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GBCA Trail Crew member

Dates of employment: Early May – late August, 2024 with potential to extend into mid October.

About the position: This is a combined GBCA and US Forest Service 4-5 member trail crew, run by the Clearwater NF trail department based out of Pierce, ID. All work is completed in north central Idaho. This is a physically demanding job that requires care and precision to successfully repair and maintain trails and trail structures that can support ongoing use by the public.

Trail work will consist of:

- Replacing rotten puncheon bridges or building bog crossings using culverts and rock retaining walls.
- Digging ditches to remove water from the trail.
- Clearing a backlog of brush and wind felled trees from the trail.
- Re-aligning trail tread that has been pushed down by traffic/brush or landslides.
- Installing rock and log water bars.
- Transporting rocks, logs, and gravel with wheelbarrows, log carriers, or buckets to build and surface trail.

Crew members will receive USFS Class B chainsaw certification, first aid, UTV operating certification, and cold water rescue certifications. Work is a mix of backcountry (stock supported) and front country (car and 4-wheeler supported) hitches.

About GBCA:

The Great Burn Conservation Alliance (GBCA) works to foster the connection between people and place to further conservation and stewardship in the Great Burn ecosystem. This work is completed in a landscape encompassing 1.8 million acres of national forest land that surrounds and includes the Great Burn proposed wilderness in the northern Rocky Mountains. This huge swath of wildlands consists of 42 inventoried roadless areas between Lolo and Lookout passes in the northern Bitterroot Range along the Montana/Idaho stateline. For more information on the organization, visit GreatBurn.org.

Every year, GBCA hires seasonal crews to complete a variety of stewardship duties, including backcountry noxious weed treatment, volunteer stewardship trips, high alpine lakes site restoration and backcountry patrols. The work completed by GBCA field crew members has been vital in maintaining a good relationship with our Forest Service partners as well as the public who recreate in our mission area. As a Great Burn Conservation Alliance crew member, you will complete meaningful work that is essential to helping protect this spectacular landscape.

Requirements:

- Maintain a positive attitude and work as a productive team member.
- Good oral and written communication skills
- Ability to keep neat and accurate records and reports
- Basic computer proficiency: email communication, Microsoft Word, digital image downloading and sharing.

Physical Requirements:

Crews must be in good physical condition and be able to hike extended distances in rough terrain. Experience with extended wilderness travel, backpacking, and Leave No Trace is very helpful.

- Ability to hike up to 10 miles a day for several days at a time, in terrain that can be steep, rocky, or uneven, often carrying a 60 pound backpack and tools.
- Ability to lift up to 35 pounds repeatedly and use hand tools.
- Willingness to work long, hard hours in all weather conditions

Transportation: A reliable, personal vehicle is recommended to arrive safely at trailheads. GBCA will reimburse mileage from Missoula at current federal mileage rate.

Gear: Personal backpacking gear is required for this position: a good sleeping bag, backpack, rain gear, tent, and 8" leather boots. Stoves, water filters, PPE and other group gear may be provided by GBCA.

Compensation: DOE. Starting wages \$16/hr plus overtime. Schedule is bi-weekly of 9 days on/5 days off. \$30 per diem when in the field, and a \$200 gear reimbursement upon successful completion of the season.

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To apply: Send cover letter, resume and 3 references to Joelle Gallagher: joelle@greatburn.org.

