Job Announcement
Utah Conservation Corps & USFS Ashley National Forest
Recreation Crew (Trail Crew) Corpsmember

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

Position Location: 85 W. Main Street, Duchesne, Utah

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) in partnership with the Ashley National Forest is advertising a Forestry Technician (Recreation) Crewmember. This is a 4 to 5 month (up to 20 weeks) full-time work experience from approximately mid-late May through September 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 RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. https://ucc.usu.edu/

If you have questions about this Forestry Technician Trail Crewmember opportunity, please contact:

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

The Position
One (1) position will be filled and located out of Duchesne, Utah.

Trails Crewmembers perform developmental assignments in support of the district trail programs within the Ashley National Forest.

Candidates for the crew positions should have a sound knowledge of working outdoors and use of small tools. All candidates must possess a valid state driver's license and may be required to attain a government driver's license to operate a 4x4 pickup truck and able to haul a 1,000 lb. utility trailer. Training and certification are provided by the agency.

The crewmember positions include on-the-job work experience and training in an outdoor environment in performing recreation management activities. Specific learning opportunities may vary based on locations and needs of the crew positions, including:

- Working on a trail crew in constructing / maintaining non-motorized and motorized trails.
• Use of ATVs/UTVs in transporting materials and access to work locations. Training provided by the agency with certification required.

• Working in the High Uintas Wilderness for a large majority of the season. The position is physically demanding, the individual will need to be able to hike in various types of terrain for approximately 10 – 12 miles each day with a pack that weighs approximately 60 – 80 lbs. The crew works in the backcountry of the wilderness for 8 days straight (10-hr days) and then has 6 days off before the next tour.

• Crew members will also be required to work with various hand tools to conduct trail maintenance on various types of trails at varying levels of elevation.

• Assisting with other projects as they come up (building fence, collecting, and caching trash from dispersed campsites, digging trenches for waterlines, pruning vegetation around developed recreation sites, and maintenance on facilities).

The ability to work in small teams safely and independently in remote locations scattered across a large geographic area is required. These are field going positions and ability to navigate by a map and operate a GPS device is essential.

The crewmember positions will receive on the job training from professional recreation specialists.

Program Benefits
• $15.10/hour along with health care coverage (if needed), workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.
• Housing may be available (if not fully occupied by date of hire) at a rate of $5.38 per day.

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.


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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Deadline: April 19, 2020 (or until filled up to May 1, 2020)

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.

Type of position: Work as crewmember of a Trail Crew on Ashley National Forest

Service Dates: Mid-Late May – Mid-Late August 2021

Length of Term: Up to 20 weeks (depending upon position/funding)

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 “Recreation Crew (trails crew) Corps Member” in the subject line of your email.

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