



SEASONAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TITLE: Forestry Aide

LOCATION: Grand Junction District – Grand Junction, Colorado

HOURLY PAY RATE: \$13.00-\$15.00 per hour commensurate on experience

EMPLOYMENT DATES: Approximately May 2017 – October 2017 (6 months)

CLOSING DATE: Applications will be considered until the position is filled, however materials should be received by **March 17, 2017** for full consideration.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must have a valid driver's license or the ability to obtain a driver's license or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date.
- A 4-year bachelor's degree, or current pursuit of, in the field of Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Resource Management or equivalent field of study.
- International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist or meets the eligibility requirements for the Certified Arborist exam.

Conditions of Employment:

Position based in Grand Junction at the District Office. Part of the position's field work will take place in Aspen, CO. Work will begin out of the Grand Junction Office and then be mostly based in Aspen, CO while the inventory is being conducted.

From mid-May to mid-July, the position will be working out of Aspen. The start date in Aspen will depend on weather and when the leaves break bud. Typical work hours and days are Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00pm. While working in Aspen during normal business hours/days, the employee will be provided housing and per diem. Employee will travel to home base, Grand Junction area or other self-funded housing for weekends/non business hours/days.

From mid July to the end of the season, the position will be working out of the Grand Junction District area. Typical work hours and days are Monday-Friday 7:30 am – 4:00pm.

Employment dates are from May to October, with possible extension based on funding / project's needs. The employee should be able to work in adverse weather condition, steep/rough terrain, and work with minimal supervision.

Preferred Experience:

- Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) through the International Society of Arboriculture
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite
- Working knowledge of ArcMap, GIS, and GPS/Trimble software
- Forest inventory and forest mensuration techniques
- Wildland fire experience
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) S130/190 Wildfire Training
- Common fuels mitigation practices
- Western silviculture, tree and plant identification
- Insect and Disease identification and management
- Excellent communication and public speaking skills
- ATV and 4-wheel drive truck operation

Duties and Responsibilities:

Position will require conducting the street and park tree inventory for the City of Aspen. Data collection will use a tablet and the Tree Plotter software (planitgeo.com). Data was originally collected in 2006 for over 7,000 trees. This inventory will update the current tree data and collect data for new trees. Trees over 25 inches in diameter will include a tree risk assessment. State will provide lodging and per diem for food during the work week. This position will also take the lead on a tree inventory report for the City of Aspen based on the inventory data and observations.

After the Aspen Tree Inventory is completed, the position will assist the District Forester and/or Assistant District Forester in forestry related projects and programs. The District Office is located in Grand Junction and will be the home base for the remainder of the assignment.

- Assist with Urban and Community Forestry
- Assist with forest management and stewardship activities including forest inventory, forest management plans, and timber sale layout and design.
- Assist with sick tree calls and insect and disease surveys
- Assist with outreach and education activities including Home Owners Association meetings and Arbor Day celebrations
- Assist with fuels mitigation grant programs including defensible space project design, administration, contractor selection and completion
- Manage district reporting, SMART database entry, and GIS software

To Apply:

Please send electronic versions, word or pdf files, of the application materials to **Kamie.Long@colostate.edu**

1. Cover letter - stating interest for the position and identifying skills and experience relating to the position duties and responsibilities described above.
2. Professional resume.
3. At least three professional references and their current contact information - previous supervisors preferred.
4. Transcripts – either unofficial or official are acceptable.

For questions regarding the position, please contact:

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