

Position Description

1700 Hour AmeriCorps Member

Region 2 Rivers (Blackfoot, Bitterroot, Clark Fork) Recreation Steward



Term of service: January 17, 2023 – November 17, 2023

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 1,715 hours over a 45 week term, averaging 41 hours per week with 80 hours of “Time Not Scheduled to Serve” to be used as sick, vacation, or other personal leave.

Position Summary:

River recreation is one of the most time honored and yet fastest growing recreational pursuits in western Montana. In the past decade, Montana FWP has been working diligently to increase public awareness of best practices for river recreation; increase professional data collection as to types, seasons, amount, and quality of use; and to work collaboratively with other agency and NGO partners to improve the quality of the recreation experience while protecting and enhancing natural resources at access points and along the rivers. We seek an energetic, organized, and communicative candidate to coordinate and manage outreach efforts and assist managers with data collection.

This river steward will be responsible for educating the public on river health, access, and etiquette. This will be done through social media and on-site contacts. This person in this position will also help with the river monitoring plan on each river. Stewards will be stationed at Fishing Access Sites (FAS) and parks in the Missoula area where they will collect information. There will also be 15-25 hours per week in the office working on social media and entering monitoring data.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members perform capacity building activities. Their service revolves around the program goals listed below in order to ensure that they do not displace workers or take part in any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members *will* likely participate in activities that involve recurring contact with vulnerable populations.

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Specific Position Responsibilities:

- Educate and inform the recreating public who are using rivers in Region 2.
 - Social media coordinator
 - On-site education
 - Community outreach and business outreach
- Steward river and park resources by participating in monitoring protocols.



- Monitor visitor use
- Track patterns of use

Minimum Requirements:

- Over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred
- A United States citizen, United States National, or legal permanent resident alien
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to take initiative, handle multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information, and meet deadlines
- Strong ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer proficiency
- Passion for the outdoors and enthusiasm for enhancing Montana's state parks
- A driver's license and personal means of transportation within the state of Montana
- Must pass the requirements of the National Service Criminal History Check