



**Northwest Youth Corps – AmeriCorps 520 Hours
Bureau of Land Management
Deschutes Field Office – Prineville, OR**

Position Title: Deschutes District BLM - Wildlife Biologist AmeriCorps Member

Grant Program: OYSI 22EDBDC0020010 / EAP 21EDBDC0010041

Position Summary:

The Deschutes Field Office is recruiting one **(1) Wildlife Biologist AmeriCorps Member** that can begin as early as June 1st, 2024 and go through August 30th, 2024. The position will support the Field Office which manages wildlife, botany, hydrology, and rangeland programs and resources in the Deschutes River basin near La Pine, Oregon. Specifically, the position would assist in researching and developing alternatives for restoring oxbows and associated Oregon spotted frog habitat on BLM-administered lands in the basin.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Major duties are related to assisting Deschutes Field Office staff in natural resources management and related activities associated with the location and project described above (percentages describe the estimated amount of time expected on each task).

Specific activities include -

- **50% Wildlife Habitat and Vegetation Improvement:** Includes gathering information on Oregon spotted frog and other species' habitat that will be used to develop treatment alternatives, prepare the Biological Assessment for the project, and consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Services. This work would include surveys for threatened Oregon spotted frog, native and imperiled species, and invasive plants. Work would also include data collection and management, establishing plots for vegetation monitoring, and mapping habitat and plant populations. If time permits, additional information may be gathered to understand the local wolf population in relationship to this project, for added contributions to the Biological Assessment. The opportunity to remove invasive plants may also arise.
- **45% Oxbow Geomorphology and Restoration:** Includes researching and preparing alternatives for restoring and maintaining Oregon spotted frog habitat in oxbows and associated hydrologic features. Associated work would include field mapping, data collection, use of remote sensing data, and referencing published restoration research to develop alternatives. Developing alternatives would also involve communication with local BLM staff including archaeologists and recreation staff. Opportunities may arise to coordinate with external entities such as the United States Geological Survey, non-government partners, and local Tribes to develop alternatives. Before the end of the term, management and restoration alternatives would be presented to the Field Manager for their consideration.
- **5% Rangeland Management Support:** Includes assisting Rangeland Management staff with inventorying and documenting range improvements such as range allotment fences in the area. This work may include field surveys, minor repairs, GIS mapping, data collection and management, and working with livestock operators.

On-site training would be provided for identifying plants and animals, survey and data management protocols, use of GPS and GIS software, and operating BLM vehicles and equipment. Additional trainings may be provided as needed and when available. Training will not exceed 20% of total member service hours.

Required Qualifications:

Applicants must be currently pursuing either an associates, bachelors, or graduate degree.

- US Citizen or Permanent Resident, as required by U.S. government contracts.
- Must be at least 18 years of age upon start date.
- Strong interest in natural resources.
- College-level course work in biology, ecology, or botany.
- College-level course work or knowledge in hydrology or geomorphology.
- Experience in collecting GIS data or using mapping software such as ArcGIS Pro.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills, attention to detail, and a positive attitude.
- Ability to work outdoors in remote settings and inclement (often hot) weather.
- Ability to lift and carry up to 30 lbs. (day pack, field equipment and supplies).
- Willingness to hike multiple miles a day in wetlands, riparian habitats and along fence lines in mosquito infested areas.
- Knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing programs.
- Willingness to learn new skills and technology.
- Willingness to work independently or as part of a team.
- Ability to follow direction provided by work leads.
- Ability to follow strict surveying and data management/collection protocols.
- Current First Aid/CPR certifications.
- Maintain current driver's license and ability to report on time to the office in Prineville, Oregon.

Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge and ability to identify Pacific Northwest plants and amphibians.
- Experience interpreting remote sensing data such as lidar and aerial imagery.
- Experience and skills with ArcGIS Pro, and Microsoft software including Word, Excel, Access, Outlook, and Teams.

Duty Location:

Duties are performed within the Deschutes Field Office in Prineville, Oregon. The position requires regular work in the field and office. Field work is expected to occur near La Pine, Oregon within the Deschutes Basin. Occasionally, this position may require use of your vehicle (miles reimbursable) during duty hours.

Terms of Employment:

One AmeriCorps member will complete a term of service (520-hours, 13 weeks), starting June 1st through August 30th, 2024. Dates of service are flexible to accommodate applicant availability. The member must complete a minimum of 520 service hours by the end of their term. The member will receive a 30-minute lunch each day and this lunch break does not count towards AmeriCorps member service hours. Training will not exceed 20% of total member service hours.

Program Benefits:

\$8,320 living allowance along with a **\$3,000 housing stipend** for a **total combined stipend of \$11,320** dispersed on a monthly basis throughout the term of service. The member will have available a **\$1,000 reimbursement fund** for gear, mileage, and training relevant to the position. Upon successful completion of program requirements, an **education award** amount of **\$1,824.07** is awarded to the member

The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing their own food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check. These positions are sponsored by The Corps Network's OYSI and EAP program.

Application Instructions

Application Deadline: May 13, 2024

Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received. Interviews held over the phone.

Type of position: AmeriCorps Individual Placement

Service Dates June 1st – August 30th, 2024. The **start date is negotiable** to accommodate the applicant's schedule.

Length of Term: 13 Weeks (minimum of 520 hours)

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at

https://nwyouthcorps.workbrightats.com/jobsearch/?job_board_classification=Internships

Please select “*Deschutes District BLM - Wildlife Biologist AmeriCorps Member*” when applying.

Additional Information

If you have questions about the position, please reach Northwest Youth Corps Internship Program Officer Abi Snow at abigails@nwyouthcorps.org or 541-654-4704, or Kevin Weldon at (541) 416-6727 and kweldon@blm.gov.

All job offers are contingent upon the completion of a satisfactory background check (criminal history and driving history). The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.