

## HOURLY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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**POSITION TITLE:** CSFS Student Intern (1 position)

**LOCATION:** Northeast Area, Fort Collins Field Office (Fort Collins, CO)

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

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** May 24, 2019 through August 16, 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 Fort Collins Field Office within the CSFS Northeast Area. The internship experience will include assisting with project layout and/or inspections for fuel mitigation projects, writing forest management plans to meet landowner objectives, assisting with thinning projects on states lands, and engaging in community outreach events. Training opportunities include but are not limited to operation of All Terrain Vehicles, forest inventory analysis with the Forest Vegetation Simulator, and Tree Farm inspector training. Specific duties and responsibilities for this position are listed below.

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:**

- 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 Natural Resources Ecology and Measurements (NR220) at the CSU Mountain Campus or a similar course from another college/university.
- 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 is not provided, but non-financial assistance may be available to help find accommodations.
- Ability and willingness to work long hours with occasional evening and weekend duties (work based on a 40 hour work week).
- Ability and willingness to perform strenuous outdoor work and carry backpacks with 25+ pounds of work and personal gear across steep terrain in potentially inclement weather conditions.
- Student might be exposed to poisonous plants, biting stinging insects, and wildlife during field work.
- Ability and willingness to tent-camp and backcountry hike, including off- and on-trail.
- Ability to provide suitable work gear, including sturdy hiking boots, rain gear, sleeping bag, and other personal items related to camping and hiking.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Colorado and southern Wyoming for 1-3 day-long trips, potentially requiring stays in hotels. Approved lodging and per diem expenses are covered (see [GSA CONUS rates](#) for Colorado and Wyoming).

**Preferred Experience:**

- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Experience operating chainsaws, including official certification in chainsaw operation such as S-212.
- Ability to (or willingness to learn how to) operate 4-wheel drive vehicles, manual transmission vehicles, and UTVs/ATVs in variable weather and road conditions.
- Experience using forestry equipment (diameter tape, loggers tape, GPS, increment borer, etc.).
- Experience identifying trees, grasses, forbs, and shrubs in the western U.S.
- Experience navigating with maps, compass, and GPS units.
- Experience using ArcGIS.
- Experience using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet, and e-mail.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Assist with project layout and/or inspections for fuel mitigation projects.
- Help prepare forest management plans that meet Forest Agricultural requirements and address landowner objectives.
- Assist with forest inventory on private and state lands, use the Forest Vegetation Simulator (FVS) to summarize cruise data, and use GIS to make maps of forest properties.
- Assist with thinning projects on state lands, including operating chainsaws and other forestry equipment.
- Assist the Forest Inventory & Analysis (FIA) crew with field inventory plots in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.
- 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 All Terrain Vehicle operation, forestry field measurements, Tree Farm inspection, FVS applications, and local forestry and arboriculture conferences.
- 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](mailto: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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