**EMPLOYMENT + JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

**Seasonal Forest Stewardship Crew Member**

Wallowa Resources, a non-profit organization based in Enterprise, Oregon, is pleased to offer three seasonal “Forest Stewardship Crew positions.” The objective of the program is to provide a seasonal job and workforce training opportunity for individuals with a desire to enter and/or gain more experience in the natural resources and forestry fields. This job is open to all - whether you are coming out of high school or mid-career. Come spend your spring, summer and fall outside while gaining valuable experience and making a difference in the community.

Crew members will have opportunities to work across the diverse ecosystems and forests of the Northern Blue Mountains Region (Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington) to support forest restoration as part of regional landscape restoration and stewardship initiatives. Specifically, the crew members will work on a three person team under a crew lead. They will gain experience and training in a variety of forestry and natural resource tasks that may include unit layout and data collection for fuel reduction projects, timber sales, and other natural resource restoration efforts designed to promote healthy forests and watersheds. The crew may work on other projects to support restoration/stewardship work such as trail work, invasive plant monitoring and treatment, natural resources surveys, and/or other stewardship field tasks. While the majority of the work will be located in Wallowa County - travel will be required as needed to support forest stewardship projects.

**EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

* Has an interest in pursuing a career in natural resources and/or forestry and a deeper understanding the cultural history of the region
* Good communication skills, strong work ethic, and ability to work on a team
* Valid driver’s license and ability to drive 4WD vehicles. A crew vehicle and basic equipment will be provided.
* Willingness to work outside in all types of weather including overnight camping
* Must be able to navigate steep, rugged terrain and have the ability to lift up to 50 pounds
* A goal of the program is to develop tribal workforce crews. Preference will be given to tribal community members but all applications will be considered and all are encouraged to apply.

**LOCATION:** The position will be located at the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest-Wallowa Mountains District Offices in Joseph, Oregon, with travel (sometimes overnight) required as needed to forest restoration project sites across Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington. Willingness to camp is required.

**COMPENSATION & BENEFITS:** $18 - 21/hour, 40 hours/week. *Housing in Wallowa County will be provided as part of the compensation package*. Wallowa Resources offers excellent benefits and flexible work policies.

**JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:** The program was designed to be a workforce training opportunity to train individuals with an interest in a long term career in the forestry and natural resources fields. The goal of the program is to build additional capacity for forest restoration and stewardship projects across Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington. As a result, the job will provide individuals with significant training and ability to increase their forestry and natural resource skills. Training around tribal history and cultural resources will also be provided.

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** This is a seasonal position for the 2024 field season (May - October, 2024). However, this position may last longer as additional work opportunities arise.

| **POSTING DATE:** Monday, February 26, 2024**APPLICATIONS DUE BY:** Friday, April 19, 2024**TO APPLY:** Applicants must submit a cover letter expressing interest and identifying relevant experience and competencies together with a resume and a list of at least three references. Applications should be submitted to Wallowa Resources (attn: Joni Maasdam), 401 NE 1st Street, Suite A, Enterprise, OR 97828 or info@wallowaresource.org by 4 pm Friday, March 29, 2024. For more detailed information and the full job description please visit <https://www.wallowaresources.org/job-openings>  |
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