Great Burn Conservation Alliance Noxious Weed Crew member

**Dates of employment:** May 15- August 25, 2020 (approx).

**About the position:** This crew of 2 will be responsible for treating noxious weeds in the Kelly Creek drainage of the Great Burn Recommended Wilderness. GBCA uses chemical, biological, and manual treatments to control noxious weeds common along high use trails and meadows. All work will be on the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho. Crew will spend 40 days in the backcountry from June-August.

Field work will consist of:

- Apply pesticide in remote roadless areas of the Clearwater NF using backpack sprayers
- Maintain detailed daily spray logs
- Inventory new areas for noxious weed infestations.
- Distribute biocontrol agents to remote off trail areas
- Handpull infestations near water sources

Crews are required to obtain Idaho Professional Pesticide Applicator License prior to first hitch in mid-June. Week long training will be in early June.

**About GBCA:** GBCA'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. 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.

**Requirements:**

- Rocky Mountain plant identification skills are preferred.
- Ability to navigate off trail using GPS and/or maps
- 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, and willingness to learn new software as needed.
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 15 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 gear.
- Ability to lift up to 35 pounds repeated and use hand tools.
- Willingness to work long, hard hours in all weather conditions

Transportation: A reliable, personal vehicle is required to arrive safely at trailheads. GBCA will reimburse mileage from Missoula at a rate of $0.58/mile.

Gear: Personal backpacking gear is required for this position: a good sleeping bag, backpack, rain gear, and leather boots. Basecamp gear is provided, which includes stove, water filters, wall tent, PPE and other relevant group gear.

Compensation: Wages $17/hr. $20 per diem when in the field.

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

To apply: Submit cover letter, resume, and 3 references to Hayley Newman, 406.240.9901, hayley@greatburn.org. Position is open until filled, with first application review March 1st.