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ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH
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APPRECIATION OF WILD LANDS.



SUMMER 2023 WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP INTERNSHIP

with the Absaroka-Beartooth
Wilderness Foundation and the
U.S. Forest Service

Love being outdoors,
connecting with others, and
passionate about wild lands?

Come Join our team! The ABWF
is seeking three Wilderness
Steward Interns for the 2023
Summer (May 15 – September
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Job Responsibilities

Each steward will work with U.S. Forest Service trail crews and ABWF staff and volunteers in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest's Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

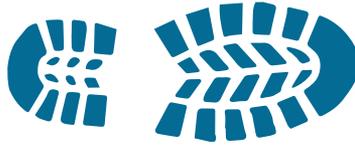
Positions will be stationed in the Gardiner Ranger District in Gardiner, Montana, the Beartooth Ranger District in Red Lodge, Montana, and the Yellowstone District in Livingston, Montana. All will include backcountry hitches as long as 9 days at a time, requiring hikes with heavy packs as much as 12+ miles a day.

Work Duties

Your summer will entail:

- (a) Manual labor on a variety of wilderness stewardship projects including trail maintenance, site restoration, and weed eradication.
- (b) Visitor contact and outreach work including education on wilderness ethics and regulations, and collecting visitor use monitoring data.
- (c) Logistical support of ABWF citizen science and volunteer engagement projects.
- (d) Positively representing the USFS and ABWF to a wide variety of wilderness visitors, volunteers, and community partners.





Qualifications

Qualified candidates will have:

- (a)** Ability to do rigorous manual labor effectively and cheerfully, outside in a high elevation, mountain environment, in weather conditions ranging from cold wet snow to hot dry sun. Backcountry hitches will require up to 9 days living and working in remote conditions with no modern facilities or conveniences.
- (b)** Ability to live, work, and communicate as a team member with USFS crews (5-6 trail crew professionals) and ABWF crews (6-7 volunteers plus ABWF staff). The stewards must also work cooperatively with other ABWF and USFS staff including wilderness rangers, district rangers, trail crew supervisors, and forest managers; and in some cases may need to work independently by themselves.
- (c)** Wilderness experience – applicants **MUST** have previous experience backpacking in remote environments, including experience planning, packing, and cooking for themselves on multiday, overnight backcountry trips, navigating on and off trail, and hiking as much as 12+ miles a day in high elevation, mountain terrain. They should also have much of their own backpacking equipment (hiking boots, sleeping bag, tent, etc. – other equipment like trail work tools and bear spray will be provided)
- (d)** Ability to work with a variety of trail maintenance hand tools, including crosscut saws, pick/adze, Pulaski, rock bar, shovel, and rake.
- (e)** Desire to develop as a professional conservationist, gaining skills and experience for both public sector (i.e., USFS) and private sector (i.e., nonprofit groups like the ABWF) conservation work.
- (f)** A passion and appreciation for wilderness and its many values (recreational, cultural, ecological, economic, etc.) that they are excited to share with other wilderness visitors.



Preferred candidates

will have:

- (a) Previous experience working on a trail crew.
- (b) CPR, 1st Aid, and/or Wilderness First Responder Certifications
- (c) Ability to commit to the entire 16-week season that ends in mid September

Compensation

Wilderness Stewards will receive a \$1,200+/month tax-free stipend, shared housing at USFS bunkhouses (which include a mix of shared and individual rooms, shower facilities, and shared kitchens and living areas), and meals while out on backcountry hitches.

To Apply:

Send (a) cover letter, (b) resume, and (c) three references to ABWF Executive Director Patrick Cross at pcross@abwilderness.org . Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.