

Fire Recovery Specialist – 3 Positions Trailkeepers of Oregon Santiam State Forest, OR



Position Summary:

Trailkeepers of Oregon (TKO), in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is recruiting three interns to provide fire recovery assessments, restoration, and maintenance assistance on trails at the Santiam State Forest in response to the wildfires of 2020. We are seeking candidates interested in pursuing careers in public lands management and have a desire to work outdoors by engaging the public in trail stewardship experiences.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- 85% - Trail stewardship
 - Report weekly to land manager workstation and trailheads to work directly with trail crews and/or staff on assessments and trail projects.
- 10% - Assist TKO staff and volunteers in hosting stewardship training and outreach events.
- 5% - Support trails stewardship programming through event coordination and administration.

These positions will report as a team to ODF Salem workstations and sites in the Santiam State Forest to work directly with ODF staff on trail assessment, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects. As safety and access conditions allow, they will also collaborate with TKO staff, volunteers, and ODF personnel to lead trail stewardship events to engage community volunteers.

Occasional overnight camping may be required.

Required Qualifications:

- Ability to walk, hike and lead volunteers in remote settings and inclement weather on uneven ground
- Ability to give direction and talk to volunteers and the public
- Trail maintenance, construction and/or outdoor rec skills.
- Good verbal communication skills
- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Current CPR, First Aid certified by first day of service
- Current driver's license and a clean driving record
- Applicants must be 21 years of age or older

Desired Qualifications:

- Crosscut and chainsaw experience or certification – interns will receive USDA-approved chainsaw training from Northwest Youth Corps
- College courses in a related field
- Prior natural resources management and/or Conservation Corps experience

Reporting Location and Term Duration:

- Oregon Department of Forestry Office - Salem, OR 97317
- April 1 - June 30 (12 weeks)

Program Benefits:

\$7,200 total stipend, divided into monthly payments. Interns are responsible for providing their own housing and food. Service eligibility is contingent upon the results of a driving background check.

To Apply:

To apply, please submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references and completely fill out the application form found at <http://bit.ly/NYCIternApplicationForm>. Please select "TKO - Fire Recovery Specialists" when applying.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Steve Kruger (Trailkeepers of Oregon) at steve.kruger@trailkeepersoforegon.org or Andrew Tagge (Northwest Youth Corps) at andrewt@nwyouthcorps.org.

COVID-19 Protocols:

Northwest Youth Corps has developed and facilitated industry-leading COVID management protocols that are in place to keep our members and staff healthy, and have maintained an excellent safety record. Read our COVID protocols by visiting www.nwyouthcorps.org/m/covid19.