



Coalition for the Upper South Platte

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JOB OPPORTUNITY NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is a nonprofit watershed organization, serving the 2,600 square-mile watershed southwest of the Denver Metro Area and west/northwest of the Colorado Springs Metro Area and adjacent lands. The watershed runs from the Continental Divide/Headwaters of the South Platte River to Strontia Springs Reservoir in the Foothills. The watershed varies in elevation from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet above sea level.

The CUSP mission is to protect the water quality and ecologic health of the Upper South Watershed, through the cooperative efforts of watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability.

Opening Date: February 1, 2024

Closing Date: Remain open until positions are filled

Employment Status: Seasonal (32-40 hours per week, May 1 thru November 15)

Location: Lake George, CO (west of Colorado Springs on U.S. Highway 24)

Pay Range: \$20 to \$23/hour

Other: to hire 3 positions

GENERAL POSITION DETAILS

The Natural Resource Technician is a member of the CUSP's field crew that participates in the Neighborhood Fuels Reduction program (chipping), slash site operations, projects related to forest health, fuels reduction (fire mitigation), weed control, habitat restoration, trail construction/maintenance and recreation improvements. Will involve work on projects throughout the Upper South Platte watershed.

POSITION DUTIES

Forestry Related Field Work:

- Participate in chipping operations throughout the watershed as scheduled, including operation of the wood chipper with or without volunteers
- Assist with slash site operations in Divide, Bailey and Fairplay
- Participate in tree thinning, removal of hazardous trees, bucking trees
- May be involved in transporting and planting tree seedlings in fire scar areas
- Assist CUSP foresters with mitigation site preparation
- Safely operate a chainsaw on forestry projects including felling, limbing and bucking

Recreation

- Participate in recreation improvements on federal or state including fire ring installation, stream restoration, landscape maintenance
- Participate in trail maintenance projects and occasionally new trail construction

Other

- Follow all organization safety protocols at all times
- Assist with volunteer outreach events
- Operate and maintain trucks, skid steer, chainsaws, chipper and other equipment
- Assist with of in-stream enhancement projects to control sediment and improve aquatic species habitat
- Participate in noxious weed control projects
- Install signs
- Build, repair or decommission fencing
- Maintain and sharpen tools
- Perform routine daily, weekly and monthly maintenance on all equipment
- May be asked to work in office in a data entry capacity

Training Provided

- First aid and CPR
- Safety training
- Chipper operation and safety
- Forestry operations
- Trail construction and maintenance
- Volunteer management
- Equipment operations and maintenance including chainsaws, skid steer, vehicles and chipper

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- 18 years of age or older
- 1 year of general work experience
- Possess a valid driver's license and a good driving record
- Have reliable, insured personal transportation to and from work
- Live within reasonable commuting time of the Lake George, CO office
- Must be able to perform extended periods of manual labor necessary to develop, maintain, or protect natural resources
- Must be able to work outside in all environmental conditions

DESIRED SKILLS

- Positive work ethic, energetic and flexible
- Possess good communication skills
- Desire to learn new skills
- Willingness to work occasional weekends
- Ability to operate a manual transmission

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This is a seasonal entry level position that introduces the candidate to non-profit operations, as well as networking opportunities with a variety of federal, state and local agencies
- Crew members will report to the CUSP Lake George office daily unless other arrangements have been made ahead of time
- 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 Field Crew Supervisor

HOW TO APPLY

Interested individuals do one of the following:

How to Apply (application on line at cusp.ws - go to jobs tab)

- Print a hard copy of application, complete, scan and email to cusp@cusp.ws
- Print application, complete and mail to:
CUSP
PO Box 726
Lake George, CO 80827
- Complete and submit the online application

Application timeline will remain open until positions filled

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