



**Idaho Conservation Corps – AmeriCorps Conservation Intern
Panhandle National Forest – Priest Lake Ranger District
Priest River, Idaho**

Position Title: – National Visitor Use Monitoring Interns (450 HRS)

Position Summary:

The Panhandle National Forest is recruiting two interns to assist with the National Visitor Use Monitoring Program (NRVM). The interns will serve from June 2019 through September 2019. This internship is assigned to the Idaho Panhandle Forest Priest Lake Ranger District. The purpose of the internship is to collect recreation use information from visitors as they are leaving developed recreation sites, wilderness areas, the general forest area, or as they view scenery along forest highways. This will primarily be done through roadside and trailhead interviews at randomly selected sample sites on specific dates. This internship involves a great deal of travel as the interview sites are located throughout the Panhandle Forest. Information gathered in the interviews will be used to estimate the total number of visitors to the forest for one year.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Collects recreation use data by interviewing visitors as they are leaving the forest or as they view scenery along forest highways. The intern will use a schedule of randomly selected sample sites for specific dates.
- Makes weekly contact with the district recreation forester, visits the sites and checks out the proposed interview locations ahead of time if possible.
- Conducts interviews for a minimum of six hours beginning at scheduled times. The intern will be issued and responsible for proper care of supplies and equipment
- Incumbent checks out the interview site for safety, sight distance, etc. and installs a traffic counter. Sets up interview pull-off with appropriate signs and traffic cones, and organizes forms to be used during the interviews.
- Conducts voluntary traffic stops and records data required on the interview forms. Maintains a polite, courteous, and friendly demeanor at all times. Provides information to visitors about recreation regulations, opportunities, and travel restrictions. Provides information on resource management in the area.
- Prior to leaving the sample site location at the end of the interview period, the intern reviews all data forms for clarity and completeness. Records traffic count from the traffic counter at the end of the last interview.
- Removes traffic signs and cones. Returns to the site at the end of a 24 hour period to record traffic count again and removes traffic counter.
- Periodically sends completed data entry forms to site mentor.

Required Qualifications:

- Willingness to work independently
- Self-motivated
- Attention to detail
- Experience with organizing data
- Experience with Access and Excel databases

Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge and skill in oral and written communication.
- Knowledge of communications to effectively meet and deal with forest visitors.
- Knowledge of basic resource management practices to provide information to forest visitors.

- Ability to use topographic, transportation, and forest maps.
- Ability to safely operate a two-wheel drive vehicle on rough, undeveloped forest roads.
- Ability to conduct interviews with recreation users.
- Ability to coordinate with Forest Service employees and site mentor.

Duty/Housing Location:

Duties are performed out of the Priest Lake Ranger District. Housing may be provided.

Terms of Employment:

Two AmeriCorps members will complete a term of service (length dependent on commitment of hours), starting June 2019 through September 2019 (450 HR). Each member must complete a minimum of 450 service hours of service hours by the end of their term.

Program Benefits:

\$5,990.00 living allowance, prorated on a pay period (monthly) basis, a \$1,566.14 education award upon completion of the 450 hours of service. The living allowance and education award are taxable. Members are responsible for providing their own food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a criminal and driving background check.

The member will not engage in any prohibited activities as stated in the Member Service Agreement.

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