

HOURLY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT



POSITION TITLE: CSFS Student Intern (1 position)

LOCATION: Southwest Area, Alamosa Field Office (Crestone, CO)

HOURLY PAY RATE: \$12.00 per hour; overtime will be made available as necessary

EMPLOYMENT DATES: May 24, 2019 through July 5, 2019 OR
June 21, 2019 through August 2, 2019

CLOSING DATE: Applications must be submitted by **11:59 pm MST on February 19, 2019.**

Description of Internship Program:

Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and Warner College of Natural Resources (WCNR) seasonal forester / student intern positions provide students an in-depth learning and work experience in the field of natural resources. Internships include a 15-85% split between training for the student and hourly work for CSFS, as defined below under “duties and responsibilities”. Student interns prepare several written documents to advance their professional writing skills and encourage self-reflection during the summer, and they receive one-on-one mentoring and evaluation by their CSFS supervisor.

This internship position is for the Alamosa Field Office within the CSFS Southwest Area. The internship experience will include working with communities in the wildland-urban interface to assess their wildfire hazards and defensible space. This including communicating with landowners, mapping wildfire hazards in ArcGIS, and learning about wildfire mitigation techniques. Training opportunities include but are not limited to field utilization of ArcPad to collect data and ArcGIS management techniques. Specific duties and responsibilities for this position are listed below. The student can live at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge bunkhouse for the duration of the internship, at a cost of \$0 to \$450 / month (exact cost to be determined).

We are seeking student interns who are professional, self-directed, innovative, and energetic. The applicant should enjoy working with people from diverse backgrounds and respect different viewpoints. Of special interest are applicants that demonstrate a capacity to learn new skills, think critically, and serve as effective team members.

Minimum Requirements:

- Sophomore, Junior, or Senior pursuing a degree from the Warner College of Natural Resources.
- Good academic standing with Colorado State University (GPA > 2.0).
- Demonstrated career interest in forestry or related natural resource fields.
- Successful completion of coursework in GIS or job experience using GIS.
- Must have a valid driver’s license, the ability to obtain a driver’s license, or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date.
- Experience working as an effective team member.

Conditions of Employment:

- Housing available at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge bunkhouse at a cost of \$0 to \$450 / month (exact cost to be determined).
- Ability and willingness to work long hours with occasional evening and weekend duties (work based on a 40 hour work week).
- Student might be exposed to poisonous plants, biting stinging insects, and wildlife during field work.
- Ability to provide suitable work gear, including sturdy hiking boots and other personal items related to hiking.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Colorado for 1-3 day-long trips to CSFS field offices, potentially requiring stays in hotels. Approved lodging and per diem expenses are covered (see [GSA CONUS rates](#) for Colorado).

Preferred Experience:

- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Basic understanding of wildland fuel types.
- Experience identifying trees in the western U.S.
- Experience navigating with maps, compass, and GPS units.
- Experience using ArcGIS.
- National Wildfire Coordinating Group S130/190 wildfire training.
- Experience using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet, and e-mail.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assess wildfire hazards and defensible space for communities in the wildland-urban interface around Crestone, CO. This includes:
 - Communicating with landowners,
 - Mapping wildfire hazards in ArcGIS, and
 - Learning about wildfire mitigation techniques.
- Assist with forest inventory on private and state lands.
- Assist with urban and community tree inventories and sick tree calls.
- Participate in and speak at community outreach events.
- Participate in training opportunities, such as field utilization of ArcPad to collect data and ArcGIS management techniques.
- Work with supervisor(s) to prepare a summer work plan, set goals and learning objectives, and evaluate progress.
- Prepare a short written overview of the CSFS and the intern's host unit and a written reflection of their internship experience.

To Apply:

Please send electronic versions of the following application materials to megan.matonis@colostate.edu:

1. Cover letter: The cover letter must include the following information: (a) the CSFS internship position(s) you are applying for, (b) your interest in and qualifications for each of these positions, and (c) a statement about what diversity and inclusion means to you and why it matters in the workplace.
2. Resume
3. Unofficial CSU transcript
4. Names and phone numbers / emails for 3 professional references.

For questions regarding the position, please contact:

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This announcement is also posted on our website at: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/employment>

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