

The Crew will have 3 areas of operation this season:

1. Hanging Lake National Natural Landmark is managed under a NEPA plan limiting visitation to 615 people per day throughout the year through a partnership with the City of Glenwood Springs and 3rd party service provider. The trail was heavily impacted by flooding and debris flows in 2021, underwent temporary trail repairs in 2022 to reopen to the public, and will be part of a long-term trail redesign project in 2023. While working in an environment of changing conditions, the goals for working here include improving visitor experience & safety, protecting the natural & cultural resources, and familiarizing with one of our nationally recognized natural gems.

2. Shoshone Partnership - River Outfitter Guide Program is funded by the commercial river operators to establish an agency presence at the Grizzly and Shoshone boat ramps. The rangers facilitate a positive river access experience for non-guided boaters, anglers, and commercial outfitters by encouraging good stewardship. Rangers collect river use-data to evaluate commercial permit compliance. Colorado Department of Transportation closures of the rest areas and canyon impact the work done here, so educating visitors about these weather-related closures in a post-fire recovery environment are a key part of current visitor use management at the boat ramps and along the bike path.

3. Burned Area Emergency Response for Grizzly Creek Fire is coordinated with the Eagle Holy Cross and Rifle Ranger Districts and non-profit organizations to stabilize and repair fire and flood damage to the Jess Weaver, Grizzly Creek and Hanging Lake trails. Due to the current post-fire conditions in the canyon, other recreation duties will be performed when the crew is not in the canyon, including making visitor contacts at other high-use sites on the district, performing trail work, patrolling district trails and/or working alongside other district recreation crews to assist in area needs.

General Qualifications:

Serving on the Glenwood Canyon Recreation crew will provide opportunities to experience a wide range of recreation management activities. Experience in recreation management, natural history education/interpretation, or trail work preferred but not necessary. However, successful applicants must have enthusiasm for diverse tasks— ranging from talking to visitors to challenging trail maintenance projects. Good communication skills and the ability to serve with different people and personalities are required for this position. Crew members will use two-way radios to communicate with each other and dispatchers. The crew member position requires following protocols for daily operations and emergency response. It is necessary to be able to serve unsupervised as well as be a reliable team member. This includes keeping shared housing areas clean. Alcohol and other drugs are not tolerated in Forest Service housing.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or Higher
- 18 Years of age or older with a valid driver license and clean driving record.
- U.S. Citizenship or permission to work in the US
- Must be under 30 years old - 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

This position is classified as Temporary Regular 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 to race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, sex, political affiliation, or religion.

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Member Name

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Date