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Wyoming Outdoor Council

Job Title: Land Conservation Coordinator

Reports to: Program director

Salary: Competitive, DOQ, full-time

Classification: Exempt

Start Date: April 1, 2011

Location: Lander, WY

Scope of Responsibilities

This position will require the successful applicant to advocate environmentally protective land-use plans under development by the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service in Wyoming. Three BLM land-use planning efforts affecting the Bighorn Basin, Lander area, and the Rock Springs area will be principle areas of focus. The Rock Springs Resource Management Plan revision will be a special area of focus. On national forests, the revision of the Shoshone National Forest land-use plan will be a principle area of focus, although revision of the Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan could be implicated.

In addition, the successful applicant will engage in and influence the siting and environmental protection measures applicable to large power lines proposed for Wyoming. The Gateway West and TransWest Express projects are examples.

In pursuing advocacy related to these plans and power lines, the successful applicant will engage in all aspects of advocacy—technical, biological, legal, policy, political, and outreach to Wyoming Outdoor Council members and the general public. We will focus on attempting to put in place plans that protect areas from resource extraction or inappropriate use (especially protection from oil and gas development), and the protection of particular areas of special interest to us. On the national forests, protection of roadless areas and potential wilderness areas will be important areas of focus. Relative to power lines, we seek to ensure the best possible siting, along existing corridors. Specific job activities would include but not be limited to the following:

1. Working with other Outdoor Council experts, providing technical comments on environmental reviews done pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.
2. Advocating the Outdoor Council's positions during public meetings.
3. Working with the Outdoor Council wildlife program director to pursue and urge protection of wildlife resources in the planning areas and power line corridors.
4. Pursuing and urging protection of "special places" in the planning areas identified by the Outdoor Council. Seeking to minimize the area available for oil and gas leasing in identified special places.

5. Working with other staff to develop conservation strategies, including all types of advocacy, diplomacy, and potentially administrative appeals or litigation.
6. Meeting with agency officials, including the BLM, Forest Service, EPA, and state agency staff, to advocate the Council's positions.
7. Meeting with political leaders, elected and appointed, especially in the governor's office, and urging them to support the Council's conservation strategies.
8. Developing maps and other written documents that assist in advocating the protection of these planning areas and power line corridors.
9. Developing, in coordination with the Outdoor Council communications director, press releases and other media communications, including, for example, editorials to be published in newspapers.
10. Developing content for the Wyoming Outdoor Council's website and print publications, such as its newsletter and blog.
11. Engaging in outreach to Outdoor Council members and the general public, educating them on how to participate in land-use planning and siting for power lines. Activities could include setting up informational meetings, conducting seminars, making arrangements for citizens to participate in agency meetings, and providing citizens with written materials.
12. Engaging in efforts to build coalitions with other groups or entities, both in the environmental community and outside of the environmental community if possible.
13. Seeking to engage with industry or user groups to the extent possible in an effort to determine if there are areas of common ground and pursuing any areas of agreement to the extent possible.
14. The successful applicant will also be required to participate and contribute to some areas of nonprofit corporation management and planning.

The ideal candidate will have expertise and/or experience in developing maps through the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) technology.

The successful candidate will be organized, easy-going, and self-directed; have a good sense of humor; be a great communicator (in person and on paper); and meet the following **minimum qualifications**:

- Experience, or an academic background, in environmental law, natural resources policy, or the natural sciences. Background or experience in GIS technology is very desirable.
- Demonstrated community or academic leadership.
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills.
- Familiarity with the geography, natural resources, and culture of Wyoming.
- Willingness to travel to beautiful places and to meet interesting people.
- Commitment to the mission of the Wyoming Outdoor Council.

Requirements

The qualified candidate will be available for full-time employment. She or he will be well organized and highly productive in a fast-paced work environment, yet able to maintain equanimity and connection with fellow staff members. The candidate will have a bachelor's degree or higher and very strong writing, computer, speaking, interpersonal, and organizational skills. The ability to work with a diverse range of interest groups, often in a public setting or in the media, is also desirable. The

ideal candidate will also have the ability to travel away from home for 2-3 days at a time, several times per year, primarily in Wyoming.

Location

This position will be based in Lander, Wyoming.

Compensation

This is a full-time exempt position with a competitive salary commensurate with experience. The Wyoming Outdoor Council will provide excellent medical, dental, and vision benefits; a generous leave policy; and the opportunity to participate in a retirement plan.

Overview

The Wyoming Outdoor Council is Wyoming's oldest independent statewide conservation group. In 1967, Tom Bell, founder of *High Country News*, came together with other conservation leaders to establish the Wyoming Outdoor Council. Since then, the Wyoming Outdoor Council has grown to a nationally recognized leader in protecting Wyoming's natural heritage. We educate and activate citizens, work in alliances with many diverse partners and, when necessary, take legal action to meet our mission, which is to protect Wyoming's environment and quality of life for future generations.

To Apply

Email a letter of interest explaining how your experience and skills match this position, a resume, three recent writing samples, and contact and relationship information for three references to Linda Sisco at linda@wyomingoutdoorcouncil.org. (Please enter "Land Conservation Coordinator" in the subject line). Although the position will remain open until filled, we will begin reviewing applications on March 15, 2012.