



Job Announcement

Payette National Forest

Conservation Heritage Education Resource Assistant

Please Respond By: May 11, 2018

Address: 500 N Mission St, McCall, ID 83638

The Idaho Conservation Corps (ICC) in partnership with the Payette National Forest will be advertising a **Conservation Heritage Education Resource Assistant (RA)**. This work experience can be a six month fulltime position from May to October or a 12 month part-time position from May 2018 to May 2019. Created in 1984, and modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, ICC is a non-profit job training and experiential education program for youth and young adults to learn and work in the field of natural resource management. ICC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. <http://www.idahocc.org/>

If you have questions about the Conservation Education Resources Assistant Internship, please reach ICC Internship Coordinator Emma Stammer, EmmaS@IdahoCC.org 208-488-2190 or Sandee Dingman, Payette National Forest at sandrajdningman@fs.fed.us 208-634-0435 or Morgan Zedalis, Payette National Forest at mazedalis@fs.fed.us 208-634-0752.

The Position

This position has two components:

Discovery Agents component: continues with the development of the Discovery Agents McCall project, a "move to play and learn" mobile application for place-based education. This work will build upon the environmental education programming that was completed in the 2017-18 to implement the "Agents of Culture" theme in the software. The intern will be responsible for designing seasonal "missions" with learning "challenges" (e.g. activities) that explore heritage resources, traditional ecological knowledge, and tribal relationships with the land using the Mission Builder software package (www.discoveryagents.net). The intern will work with the Payette National Forest Heritage Program, local partners, Native American Tribes, and the Discovery Agents software support team to develop learning themes, collect site information using digital camera and GPS, program the challenges, beta-test the programming, and launch the missions on a seasonal basis. To broaden the learning opportunities the intern may also occasionally assist with other education or public lands management efforts in the local area, such as school field trips, youth service projects, and special events.

Heritage Program component: this component of the internship entails working within the Payette National Forest's Heritage Program cultural and archaeological resources management. This work will involve developing and expanding on the ethnographic information for Native American cultural resources located on the Forest. This internship will entail gathering information with the help of local tribal membership and working with tribal cultural resource programs. Duties will be driven by educational interpretation and public outreach projects. Project outputs may include updated or written monographs (white papers), narratives for interpretative signs, and cultural contexts for landscapes on the Forest. Duties may also include reviewing, organizing, and synthesizing references on indigenous cultures, communities, sites, and history.

Program Benefits

- ICC will provide RA a total stipend of \$12,350.00 divided monthly, health care coverage, workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.
- RA will have special Federal Government hiring authority upon completion of their 960 hours of service for up to 2 years.
- Forest Service shared dormitory housing is available in May 2018 at the bunkhouse located in McCall. Housing after October may be moved to New Meadows. Alternatively, the intern may acquire housing at their expense in the local area to meet their needs (e.g. pets, family, etc) recognizing that housing costs in this area are comparatively high and supply is low.

Position Requirements

- Full time work is required during summer 2018 for initial project setup and to launch the summer mission, and either part-time (remote with periodic visits) or continued full-time on-site work can be used to complete assignments.
- A state issued drivers' license is required and a Federal Government driver's license may be obtained if qualifications are met for the operation of a Government-owned vehicle, though accommodations may be made for applicants with disabilities that prevent driving. Alternatively, the intern may choose to use their personal vehicle.
- The intern needs to be self-motivated with strong communication and organization skills.
- The intern should be literate in mobile gaming technology, particularly move-play applications (such as Pokemon Go). The intern may use their own electronic devices for application development etc. throughout the internship if they choose
- Experience working with indigenous peoples, particularly Native American tribes in Idaho, to collect first-person narratives and traditional ecological knowledge about local plants and animals.
- Experience developing age-appropriate learning objectives is a plus.
- Enthusiasm for introducing elementary and middle school children to natural and cultural landscapes.
- Creativity and ability to think "outside the box" to adapt place-based learning objectives into a mobile gaming environment.
- Experience (or willingness to learn) event marketing and utilizing graphic design programs and social media to launch missions.
- Experience in working with or teaching people with physical and cognitive disabilities is a plus.

About the Payette National Forest

The Payette National Forest spans 2.3 million acres of rugged, timbered and remote land in west-central Idaho, and is bordered by two of the deepest canyons in North America—the Salmon River Canyon on the north and the Hells Canyon of the Snake River on the west. The topography is characterized by rough mountains, deep canyons, mountain meadows, rivers and streams, high mountain lakes and wilderness. One can easily access hot, desert-like areas as well as heavily forested alpine regions through an extensive system of Forest roads and trails. The Forest has 5 ranger districts that offer a wealth of year-round recreation and tourism opportunities. The Forest employs approximately 200 permanent employees, and over 150 temporary seasonal employees during the summer field season. Dorm space in McCall or in nearby New Meadows is available.

About McCall, Idaho

The McCall Ranger District Office is located in McCall (Valley County), which is a community of about 3000 people located 100 miles north of Boise on State Highway 55. At elevation 5,000 feet, it occupies the south shore of beautiful glacier-formed Payette Lake. McCall is popular for tourists, summer homeowners, and winter recreationists. Snow usually stays November through April. Total snowfall is over 10 feet, but less than 5 feet are on the ground at a time. Winter temperatures are 10-30s, with a few days of 10-20 below zero. Summer is ideal; 70-80s, a few days in the 90s. Wind is gentle and air quality excellent. Sunshine is common in all seasons. Pines, firs and larches grow throughout town.

McCall is a full-service community that fills most needs. It has a regional hospital, a medical clinic, an integrative health clinic, dentists, chiropractors, acupuncturists, optometrists, and pharmacies. Numerous churches are located in the surrounding area. McCall also has several service stations, two grocery stores, convenience stores, motels, banks, lumber yards, restaurants (Mexican, Italian, Chinese, Bistro, micro-brewery, and others), sports club, several espresso shops, clothing stores, book store, library, ice skating rink, 18-hole golf courses, tennis courts, health food store, and an airport. There is a Forest sponsored day-care center in McCall. The community has a grade school, new middle school, a high school, and an alternative school. Boise State University offers evening continuing education classes throughout the year in McCall.

Community Information: <http://www.mccall.id.us/> and <http://www.discovermccall.com/>
Payette National Forest Information: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/payette/>

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Application Instructions Below

Application Deadline: May 11, 2018
Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.
Type of position: Individual Placement
Service Dates May 2018 – May 2019
Length of Term: 960 hours

How to apply:

Please submit a cover letter, resume, and four professional references in attention to:

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