

## **SEASONAL NATURAL RESOURCES TECNICIAN I Job Announcement**

*Coalition for the Upper South Platte is seeking two Seasonal Natural Resource Technician I positions to implement on the ground conservation projects and programs.*

**Employment Status:** Seasonal (May 16 – November 15)

**Reports To:** CUSP Natural Resources Technician II

**Location:** Based in Lake George, CO, The Upper South Platte Watershed encompasses parts of Park, Teller, Douglas, Clear Creek and Jefferson Counties. Also, CUSP may work in adjacent communities.

**Salary Range:** \$18 per hour.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) is a nonprofit watershed group, serving the 2,600 square-mile watershed southwest of the Denver Metro Area and west/northwest of the Colorado Springs Metro Area and adjacent lands. The watershed runs from the Continental Divide/Headwaters of the South Platte River to Strontia Springs Reservoir in the foothills. The watershed varies in elevation from 6,000 feet to over 14,000 feet above sea level.

CUSP's mission is to protect the water quality and ecologic health of the Upper South Watershed, through the cooperative efforts of watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability.

### **POSITION DETAILS**

- These are seasonal entry level positions. Work *generally* takes place Tuesday thru Saturday.
- Crew members will report to the CUSP Lake George office daily unless otherwise directed.
- CUSP field crew will work throughout the Upper South Platte Watershed in the counties of Teller, Park, Jefferson, Douglas and occasionally El Paso.
- The seasonal crew reports directly to CUSP Natural Resources Technician II.
- Work schedule is variable; work may occur on weekends and evenings.
- The NR Tech I performs manual labor necessary to develop, maintain, or protect natural resources through a variety of activities.
- CUSP will provide guidance/instruction for work skills and training opportunities to crew members. Training may include: first aid and CPR; safety training; chipper operation and safety; S130 Introduction to Wildland Firefighting Techniques; S190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior; Chainsaw safety and operations; trail construction and maintenance; volunteer management; equipment – TEREX, vehicle operation/inspection; weed identification and treatment.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Applicant must be 18 years of age or older with 1 year of general work experience and some related natural resources educational experience
- Possess a valid Colorado Driver's license, good driving record and reliable, insured personal transportation
- Be able to drive and operate a vehicle with a manual transmission
- Have excellent communication skills (written, speaking, and listening)

- Must be able to perform extended periods of manual labor outdoors in all most environmental conditions
- Ability to understand and follow detailed instructions
- Perform some regular maintenance on equipment, including chainsaws, trucks, skid steer, ATV and other mechanical equipment
- Have a strong work ethic, be energetic and flexible
- Have a basic understanding of conservation, forestry, wildfire mitigation, water quality monitoring and sediment control
- Must be able to pass a drug and background assessment if asked
- CUSP requires all staff to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or submit weekly negative COVID tests

### **EXAMPLES OF POSITION DUTIES**

- Always follow all organization safety protocols
- Participate in chipping operations throughout the watershed as scheduled
- Rotate thru slash site operations on Saturdays in Bailey - May be asked to assist or fill in at slash sites in Divide and Fairplay
- Work with volunteers on chipping and special projects
- Work with various federal and state agencies such as US Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, etc
- Operate and maintain vehicles, skid steer, chainsaws, chipper and other equipment
- If certified, participate in tree thinning, removal of hazardous trees
- May be involved in planting tree seedlings
- Participate in stream enhancement projects to control sediment and improve aquatic species habitat
- Participate in recreation improvements such as fire ring installation, trail construction and maintenance
- Participate in noxious weed control projects
- Install signs, Build or repair fence
- Maintain and sharpen tools
- Other duties as assigned
- For information on CUSP please visit [www.cusp.ws](http://www.cusp.ws)

### **HOW TO APPLY**

- Email a PDF of your cover letter and resume to [cusp@cusp.ws](mailto:cusp@cusp.ws). The subject of the email should be: Last Name, Seasonal. The cover letter and resume should clearly demonstrate your qualifications and ability to fulfill the stated duties of the position. No phone calls, please!

*CUSP is an Equal Opportunity Employer and no otherwise qualified individual shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or religious affiliation, sex, familial status, age, genetics, disability, or national origin in any phase of employment for this position.*

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