

SEASONAL PROJECT MANAGER/RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Mountain Studies Institute

Durango and in Silverton, Colorado

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A non-profit research & education organization enhancing the understanding and sustainable use of the San Juan Mountain region

MSI conducts environmental and community projects and provides education and information to facilitate informed decisions related to natural resource management, environmental policy, and community planning. The Institute hosts visiting scientists and classes to increase research and education in our region and beyond.



1 or 2 Positions will be filled for Summer 2010 (most likely full time in June to August, and part time in late May and Sept). Duty location of 1st position: Silverton, CO. 2nd position may be Silverton or Durango.

DUTIES: Lead and assist with MSI projects, including field research and education program. Research may include: (1) effects of fire on mercury in soils, (2) experimental tests of biochar soil amendments for re-vegetation, carbon storage, and metal binding; (3) fen wetland restoration; (4) American Pika monitoring, and (4) high-elevation lake sampling.

- Coordinate logistics for research activities.
- Lead and participate in sampling and experimental installation activities.
- Supervise undergraduate interns and volunteers.
- Serve as teaching assistant for natural resource management course.
- Work with a variety of partners including university faculty, graduate students, and federal land managers.
- Meet deadlines and reporting requirements and work within budget.

REQUIREMENTS:

- BS or MS in environmental science, ecology, soils, or geology.
- Extensive field work experience and backcountry travel skills (safety/medical certs. are a plus)
- Motivated, well organized, efficient
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Computer skills (Microsoft Office, GIS, etc.)
- Enthusiasm for the Mountain Studies Institute

HOW TO APPLY:

Email a cover letter (up to 3 pages including salary requirements and detailed description of your field and lab experience and any supervisory or teaching experience), resume, and contact info for three references by March 20, 2010 to Koren Nydick, Mountain Studies Institute at nydick_k@fortlewis.edu. You may also include a short writing sample or other product of a past project. Salary depends on experience. A personal vehicle will be used, with mileage reimbursement. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, religion, ancestry, mental or physical handicap, or age.

