

WANTED: Outdoor Recreation Management Intern Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office



PWSC Internship Program

Join us at Prince William Sound College in Valdez and take advantage of our Internship Program in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management. Internships are designed to increase students' awareness of conservation and exposure to careers in natural resource management.

Eligibility: Degree seeking (taking at least 6 credits) students at PWSC

Benefits include:

- Stipend- For credit: \$6,000 with cost of tuition – up to 3 credits. For non-credit: \$6,000
- College credit up to 3 credits.
- Housing provided through BLM (first come first serve basis).
- Learn about the subsistence cultures and natural resources of South Central and Interior Alaska.
- Enjoy hiking, rafting, fishing and camping while serving our public lands in spectacular Alaska.
- Build professional relationships and work experience in natural resource career fields.
- Open pathways to future employment and career opportunities.

Opening/Closing Dates: Resumes will be accepted from December 1, 2016 – until filled.

Interns must be 18 or older on or before May 16, 2017 to apply.

Internship Period and schedule: The position runs from 5/16 to 8/15, approximately, and is for 40 hours per week. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule to meet the needs of youth programs, working some holidays, and working some long days (10 or 11.5 hours) combined with some shorter days (6 – 8 hours).

Duties: Internship includes assisting resource and recreation management in maintaining and monitoring the Gulkana and Delta National Wild and Scenic Rivers, off highway vehicle (OHV) trails, hiking trails, and developed facilities. Responsibilities include the use of OHVs and watercraft to access and maintain trails and river facilities including register stands, signs, portage trails, backcountry campsites and outhouses. Interns will conduct visitor contacts while in the field and will be expected to act professionally and conduct themselves responsibly both on and off duty. Picking up litter, handling trash bags, restocking brochures and facility cleaning can be expected. In

addition, duties may include construction and rehabilitation of OHV and foot trails, GPS inventory of area trails, working with/assisting trail volunteers, trail monitoring, and public contacts of recreational users.

The intern must be willing to work in the outdoors in any weather conditions and must be willing to hike, camp, raft or boat over a variety of terrain. Programs can require carrying heavy backpacks or tools and loading and unloading heavy equipment to and from vehicles and campsites. Photography or videography skills are not required, but beneficial. The intern will work with BLM staff on any logistical or equipment needs.

Field Work: 80% of the work will be conducted in the field and may involve extended one to eight day trips in remote country along the rivers and trails. Office duties involve 20% of the work and include preparing written reports, cleaning field gear, and preparing interpretive materials. Large projects or holiday periods may require shifts up to 8 days in a row. Bear encounters are possible and Interns should be comfortable with working outdoors in remote areas. Mosquitos may be intense at times. Insect repellent will be available however personal bug nets will not be provided.

Training Provided by BLM: First Aid, CPR, OHV, Bear Safety, Shotgun Training (bear protection), and Swiftwater Rescue. Prevention of Sexual Harassment, Diversity, Equal Employment Opportunity, Protection of Cultural Resources, Hazmat Awareness, Driving, Trailing, and others (as identified and needed for anticipated summer tasks).

Field Camp Conditions and Lodging: This position requires some overnight camping in the field, sometimes in remote locations. A small camp rate food per diem is provided when camping to cover food expenses while in the field overnight. Camp cooking may be conducted independently or collectively. Seasonal, shared housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please inquire ahead if you anticipate you will need summer housing.

Desired Skills: An academic background in parks, recreation, natural resource management, trail construction, forestry, wildlife, or related field is preferred. Communication skills (orally and written), skill with topographic maps, ATV experience, familiarity with firearms, and the ability to work with minimal supervision are desired. Ability to function in a team setting while performing arduous physical work. Basic knowledge of hand tools and power tools. Knowledge of GPS systems and data collection. Physical capabilities to hike or carry tools and machinery over uneven or rocky terrain. Knowledge or experience with OHV's. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing with coworkers and public land users. Punctuality, dependability, and a good attitude!



Contact Person: If interested, please contact Vicki Heisser at 907-834-1667 or vheisser@alaska.edu

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