Great Burn Conservation Alliance Trail Crew member


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, 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: 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:
- 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 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 tools.
- 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 recommended 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, tent, and 8" leather boots. Stoves, water filters, PPE and other group gear may be provided.

**Compensation:** Wages $14-15/hr DOE. USFS bi-weekly schedule of 8 days on/6 days off. $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.