

SEEKING BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE FORESTRY COORDINATOR

Organization: Blackfoot Challenge, Ovando, Montana (www.blackfootchallenge.org)
Terms: 0.50 FTE (part-time employee), Salary DOE (range \$15-21K annually)
Salary and travel secured through September 2011
To Apply: Submit cover letter and resume to info@blackfootchallenge.org or
PO Box 103, Ovando, MT 59854
Deadline: February 19, 2010 or until position is filled.
Start Date: Immediately

MISSION:

The Blackfoot Challenge coordinates efforts that will conserve and enhance the natural resources and rural way of life in the Blackfoot Watershed for present and future generations. Our approach is to provide regular communication between landowners and partners in support of natural resource stewardship through private and public cooperation.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

This is a part-time (0.5 FTE) employed position responsible for program development, implementation of forestry programs, and ensuring that these programs are in-line with Challenge's Strategic Plan and annual Work Plan. The Forestry Coordinator will coordinate with other committees and partners as needed and work with board and staff to promote, educate, assist and provide guidance for program opportunities and events.

WORK LOCATION/CONDITIONS:

The Forestry Coordinator will provide services in the Blackfoot Watershed in western Montana. Attendance will be required at some Challenge Board meetings. The Forestry Coordinator may attend other meetings to be held in the Blackfoot Watershed, or the surrounding area. Ability to travel across Montana, regionally and nationally is required.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- A bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resources or related field is required.
- Experience in community/natural resource conservation is desired.
- Two years experience in forest management is required.
- Experience in fundraising is desired.
- Self motivated, with well developed organizational and communication skills.
- Understanding of watershed group dynamics and natural resource partnerships.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Coordinate the Forestry Committee that supports sustainable forest management program in the Blackfoot Watershed by providing natural resource, economic and social benefits to the public.
- Using the Blackfoot Watershed Fuels Assessment as a guide for local communities, coordinate the North Powell Fuels Mitigation Task Force to focus on high priority private land opportunities, and encourage availability of public lands through regular meetings and mitigation cost-share program.
- Work in partnership with Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for conservation/stewardship plans across multiple and adjacent parcels for forest health projects for fire management of overstocked forested lands.
- Maximize slash utilization where fire management and forest health practices of fuel breaks, forest stand improvements, and prescribed forestry produce forest slash through coordination of management practices to treat multiple and adjacent parcels under a conservation/stewardship plan.
- Prepare grant requests and reports as needed to support the Forestry Committee and Fuels Mitigation Task Forces in the Blackfoot Watershed.
- Participate in community tours and presentations, and produce materials that highlight partnerships programs and projects in the watershed.