

Source Water Internship with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte

Thank you for your interest in working with CUSP as an intern! We value your unique perspective and skills and appreciate your personal interest in natural resource management. We strive to make internship experiences valuable learning opportunities and we are genuinely interested in helping you reach your goals. The following provides a general outline of the Upper South Platte Watershed Source Water Assistant Internship, but individual experiences can be modified based on an intern's skills, interests, and schedule.

Job Title: Upper South Platte Watershed Source Water Assistant

Job Description: The Upper South Platte Watershed Source Water Assistant will begin implementing the best management practices outlined in Denver Water's Upper South Platte Watershed Source Water Protection Plan. The plan was developed as part of a collaborative process convened by Denver Water, facilitated by CUSP, and funded by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment through the Colorado Source Water Assessment and Protection program. The planning process and final plan are designed to provide municipal water providers and public consumers with information about drinking water, as well as providing a way for water providers and community members to get involved in protecting the quality of their drinking water. The program encourages community-based protection and preventive management strategies to ensure public drinking water resources are kept safe from future contamination. Learn more about the plan for the Upper South Platte Watershed at <http://cusp.ws/source-water/>

With the planning phase nearing completion, implementation of the plan's best management practices is now beginning. The Upper South Platte Watershed Source Water Assistant will work on projects to protect the water quality of the Upper South Platte Watershed. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Developing educational and reference materials for professionals and the public on topics such as septic system best practices, agricultural management, road maintenance, hazardous spills response, forest health, mining, and erosion mitigation as they relate to protecting water quality
- Creating inventories of existing resources, such as spill kit availability for hazardous spill response and funding sources for landowners to make water quality improvements on their property
- Connecting residents in the Upper South Platte Watershed with existing resources for protecting water quality in their area
- Coordinating with other organizations to develop or disseminate resources and plan projects
- Attending conference call meetings with the larger source water protection team
- Other source water projects, as assigned

Learning Goals

- Understand how stakeholders can work together to protect water quality and promote watershed health
- Gain experience developing watershed health resources and tailoring education and outreach materials to specific audiences
- Learn how to effectively work within communities to improve awareness and action around natural resources issues

Expected Work Week: 40 hours per week

Expected Duration: June 15 – August 7, 2015 (8 weeks)

Compensation: \$13 per hour

Location: Work will primarily be based out of the CUSP office located at 38000 Cherokee Ave. Lake George, CO 80827. However, working remotely for part of the time may also be available.

Supervisors: Helen Dyer, CUSP Development and Outreach Director & the Source Water Protection Management Team

Preferred Skills and Qualifications:

- Desire to learn more about natural resource management and source water protection
- Coursework and/or experience in natural resource management, water quality, environmental science, or related discipline
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Experience developing education and outreach materials
- Experience with or knowledge of GIS mapping
- Ability to work effectively and professionally as part of a team
- Access to personal transportation to get to and from CUSP's office in Lake George

To Apply: Please send a cover letter and resume in pdf format by email to Amy Jacobi at amy@uppersouthplatte.org by May 8, 2015. Interviews will be scheduled shortly following the application due date, and we anticipate announcing our final hiring decision by June 1st.

Description of the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP): The Coalition for the Upper South Platte is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the water quality and ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed, through the cooperative efforts of watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability. CUSP collaborates with partners and stakeholders to promote the health of the watershed through projects focused on river and stream restoration, forest health, water quality, habitat and recreation, environmental education, volunteerism, sustainability, monitoring and assessment, and wildfire restoration and protection. <http://cusp.ws>

