

Wyoming Outdoor Council

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title: Wind River Organizer
Reports to: Program Director
Time of Work: Part time or full-time, depending on candidate
Location: Wind River Reservation, Riverton, Lander or nearby areas

Job description:

We are looking for a passionate leader who appreciates wildlife, outdoor spaces, clean air and water. The ideal candidate will have experience with tribal communities and a passion for Indigenous rights and environmental advocacy. This position will elevate the interests and lift the voices of the Indigenous communities on the Wind River Reservation while also enhancing tribal advocacy, education, and the protection of nearby public lands. Most of the initial work will focus on the protection of the Red Desert in southwest Wyoming and education about the many Indigenous sacred and cultural places there. Depending upon the applicant, the rest of the job will be focused on conservation issues on the Reservation – such as climate change, renewables, etc. – as driven by the needs of the communities who live there. This work will also include building partnerships and providing education to non-tribal allies and working in a broad, statewide coalition. This job is flexible, ranging from part time to full time, depending on the ideal candidate’s needs. Because of COVID, much of the work is remote (or from home), but will also require travel, in-person meetings, and lots of tribal engagement. The Wyoming Outdoor Council works as a team and requires reliable and self-driven people to forward our mission to protect Wyoming’s environment and quality of life now and for future generations.

Specific responsibilities:

- Work as part of the conservation advocacy team to develop and implement conservation strategies for Native and public lands, wildlife, clean air, and water with an initial emphasis on the Red Desert in southwest Wyoming.
- Cultivate relationships with tribal leaders and community centers and engage them on environmental issues.
- Support Indigenous engagement and stewardship on Native lands and nearby public lands.
- Communicate detailed information and complicated processes to a variety of audiences, including elders, the general public, decision makers, and partner groups.
- Defend special places and cultural lands in the Red Desert and elsewhere using a variety of organizing methods: education, public outings, community gatherings, social media, etc.
- Empower tribal leaders and community members to participate in public comment processes, public hearings and other important decision-making processes.
- Build partnerships with other groups or entities—such as hunters, anglers, recreational users, outdoor businesses, landowners, industries, and conservation groups.
- Speak at hearings or public open houses to inform the public, influence decision makers, and advocate conservation priorities.

- Meet with agency and elected officials, including the BLM, the governor's office and others as appropriate, to further the conservation and public health interests of Indigenous communities.
- In coordination with the communications director, develop content for our website, print publications, press releases, and social media posts; and
- Work as a team member with other conservation advocacy staff in general organizational duties.

Minimum qualifications:

- Two or more years of related professional and/or academic experience in environmental advocacy, policy, Indigenous rights, education, science and/or community engagement;
- Demonstrated community, professional, or academic leadership;
- Outstanding written and spoken communication skills, and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to communicate complex information in an accessible way for general audiences;
- Familiarity with the geography, natural resources, and culture of Wyoming and Native American communities;
- Proven team member who works well in collaboration with others;
- Willingness to travel within Wyoming and meet a wide array of people; and
- Commitment to the mission of the Wyoming Outdoor Council.

Compensation:

This is a part-time or full-time position with a competitive salary commensurate with experience. We provide training and educational opportunities to assist all staff. For full time positions the Wyoming Outdoor Council provides excellent medical, dental, and vision benefits; a generous leave policy; and the opportunity to participate in a retirement plan. Travel and other expenses are covered.

Overview:

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is Wyoming's oldest independent statewide conservation group. Since its founding in 1964, the Outdoor Council has grown to be a nationally recognized leader in protecting Wyoming's public lands, wildlife, clean air and water and quality of life. For more information, go to www.wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org and www.reddesert.org.

To Apply:

For any questions about the position, please contact Shaleas Harrison at 307-254-7819 or shaleas@wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org. To apply, email a letter of interest explaining how your experience and skills match this position description, along with a resume to Misti Haase at misti@wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org (please put "Wind River Organizer" in the subject line). The position will remain open until filled.

Special COVID-19 Notice:

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is following COVID safety produces at this time, limiting in-person meetings and work in the office. Our staff is working remotely at this time.