



## VOLUNTEER RECREATION INTERNSHIPS

BUILD YOUR RESUME

GAIN CAREER EXPERIENCE

### VOLUNTEER FOR THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE THIS SUMMER!

**Visitor Information Specialist** -- answer a variety of natural resource questions in person and over the phone; ride along and assist forest service employees as they drive backcountry roads; join the trail crew at least once during the summer; raft down the Cache la Poudre River with the River Ranger; meet and shadow a natural resource specialist of your choosing as they go about their work in the office or field. Participate in behind the scenes activities and projects, which support the Forest Service mission to *Care for the Land and Serve People*.

### ENHANCE YOUR SKILLS

- 1) Strengthen your communication skills by answering natural resource based questions related to recreation including camping, hiking, backpacking, scenic driving, public firewood sales and fire prevention.
- 2) Expand your knowledge of natural resource management practices, policies and regulations. Experience first-hand how management principles are applied.
- 3) Join the award winning Poudre Wilderness Volunteers at their annual training in May.

### BRING YOUR INTERESTS IN:

- 1) Natural resources management and local outdoor recreation opportunities.
- 2) Communicating Forest Service and natural resource information to people from varying backgrounds.
- 3) Enhancing the recreationist's experience.

### EXPECT TO:

- 1) Answer a variety of questions in person and over the phone in the Forest Service visitor center at 2150 Centre Ave., Building E in Fort Collins, Colorado.
- 2) Wear a uniform and accompany Forest Service staff on routine patrols, assisting with educating the public about Leave-No-Trace principles and regulations.
- 3) Experience what it's like on a trail crew installing water bars, removing downed trees and more.
- 4) Participate in Forest Service orientation and training along with staff.
- 5) Receive an Interagency Volunteer Annual pass, after completing 250 hours—good for FREE entry into all National Parks.

### WORK SCHEDULE

Four hundred hours required and guaranteed. Fourteen weeks at 28 hours/week – May 17 thru August 23. Tentative hours for two positions:

- Monday – Wednesday 8:00 – 4:30 and Thursday 8:00 – 12:00
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### TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Please send email to Mary Bollinger [mcbollinger@fs.fed.us](mailto:mcbollinger@fs.fed.us) or call her at 970-295-6702. Detailed job description and application requirements available upon request.

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