

Land Stewardship Intern

Job Description

Colorado Open Lands is pleased to announce an opening for a 3-month Land Stewardship Intern in our Lakewood, Colorado office. This position is a temporary 3-month, full-time paid position. The intern will learn professional conservation easement stewardship skills with COL's experienced staff. The intern will also receive exposure to the activities of a non-profit land trust including private land conservation and outreach. The Land Steward's primary responsibilities will be conservation easement monitoring, including both on the ground site visits and reviewing satellite imagery as well as providing land management resources to landowners.

DUTIES

Conservation Easement Monitoring

- On the Ground Site Visits
 - Monitor approximately 50 conservation easement properties across Colorado, which range in size from 10 to 10,000 acres. Monitoring includes hiking or driving around a conserved property using GPS to navigate and collect data while documenting any changes to the property.
 - Meet with landowners to discuss the conservation easement.
 - Prepare detailed reports documenting observations from the field.
 - Update GIS maps as needed to incorporate GPS field data.
- Review of Satellite Imagery
 - Monitor conservation easements using satellite imagery. Monitoring includes using an online platform to review changes over time to each property.
 - Prepare detailed reports documenting observations from the satellite imagery.

Conservation Easement Management

- Provide landowners with land management information or resources as requested.
- Perform other stewardship tasks as assigned.

Organizational Participation

- Participate in staff and project meetings and other organization-wide meetings and events.

REQUIREMENTS & QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in natural or environmental sciences, land use planning, geography or a related field, OR a minimum of 6 months of accumulated experience in environmental fieldwork.
- Willingness and ability to independently travel across Colorado, including multi-night trips – vehicle provided (travel comprises approximately 50% of time).
- Ability to work outdoors and navigate large farms and ranches independently, often in remote settings.
- Basic understanding of maps and use of mapping software to navigate (knowledge of GIS or Esri products helpful).
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong organizational, time management and problem-solving skills.
- A valid driver's license and good driving record (vehicle provided).
- A positive attitude, sense of humor, and commitment to conservation.

COMPENSATION

- \$16/hour, 40 hours per week for 3 months (12 weeks).
- Not eligible for health insurances but employer will pay all required federal and state taxes and worker's comp insurance.

START DATE

- Start date is flexible between May 15th and June 15th.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Please send a résumé and cover letter to Cheryl Cufre at jobs@coloradoopenlands.org with Land Steward in the subject line. Also, please note where you saw the job posting.
- **Applications must be received by midnight MST, April 11th, 2021.**

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