



SUPPORTING STEWARDSHIP OF THE
ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH
WILDERNESS AND FOSTERING
APPRECIATION OF WILD LANDS.



SUMMER 2024 WILDERNESS STEWARD INTERNSHIPS

Love working outdoors?
Passionate about wildlands?

Join our team! ABWF is seeking three
interns to work with USFS trail crews
this summer. Flexible dates, with full
season running May 15-September 15,
2024.



Job Responsibilities

Positions will be stationed with the Gardiner Ranger District in Gardiner, Montana, with the Yellowstone Ranger District at the historic Boulder Ranger Station an hour from Livingston, MT, or with the Beartooth Ranger District in Red Lodge, Montana.

Each position will include backcountry hitches as long as 9 days at a time, requiring hikes with heavy packs and hand tools as many as 12 to 20 miles a day. On a daily basis, Interns will perform:

- Manual labor on a variety of wilderness stewardship projects including trail maintenance, site restoration, and weed eradication.
- Visitor contacts and outreach work including education on wilderness ethics and regulations, and collecting visitor use monitoring data.
- Logistical support of and participation in ABWF educational events and volunteer trail projects.
- Positive representation of the USFS and ABWF to a wide variety of wilderness visitors, volunteers, and community partners.



Qualified Candidates will have the...

- Ability to do **rigorous manual labor** effectively and cheerfully outdoors 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 backcountry conditions with no modern facilities or conveniences. This is physically demanding work.
- Ability to **live, work, and communicate** as a team member with USFS crews (5-6 trail crew professionals) and ABWF crews (5-7 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 to work as independent, self-starters..
- Wilderness experience – applicants **MUST** have previous experience backpacking in remote environments, including experience **planning, packing, and cooking for themselves on multi day 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. – equipment like trail work tools and bear spray will be provided)
- Ability to work with a variety of trail maintenance hand tools, including crosscut saws, pick/adze, Pulaski, rock bar, shovel, and rake. Experience in construction, cleaning stalls, farming, sports, etc. are a plus!
- Desire to develop skills as and an understanding of what it means to be a professional conservationist.
- A passion and appreciation for Wilderness and its many values that they are excited to share with other wilderness visitors.



Preferred candidates will have...

Previous trail crew experience or experience in manual labor, backcountry data collection, or playing team sports

CPR, 1st Aid, and/or Wilderness First Responder Certifications

Ability to commit to the entire 16-week season that ends in mid September

In addition to developing skills and experience, Wilderness Steward Interns will receive a \$1,200 to \$1,700/month stipend and shared housing at USFS bunkhouses (which include a mix of shared and individual rooms, shower facilities, and shared kitchens and living areas).

To Apply, Send a cover letter, resume, and three references in PDF form to our Program Manager, Lauren, at
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Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled