Job Announcement
Utah Conservation Corps & USFS Manti-La Sal National Forest
Soils Resource Assistant

Applications will be reviewed until **JUNE 9, 2017**

Address: Manti-La Sal Supervisor’s Office, 599 West Price River Drive, Price, UT

The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) in partnership with the USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region is advertising for one **Soils Resource Assistant (RA)**. This is a full-time or part-time (20-40 hrs/week) position starting in June 2017 for a minimum 960 hour contract with the potential for extension. The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is Utah’s award-winning, and nationally-recognized statewide Conservation Corps headquartered in Logan, Utah at Utah State University’s main campus. The UCC has been Utah’s largest environmental AmeriCorps program since 2001, completing service work on public lands, in communities, and with various organizations throughout the state. UCC will recruit and hire the selected RA candidate providing personnel and Human Resources (HR) needs during the placement. [https://ucc.usu.edu/](https://ucc.usu.edu/)

Questions about this Resource Assistant Internship can be directed to UCC at lindsay.thalacker@usu.edu, 435-797-0964 x1, or the Forest Service, Matt Meccariello, mmeccariello@fs.fed.us, 435-636-3509.

The Position
This position will be located in the Manti-La Sal Supervisor’s Office in Price, Utah. This position will provide support to the Forest Plan Revision Team by focusing on updating the Forest’s database and conducting field trips to verify data. Coordination with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be part of the job duties. The Assistant will also participate in Forest Plan Revision meetings and review documents related to soils. There will be opportunities to participate in the development of the new Forest Plan, specifically for the soils topics. This is primarily an office based position with occasion field time.

Assignments for the intern during their entire experience include:
- Assist ecologist in organizing trend studies into vegetative community types (dominant & subdominant).
- Assist NRCS with development of ecological site descriptions for sagebrush communities on forest.
- Assist with data entry into National Soil Information System (NASIS).
- Update corporate vegetation monitoring database.
- Assisting with field inventory of soils and vegetation.
- Participation in Forest Plan Revision tasks.

No housing is provided. The position may require travel to the field, meetings, and district offices. A travel stipend will be provided.
Program Benefits
- $15.00/hour along with health care coverage (if needed), workers compensation, and FICA/Medicare.
- Minimum of 960 hr contract with potential to extend
- The Resource Assistant will have special Federal Government hiring authority upon completion of their 960 hours of service for up to 2 years.

Position Requirements
- A background in natural resources, preferred skills in soil taxonomy and/or range ecology.
- Experience with Microsoft Access Databases, preferred.
- Experience with ArcGIS, preferred.
- Regular and reliable attendance and dependability, and ability to work independently.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent organizational and computer skills.
- Independent, self-motivated, creative, and resourceful individual able to work with diverse groups of people.
- A cooperative manner and the ability to serve as part of a team, but the ability to work independently.
- Valid state driver's license and good driving record. Driving a government vehicle as required for the position.
- U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident. Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check.
- Ability to commit to a 960 hour contract.

About The Manti-La Sal National Forest
Whatever your location is on the Manti-La Sal National Forest, you are at a starting point for adventure. Within a few minutes’ drive you can be in the forest or traveling picturesque sandstone deserts. The Forest’s 1.4 million acres are scattered through some of the most wide-open spaces in Utah and parts of Colorado (about 17,000 square miles). It features high forested areas, with glacial bowls and alpine peaks, and lower desert elevations strewn with remnants of ancient cultures. The Forest includes the Dark Canyon Wilderness Area and is bordered by Arches National Park, Canyonlands National Park, and the San Rafael Swell. It is not far from the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, and Lake Powell. The Bear’s Ears National Monument is a new designation on the southern portion of the Forest.

Rock climbers come from throughout the world to test their skills on the conglomerate rock walls of Maple Canyon in the Sanpitch Mountains of central Utah. Snowkiters have discovered the unique pairing of wind currents and large snowbowls on the Wasatch Plateau. Not far away, Joes Valley is loved by bouldering enthusiasts and kayakers. To the southeast, cyclists take to the trails of the beautiful La Sal Mountains, which provide an island of cool green towering above the red rock deserts of Moab.

The Forest is renowned for coal production. Most of the coal mined in Utah comes from the Wasatch Plateau coal field, where the Forest is located. The coal is primarily used to produce electricity in three local power plants. Traditionally the Forest has provided forage for cattle and sheep grazing. Utah ranks seventh in the nation for sheep production and the Forest contributes significantly to the necessary forage. In addition, about 20,000 cattle graze on Forest lands. The Manti-La Sal is the principal water source for surrounding communities. Riparian areas and wetlands are precious ecosystems in an otherwise arid landscape. Diverse wildlife is found on the Forest. Rocky Mountain elk and mule deer range on all districts, offering quality big game hunting opportunities.

This area of Utah is rich in ancient artifacts with pieces of pottery, stone, fiber and bone that tell the story of people who lived a thousand years ago. Rock cliffs hide granaries and ancient dwellings. Rock faces are often galleries for pictographs and petroglyphs. Archeological surveys indicate there are more prehistoric artifacts on the Forest than any other national forest.
Price, Utah
The Supervisor’s Office is located in Price Utah, at the foot of the Book Cliffs and southeast of Salt Lake City. Although founded by Mormon pioneers, the railroad and coal mining boom in the late 1800s brought an influx of immigrants, which gives Price a unique flavor among Utah towns. Their descendants create a vibrant community and diverse culture. Historically, coal was king in Price. Now, Price has become a destination community, providing government services, a regional hospital, health services, and shopping opportunities. Price has a population of about 8,500, two elementary schools, a junior high, high school, and community college. For more information see: http://www.priceutah.net/, www.carbon.k12.ut.us, http://www.carbon.utah.gov, http://www.ceu.edu/


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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Application Review Period: 06/01/17 – 06/09/17
Interviews: Will occur as qualified applications are received.
Type of position: Individual Placement
Service Dates June 2017 – June 2018 (time frame to complete the 960 hours is flexible)

How to apply:

Submit a cover letter, resume, and three professional references. Write “Manti-La Sal Soils Resource Assistant” in the subject line of your email. Materials should be submitted in attention to:

Lindsay Thalacker – UCC Program Coordinator
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