

Nordic United-Utah Conservation Corps 2017-18 Trail Grooming Position

Organization: Nordic United, a non-profit, volunteer organization supporting non-motorized winter recreation in Logan, UT.

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Project Title: Winter Trails Grooming - One position is available for the 2017-2018 season.

Project Location & Transportation:

Location of project work site: Logan, Utah. The successful candidate with need to provide his or her own transportation to Logan, UT

Period of Performance: Work begins 15 November 2017. Work ends 1 July 2018

Project Description:

This project supports the Utah Conservation Corps (UCC's) mission to "*develop the conservation leaders of tomorrow through service and education*". Nordic United, and this project specifically, performs work activities and social services coinciding with the goals of UCC including trail maintenance, education, community service projects, and outreach work. The UCC volunteer will support the mission and goals of Nordic United, whose mission is to promote and provide non-motorized winter recreation and education opportunities in the Cache Valley area of northeastern Utah. Specifically, the UCC volunteer will coordinate trail grooming and groom trails in order for the public to enjoy safe winter recreation on public lands including the National Forest. The UCC volunteer will also participate in fundraising and education events and activities that support goals of Nordic United.

Winter Trail Groomer and Grooming Coordinator Position

(A) Coordinate with supervisor, to perform necessary activities pertinent to maintaining several winter trails for Nordic (cross-country) skiing, snowshoeing and snow biking.

(B) Specific activities include but are not limited to coordinating volunteer trail groomers, creating a grooming schedule, and performing grooming activities including

logistics (e.g., maintain fuel inventory and equipment) at Green Canyon, and other areas such as the Logan River Golf Course as conditions allow.

(C) Liaise activities with US Forest Service, City of North Logan, and City of Logan

(D) Develop and deploy trail signs and conduct other visitor outreach activities as needed

(E) Conduct trail maintenance as needed in coordination with the appropriate land management agencies, and coordinate with volunteers to assist in these activities. This will be a primary activity during the off-season

(F) Attend board meetings monthly and report on status of grooming operations and equipment condition.

Specific Qualifications Include:

- 1) Eligible to serve in AmeriCorps and in the Utah Conservation Corps
- 2) It is highly desirable (but not required) that the candidate will have his/her own vehicle capable of towing single snowmobile trailers to and from local trailheads.
- 3) Must have a valid driver's license and be able to tow trailers skillfully and safely.
- 4) Must be physically fit and physically strong. Able to lift 100 lbs.
- 5) Know how to drive and handle a large utility snowmobile.
- 6) Must be mechanically capable of simple routine maintenance on snowmobiles (e.g., change a belt; fuses) and grooming implements.
- 7) Must be a level-headed, self-starter who is personable and diplomatic in dealing with several public agencies, cooperators, many volunteers, and the public.
- 8) Must be capable and comfortable working safely during evening hours in winter conditions

The position will average approximately 10 hours per week, for the period November 15, 2017 through July 1, 2018 for a total of 300 hours. Activities and hours required will vary depending on a range of factors including snow conditions, needed equipment maintenance, availability of other volunteer groomers, etc. In general December 1 through April 1 will be the busiest period and required hours will range from 10-20 hours per week. Nordic United volunteer trail groomers will provide training on equipment and techniques and be available to assist in operations as available.

To Apply: Send a resume and cover letter detailing your specific qualifications to Dennis Newell at dlnewelljr@gmail.com.
