



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Winter Recreation Intern

- Partner Agency:** US Forest Service- Dillon and Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger Districts, White River NF
- Positions Available:** 2
- Location:** Vail Pass, CO
- Tentative Dates:** November 18, 2024 - March 31, 2025 (up to 800 hours of work)
- Wage:** \$19/hour
- Plus:** Public Land Corps Hiring Authority upon completion of 640 hours on public lands.
Paid sick leave
Up to \$400 gear reimbursement
Shared housing will be available for \$12/day in Minturn, CO. Rooms are double occupancy with shared kitchen, bathroom and laundry. Alcohol and non-prescribed and illegal drugs under federal law are not permitted in Forest Service housing.
Much of the field gear is provided including day pack, avalanche rescue gear, snowmobile helmet, snow pants and jackets, work gloves, first aid supplies, and Forest Service uniform.

Program Overview:

The Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area (VPWRA) includes 55,000 acres of the Dillon and Eagle Holy Cross Ranger Districts of the White River National Forest. The elevation ranges from 9,200 to 12,693 feet. VPWRA offers 67 miles of motorized trails and 52 miles of non-motorized trails. Located near the world class ski area destinations of Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Copper Mountain and Vail, the VPWRA provides a variety of opportunities for skiers, snowshoers, and snowmobile riders who want a backcountry winter experience away from ski resorts. Opportunities to experience the winter backcountry include overnight hut trips, guided and unguided snowmobile rental, snowcat and backcountry skiing, guided and unguided cross country-ski tours, and avalanche education programs.

Vail Pass Crew members will:

- Contact visitors at the trailheads, parking lots, and in the backcountry to ensure compliance with fee requirements and provide information about Forest regulations and the Vail Pass area.
- Staff the information booth at the Vail Pass trailhead
- Collect and document visitor use fees
- Professionally represent the Forest Service to visitors and commercial Outfitters and Guides
- Patrol backcountry trails on snowmobiles and skis to maintain signage and contact visitors

- Respond to emergencies using established protocols
- Assist biologists with wildlife monitoring projects including camera traps, people counters and observational surveys

General Qualifications:

Serving on the Vail Pass crew will provide opportunities to learn about and perform a wide range of recreation management activities. Skills and experience in backcountry skiing or snowboarding, cross country skiing, winter backcountry navigation, snowmobile operation, trailer driving, and avalanche safety training are highly desired, but not essential. However, successful applicants must have enthusiasm for working outdoors as a member of a team in a winter environment in the Rocky Mountains. Crew members must enjoy diverse tasks, ranging from talking to visitors to challenging over-snow travel. Good communication skills and the ability to work 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 job requires following protocols for daily operations and emergency response. It is necessary to be able to work unsupervised as well as being a reliable team member. This includes keeping shared housing areas clean and contributing to a positive housing environment. Alcohol and drugs are not tolerated in Forest Service housing.

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
- Provide your own backcountry skis or split board, climbing skins, cross-country skis, and related gear.
- Be Fit for Duty – this is a physically demanding job at high altitude, working in extreme winter conditions. Working on weekends may be required.

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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Member Name

Signature

Date

