



Friends of the **MISSOURI BREAKS MONUMENT**

Seasonal Project Assistant

The Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument (FMB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Helena, Montana, is seeking one seasonal project assistant for the 2017 late field season. The seasonal project assistant will help in completing field work within the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument.

Organizational Mission Statement: To protect and preserve the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument by educating the public, advocating for responsible access and environmentally responsible uses, and supporting groups and agencies that protect and restore the Monument.

Dates of employment: August 13th – September 30th (7 weeks)

Location: Fort Benton, MT, field work will take place on the adjacent monument.

Duties:

- Represent FMB in communication with external agencies, organizations and the public
- Watering of young cottonwoods on backcountry canoe trips
- Fencing work, both installation and removal
- Wildlife/Vegetation survey and monitoring, through GPS collection

During the work week most nights will involve camping (both front and backcountry) with limited supervision. Due to the nature of the work these positions require patience and good humor in the face of adverse environmental conditions; including but not limited to extreme heat (90-105° F) and cold (32° F and colder), thunderstorms, high winds, rattlesnakes, biting insects, thick vegetation, and challenging terrain.

Required qualifications:

- Prior natural resource field work experience
- Ability to perform strenuous manual labor
 - Paddling 25 miles per day, hiking 5 miles with a heavy pack, lifting 60 pounds
- Canoeing/kayaking and backcountry camping experience
- Capability to work as a member of a team
- Ability to represent the organization in a professional manner while talking to varying types of people encountered on the river.

Desired qualifications:

- Completion of at least 2 years of college work in natural resources or equivalent field
- Knowledge of native flora, fauna, and ecology of Montana
- Invasive weeds experience, or at least knowledge
- Surveying and GPS experience
- Experience working with youth and volunteers

Work schedule: Four 10-hour days. Generally Monday-Thursday, with occasional shifts to Tuesday-Friday or Wednesday-Saturday.

Compensation: \$10 per hour, \$2880 for the duration of work period

Lodging: Upon hire staff from the Friends will assist in finding adequate housing within Fort Benton or the surrounding communities.

Personal gear – A hired applicant will be expected to provide the following:

Sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent, proper clothing and footwear (for the range of weather possible), backpack, and all other personal camping equipment.

Extra gear – The Friends/BLM will provide the following:

Camp cooking materials, work uniform clothing, canoe, dry bags, life jackets, paddles, water containers, vehicles, fuel, all needed project tools and materials.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume and two references to joe@missouribreaks.org, or mail to Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument, 324 Fuller Ave, Suite C-4, Helena, MT 59601. Review of applicants will be done on a rolling basis, please apply as soon as possible.