



## **COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE**

### **NATURAL RESOURCE TECHNICIAN CREW LEADER**

The Coalition of the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is a non-profit organization with a mission to protect 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 specializes in forest health, pre-fire mitigation, post fire recovery, recreation impacts, trail maintenance, river restoration and wildfire education.

#### **PURPOSE**

- Establish a field crew to complete forest health, fire mitigation, habitat restoration, recreation management, and weed mitigation projects in the Upper South Platte Watershed.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Seasonal entry level position with some education and/or work experience
- CUSP will provide work skills and training opportunities to the crew members, enhancing their resiliency in the pandemic altered work-force.
- Crew members will report to the CUSP Lake George office daily unless otherwise specified
- CUSP field crew will work throughout the Upper South Platte Watershed in the counties of Teller, Park, Jefferson, Douglas and occasionally El Paso
- Reports directly to CUSP Operations Director unless otherwise specified
- Work with CUSP Forester, Special Projects Coordinator and/or Operations Director on assigned field projects

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Applicant must be 21 years of age or older and have lost employment due to the pandemic
- 2 years of general work experience with related educational experience. Supervisory experience desired
- Strong work ethic
- Possession of a valid Driver's license and suitable driving record
- Must be able to drive and operate a vehicle with a manual transmission
- Possess strong oral, written and listening communication skills
- Possess a dependable vehicle to make it to work
- Desire to learn new skills
- Must be able to perform extended periods of manual labor outdoors in all environmental conditions

#### **SCHEDULE**

- Must be able to work weekends
- April 10 thru October 31, 2021

#### **SALARY**

- \$20 per hour

**TRAINING** - Selected individuals will be offered training and certifications for selected job duties including:

- First aid and CPR
- Safety training including organization COVID protocols
- Chipper operation and safety
- S130/S90 Introduction to Wildland Firefighting Techniques and Wildland Fire Behavior
- S212 – Wildland Fire Chainsaw Operations
- Forestry operations, NFPA Structure Assessment – for HIZ and defensible space
- Trail construction and maintenance, crew leader training
- Volunteer management
- Equipment – TEREX, vehicle operation/inspection
- L180 - Human Factors in the Wildland Fire Service
- I-100 - Introduction to Incident Command System, I-700 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Introduction

## **JOB DUTIES**

- Supervise and schedule 2 crew members
- Follow all organization safety protocols
- Participate in chipping operations throughout the watershed as scheduled including coordinating volunteers, accepting payments and making sure all paperwork is completed and submitted to the office in a timely manner
- Assist with slash site operations in Divide, Bailey and/or Fairplay
- Coordinate and supervise volunteers on special projects
- Work with various federal and state agencies such as US Forest Service, Colo Parks and Wildlife, etc.
- Operate and maintain trucks, skid steer, chainsaws, chipper and hand tools
- Participate in tree thinning, removal of hazardous trees, bucking trees
- May be asked to assess trees for hazard removal
- Participate in wildland fire home mitigation assessments
- Participate in transporting and planting of tree seedlings
- Construction of in-stream enhancement projects to control sediment and improve aquatic species habitat
- Participate in recreation improvements on USFS lands, State Parks, National Monument and others and can include fire ring installation, trail construction and maintenance,
- Participate in weed control projects
- Install signs, build and/or repair fence

## **OTHER**

- Other duties as assigned
- For information on CUSP please visit [www.cusp.ws](http://www.cusp.ws)

## **APPLY**

- Submit a cover letter, resume and reference to [cusp@cusp.ws](mailto:cusp@cusp.ws)
- Application deadline: April 2, 2021