



Stewardship and Program Outreach - AmeriCorps Position Announcement
Wood River Land Trust - Hailey, ID
Fall 2019 – Summer 2020

Organization Description: The mission of the Wood River Land Trust is to protect and sustain the treasured landscapes and the life-giving waters of the Wood River Valley and inspire love for this special place for generations to come. We are seeking an AmeriCorps member with background or interest in private land conservation, land stewardship, and program outreach. This position offers the opportunity to learn about land management, community outreach, and community conservation in a hands-on setting. The Wood River Land Trust is located in scenic south-central Idaho, near Sun Valley and the Sawtooth Wilderness Area.

Program Summary: Help the Wood River Land Trust steward our preserves in the Hailey Greenway and connect with the community through education, volunteer efforts, and restoration work. The Hailey Greenway is comprised of over 465-acres of publicly accessible and well-loved open space adjacent to the Big Wood River and the City of Hailey. This position will mix land management and community conservation by leading community workdays, engaging with school groups, designing and implementing habitat improvement projects, and generating educational and interpretive signage. The AmeriCorps member will help the Land Trust increase its outreach to connect with a broader cross-section of the community in a manner that connects people to the land and helps them understand the benefits of protecting open spaces and wildlife habitat along with other Land Trust conservation initiatives in the Wood River Valley. This position is 11-months long and starts in early October. Members are required to complete 1700 hours of service.

Position Description and duties:

- Plan and implement habitat restoration projects and community engagement/volunteer activities in the Hailey Greenway to achieve management and community conservation objectives;
- Facilitate community engagement within the Hailey Greenway Preserves through the following opportunities: Preserve work days and outings, Project WOW, educational programs on preserves, volunteer and neighborhood engagement;
- Assist with managing Land Trust preserves according to management plans, which includes weed control (physical removal & herbicide application), data collection, visitor interaction, and trail maintenance;
- Develop and implement a signage and education plan for the Hailey Greenway that engages a wide spectrum of the community;
- Assist with the Trout Friendly Program providing support for educational seminars, Trout Friendly Newsletter, and signage;
- Assist Staff with other WRLT educational programs, events, and coordinating volunteers;
- Assist with data management related to monitoring of projects and preserves in the Hailey Greenway.

Requirements:

- Physical, outdoor labor in varied conditions, as well as flexible work on occasional evenings/weekends;
- Ability to perform work that requires physical mobility and ability to lift up to 50lbs;
- A driver's license and good driving record (vehicle provided for work use);
- Ability to work in groups, individually, and interact with a variety of people;
- Desire to educate the public about WRLT preserves, projects, and programs;
- Strong verbal communication, community outreach, and writing skills.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Educational background in natural resources or similar field;
- Flexibility and versatility;
- Interest in private land conservation;
- Experience with GIS/GPS, Microsoft Office.

Required AmeriCorps Qualifications:

- A US citizen, US national, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the U.S.
- At least 18 years old.
- A minimum of a high school diploma or GED.
- Must be able to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through PCEI.
- Must complete and submit all necessary PCEI AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
- Must commit to and attend and complete all PCEI AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, trainings, team meetings and national service days.
- Must wear PCEI uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.
- Must have a cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a diverse team.
- Must have regular and reliable attendance and dependability.
- AmeriCorps members can enroll in multiple terms of service that add up to the value of two full-time education awards. You can also serve additional terms but will not receive an additional education award.

Member Benefits:

- Housing provided in Hailey, Idaho including utilities. Housing is shared with other Land Trust staff members.
- A taxable, monthly living allowance (\$13, 992/full-time member, paid over the term of service).
- Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members receive an education award of \$6,095.00 for a full-time position. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans or for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.

- Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
- Basic medical insurance for those who qualify.
- Childcare allowance for those who qualify.
- Professional development, trainings and networking opportunities.
- Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals and conduct all activities in full accessible settings.

To Apply: please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Cameron Packer, Stewardship Coordinator cpacker@woodriverlandtrust.org by September 12th. Applicants will also be required to complete an application at my.americorps.gov