Job Announcement
Utah Conservation Corps & USFS Ashley National Forest
Recreation Technician Crew Corpsmember

Apply by: April 19th, 2021 (or until filled up to May 1, 2021)

Position Location: 355 N. Vernal Ave Vernal, Utah

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) in partnership with the Ashley National Forest is advertising a Forestry Technician (Recreation) Corpsmember. This is an approximately 3 to 4 months (up to 16 weeks) full-time work experience from mid-May through mid-August 2021.

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is Utah's award-winning, and nationally recognized statewide Conservation Corps headquartered in Logan, Utah at Utah State University's main campus. The UCC has been Utah's largest environmental AmeriCorps program since 2001, completing service work on public lands, in communities, and with various organizations throughout the state. UCC will recruit and hire the selected candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. [https://ucc.usu.edu/](https://ucc.usu.edu/)

If you have questions about this Forestry Technician (Recreation) Corpsmember opportunity, please contact:

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Amber O'Quinn of the Utah Conservation Corps, amber.oquinn@usu.edu, 206-554-1270.

The Position

1 position will be filled and located out of Vernal, Utah.

A Recreation Technician Corpsmember performs assignments in support of the Recreation program located at the Ashley National Forest’s Ranger’s Office in Vernal, Utah. The forest is interested in filling one Recreation Technician Corpsmember position from mid-May until Mid-August, with the possibility of extending later into the fall season depending on workload and budgetary considerations.

The Corpsmember position’s base of operations will be Vernal, Utah. The positions are 40 hours a week and the pay will be $15.10/hour. There is no provided housing for these positions.

Duties include but are not limited to: Contacts visitors to provide information about recreation regulations, opportunities, and current restrictions. Provides information on resource management practices in the area. Conducts routine maintenance and repairs at campgrounds, yurts, and Guard Stations.
Checks for compliance with regulations, issues notices for common violations, and reports other violations to supervisor. At designated fee sites, collects monies from sale of recreation use permits, safeguards money and unused permits.

Assures recreation area and trails are maintained in accordance with standards. Constructs and rehabilitates minor recreation facilities and trails.

Makes safety checks of public use areas and takes corrective action.

On occasion, directs or leads one or two lower grade employees engaged in recreation maintenance and/or contract work. Makes day-to-day assignments and ensures quality of completed work.

Program Benefits
- $15.10/hour along with health care coverage (if needed), workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.

Position Requirements
- An independent, self-motivated, creative, and resourceful individual able to work with diverse groups of people.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a team, but the ability to work independently.
- Work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.
- Valid driver's license and good driving record. Drive government vehicle as required for position.
- Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability.
- Strongly prefer experience in working outdoors
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and computer skills.
- Ability to commit to the full term of service.

The Ashley National Forest
http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley/
The Ashley National Forest encompasses about a million and a half acres in northeastern Utah and southwestern Wyoming. The Forest lies in three geographical areas: the east-west range of the Uinta Mountains, the Green River Basin, and the Tavaputs Plateau. Elevations range from 6,000 feet to 13,528 feet.

Steep canyons, high mountain peaks, glaciated basins, large open meadows, and desert badlands produce a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife. The grasses and shrubs of the high mountain desert are replaced by pinyon and juniper as the elevation rises. In mid-elevation areas, aspen dominates and becomes mixed with conifer. Higher up, the vegetation changes to conifer forest composed of ponderosa pine, lodgepole pine, fir, and spruce. Wildlife is abundant. Larger species include black bear, mountain lion, moose, elk, mule deer, pronghorn, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep.

Neighboring lands include the Uinta and Ouray Indian Reservation to the south, the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest to the west and north, and a mixture of Bureau of Land Management, State of Utah, and private lands to the east and southeast. Compared with other National Forests, relatively few small tracts of private land lie within the Ashley's boundary.
The High Uintas Wilderness, established by Congress in 1984, comprises nearly one-half million acres in the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache and Ashley National Forests. Within the wilderness, elevations range from 8,000 feet to 13,582 feet at the top of Kings Peak, the highest mountain in Utah. The Uinta Mountain range runs east to west, from the Wasatch Mountains into Colorado. Pre-Cambrian rock formed from sediments laid down 600 million years ago makes up the core of the range. Glacial activity carved deep canyons and left a spectacular landscape of rolling, treeless peaks and stratified ridges interspersed with broad meadows and numerous lakes.

The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area lies in the northeast part of the Forest. Flaming Gorge Reservoir extends almost 90 miles into Wyoming and offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities. Record-breaking German brown trout and large lake and rainbow trout have been taken from its waters. The Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area has three marinas and many campgrounds, some of which are open year-round.

The Green River below Flaming Gorge Dam is a world-famous blue-ribbon trout stream. The Little Hole National Recreation Trail parallels the river 7.3 miles from the Dam to the Little Hole Recreation Complex.

**About Vernal, Utah**

Vernal is situated in Northeast Utah South of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area and West of Dinosaur National Monument and is the county seat of Uintah County. Vernal has a population of approximately 10,000 people. When combined with the residents of surrounding communities, the population of the Ashley Valley is approximately 15,000. Vernal is 180 miles east of Salt Lake City and 300 miles west of Denver.

http://www.vernalchamber.com/  

**Climate**

Vernal sits at approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Vernal enjoys four beautiful temperate seasons; the climate is semi-arid with low humidity. Annual precipitation averages 8-12", mostly in the form of winter snow and spring/fall rain. Winter temperatures usually hover in the 20s-30s during the day but will occasionally drop to sub-zero. Mid-summer temperatures can reach 100 degrees, but generally average in the low-mid 90s, dipping into the 50s at night.

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: April 19, 2021 (or until filled up to May 1, 2021)

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Work as member of Recreation Crew on Ashley National Forest

Service Dates Mid-May – Mid-August 2021

Length of Term: 12 to 16 weeks (depending upon position)

How to apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references. The positions will be posted on jobs.usu.edu (https://hr.usu.edu/jobs/). Click ‘JOIN US’ to search for the position and apply online or simply click here to go directly to the position.

In addition to submitting your online application, please send an email to the contact below to notify of your intent to apply for the position. Write “Vernal Recreation Crew Corps Member” in the subject line of your email.

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