Clearing trails with cross-cut saws is one of many duties of a ranger.

The Stanislaus National Forest is seeking a few full-time Wilderness Ranger Volunteer crew members to work across three spectacular Wilderness Areas in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Wilderness Rangers will learn hands-on skills and build self-reliance while working to ensure wilderness remains intact for future generations. These positions offer an expense reimbursement and free housing.

Position Summary: Wilderness Rangers maintain trails, contact visitors, cleanup campsites, monitor conditions, and restore damaged areas. The work entails multi-day backpacking trips at high elevations within roadless mountain areas.

Prior experience backpacking and arriving physically-fit are a must.

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Ranger Duties
- Patrol wilderness areas hiking up to 14 miles per day, backpacking 3 to 9 days at a time, and camping in remote areas.
- Perform trail clearing and maintenance using traditional hand tools.
- Inform and educate the public about low-impact camping practices and regulations.
- Cleanup, inventory, and naturalize wilderness campsites.
- Restore habitat.
- Collect data on resource conditions.
- Work with volunteer groups.

Required Qualifications
- Prior experience in multi-day backpacking.
- Ability to carry a 45 pound pack in mountainous terrain for up to 14 miles per day.
- Ability to work well in small groups.
- Good communication skills (for presenting information to visitors).
- Ability to record accurate field notes and write concise reports from them.

Additional Desired Skills & Experience
- CPR certification and/or wilderness medicine certification (e.g. WFA or WFR certification).
- Using hand tools like axes & saws.
- Using Microsoft Office and/or GIS software.
- Using GPS and recording data in the field.
- Working with pack animals.

Location
The Stanislaus National Forest is immediately Northwest of Yosemite National Park, in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. These mountains are renowned for their granite peaks, abundant alpine lakes, and unique beauty. The Stanislaus manages ¼ million acres of Federally-designated Wilderness within the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne Wilderness Areas. For information on Stanislaus National Forest, visit: www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/. For information on the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne Wilderness Areas, visit www.wilderness.net.

Training
Volunteer Wilderness Interns will be provided with training opportunities. These may include:
- Making contact with the public
- Leave No Trace (LNT) practices
- Crosscut saw training & certification
- CPR & first aid certification
- Navigation & radio communications
- Field data collection & monitoring skills

Compensation
Wilderness Ranger Interns receive a reimbursement of approximately $41 per day while on duty to cover incidental expenses. Rangers should expect to be on

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View from the Emigrant Wilderness

Crew members take pride in removing a large log from the trail using only hand tools.
duty about 16 - 20 days per month, therefore receiving about $656 - $820 each month. Free government housing is also provided.

Timeframe
Wilderness Ranger Interns should be available to work at least 10 weeks between late May & late September. Flexibility with beginning or ending dates is possible.

Housing & Transportation
A free shared housing option will be provided. A personal vehicle is recommended for getting to/from office and for any driving during days off. Government vehicles will be provided for work-related activities.

Equipment
Rangers must have their own multi-day backpack, a daypack, rain gear, outdoor clothing, and sturdy hiking boots. Rangers will be provided with personal protective equipment, hand tools, a radio, and camping gear such as a tent & stove.

Academic Internships & Credits
While this is not the Pathways Internship Program, the Forest will work with colleges and universities to provide evaluation and documentation for applicable educational credits. Applicants can be given writing & reading assignments, if required.

To Apply
Please submit the following via email. Priority will be given to applications received by March 14th 2020:
1) Single page cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position.
2) A resume with the following:
   a) Relevant work experience: include duration of position, part-time/full-time status, and position description.
   b) Relevant outdoor experience: include backpacking experience; be specific on when, where, duration, etc.
   c) Relevant education: describe related coursework.
3) Two references (including at least one supervisor or employer) whom we may contact. Include their current phone number, email, title, and your connection to them.

Email Applications and Inquiries to:
Joel Silverman, Wilderness Manager
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