Job Announcement
Utah Conservation Corps & USFS Ashley National Forest
Civil Engineering (Road Crew) Corpsmember

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

Position Location: 355 N Vernal Ave., Vernal, UT

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) in partnership with the Ashley National Forest is advertising a Civil Engineering (Road Crew) Corpsmember. This is a 3 to 4 month (up to 16 weeks) full-time work experience from approximately mid-May through 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 Civil Engineering (Road Crew) corpsmember position, please contact:

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or Amber O'Quinn of the Utah Conservation Corps, [amber.oquinn@usu.edu](mailto:amber.oquinn@usu.edu), 206-554-1270.

The Position

This position will be located out of Vernal, Utah.

Road Crew corps members perform development assignments as part of the engineering and road crew that are in support of the engineering program located at the Ashley National Forest’s Supervisors Office in Vernal, Utah.

Road Crew candidates should have experience working around heavy equipment and laboring skills. All candidates must possess a valid state driver’s license.

Corps members participating as members in these crew positions will drive, inspect, maintain, and evaluate existing Forest system roads and user created non-system routes. Other work may include inspecting construction projects, helping install prefabricated buildings, cleaning road drainages, operating a rock rake (small trailer pulled behind a pickup truck to remove rocks from roads), replacing road signs, installing, and monitoring traffic counters, assisting equipment operators on various construction projects, and inspecting and maintaining roads and facilities and on the forest.
The corpsmember will receive on the job training from professional licensed engineers and experienced equipment operators. The Forest is interested in filling Civil Engineering/Road Crew corps member positions from mid-May until the corps members return to school mid to end of August.

Housing: Seasonal government housing is not available.

Program Benefits:

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

**Position Requirements**

- The ability to work in small teams safely and independently in remote locations scattered across a large geographic area is required.
- This is a field going position and ability to navigate by a map and operate a GPS device is essential.
- Road Crew candidates should have experience working around heavy equipment and laboring skills. All candidates must possess a valid state driver’s license.
- 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
- Ability to commit to the full term of service.

**The Ashley National Forest**


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.


**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 15-20”, 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)
Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.
Type of position: Work as member of road crew on Ashley National Forest
Service Dates Mid-May – August 2021
Length of Term: Up to 80 days (16 weeks)

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 “Civil Engineer Road Crew Corps Member” in the subject line of your email.

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