

VOLUNTEER TRIP LEADERS

Dates of employment: June- October, part-time.

About GBSG: GBSG's primary mission area is the 275,000-acre Great Burn Recommended Wilderness, located in the Lolo and Nez Perce/Clearwater National Forests on the Montana/Idaho border. This inventoried roadless area has been recommended for wilderness designation for over 40 years. It contains 33 high mountain lakes and over 40 free-flowing streams, and spans three distinct ecosystems. Great Burn Study Group also works to protect a much larger landscape encompassing 1.8 million acres of national forest land that surrounds the Great Burn in the northern Rocky Mountains. Every year GBSG organizes volunteer stewardship projects, where members of the public experience the Great Burn backcountry while also giving back to the land.

About the position: GBSG is looking for trip leaders to manage the volunteer backcountry stewardship summer trips. We are looking for trip leaders that are passionate about teaching backcountry skills and getting members of the public out on the ground and experiencing their public lands!

This position will be responsible for overseeing each volunteer group (between 2 and 10 volunteers per trip), managing and recording stewardship components completed on each trip, and overall participant satisfaction and safety. Trips range from 1-4 days, and are typically on weekends. Trip leaders will be responsible for organizing pre-trip meetings with registered participants, coordinating all trip logistics, co-leading the service trip, and producing a post trip report.

Requirements:

- Current Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness First Aid Certification.
- Skilled backcountry camping and travel skills, with a passion for teaching those skills. Leave no trace training and/or certification is a plus.
- Familiarity with public land issues, natural history, plant ID, and/or ecology.
- 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.
- Be a positive ambassador of the Great Burn Study Group and wilderness.

Physical Requirements:

Leaders 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 required.

- Ability to hike up to 10 miles a day for several days at a time, in terrain that can be steep, rocky, or uneven.
- Ability to lift up to 35 pounds repeated and use hand tools.
- Willingness to work in all environmental conditions

Transportation: A reliable, personal vehicle is recommended to arrive safely at trailheads. Carpooling may be arranged with volunteers for larger groups. GBSG will reimburse employee mileage from Missoula at a rate of \$0.58/mile.

Gear: Personal backpacking gear is required for this position. Water filters, first aid and other group gear will be provided.

Compensation: Wages \$15/hr. \$20 per diem when in the field. This is a part-time position.

For more information about the organization visit www.greatburnstudygroup.org

To apply: Please contact Hayley Newman, Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator , 406.240.9901, thegreatburn@gmail.com. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.