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Job Title:	Conservation Advocate
Reports to:	Program Director
Time of Work:	Full-time, salaried
Classification:	Exempt
Location:	Lander, WY

Job description:

Founded in 1967, the Wyoming Outdoor Council is the state's oldest independent conservation organization. We work to protect Wyoming's environment and quality of life for future generations. Our goal is to develop productive and lasting solutions for managing our public lands, protecting clean water and air, safeguarding wildlife habitat and sustaining local communities' quality of life. As a respected voice for conservation in Wyoming, we draw on two strengths—experienced and effective policy staff, and the belief that engaged citizens can make a difference.

We are seeking a Conservation Advocate to join our team. The ideal candidate will have a passion for and a demonstrated history of effective advocacy in support environmental quality and public lands.

Specific responsibilities:

- Work as part of the program team to develop conservation strategies for public lands, wildlife, clean air and water campaigns. This work includes advocacy, diplomacy, citizen engagement, and/or administrative or legal challenges.
- Understand the National Environmental Policy Act, and be able to draft comments regarding environmental analyses of proposed federal actions.
- Speak at hearings or public open houses to advocate conservation priorities.
- Meet with agency officials, including the BLM, Forest Service, EPA, state DEQ and Game and Fish Department as well as local, state and federal elected officials and other decision makers to further our conservation goals.
- Provide leadership to inspire and support budding citizen advocates, including legislative internships, a Citizen Advocacy Institute, "Beers and Bills" nights, and other trainings and seminars.
- In coordination with the Outdoor Council communications director, develop content for our website, print publications, press releases and social media posts.
- Engage in efforts to build coalitions with other groups or entities—such as hunters, anglers, recreational users, outdoor businesses, landowners, industries, and conservation partners.
- Take on other related tasks as assigned by the program director.

An ideal candidate will thrive in a busy work environment, work well within teams, and accomplish the tasks above as demonstrated by a suitable combination of academic background, training, and experience. They will also be personable, organized and self-directed; have a good sense of humor; be a great communicator (in person and in print); and meet the following **minimum qualifications:**

- Three or more years of related professional and/or academic experience in environmental/natural resource law or policy and/or community engagement.
- Demonstrated community, professional, or academic leadership.
- Excellent written, spoken, and interpersonal skills.
- Familiarity with the geography, natural resources, and culture of Wyoming.
- Willingness to travel within Wyoming and meet a lot of people.
- Commitment to the mission of the Wyoming Outdoor Council.

Location:

This position will be based at the Wyoming Outdoor Council home office in Lander.

Compensation:

This is a full-time, exempt position with a competitive salary commensurate with experience. The Wyoming Outdoor Council will provide excellent medical, dental, and vision benefits; a generous leave policy; and the opportunity to participate in a retirement plan.

Overview:

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is Wyoming's oldest independent statewide conservation group. In 1967, Tom Bell, also the founder of High Country News, came together with other conservation leaders to establish the Wyoming Outdoor Council. Since then, the Wyoming Outdoor Council has grown to be a nationally recognized leader in protecting Wyoming's environment and quality of life.

To Apply:

Email a letter of interest explaining how your experience and skills match this position description, a resume, two writing samples and contact and relationship information for three references to Linda Sisco at linda@wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org (please put "Conservation Advocate" in the subject). The position will remain open until filled.