



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Equipment Operator

DEPARTMENT: Eastern Conservation

REPORTS TO: Nathan Heavener, Conservation Crew Coordinator

POSITION TYPE/HOURS: Seasonal/40 hrs

ABOUT TROUT UNLIMITED

Trout Unlimited is a national organization with 300,000 members and supporters organized into over 400 chapters and councils nationwide. These dedicated grassroots volunteers are matched by a respected staff of organizers, lawyers, policy experts, and scientists, who work out of more than 45 offices across the country. Our mission is to conserve, protect, and restore North America's cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.

POSITION SUMMARY

Trout Unlimited in West Virginia is looking for energetic, intelligent and motivated individuals to join our growing staff for seasonal employment in 2018. TU is working with the USFS-Monongahela National Forest to assist activities that support native trout and aquatic resource conservation. We are looking to fill temporary (3-6 month) positions with negotiable spring start dates. This position will not exceed 6 months. Successful candidates may receive training and experience in multiple restoration activities but will work primarily as a machine operator.

Position Description

Operators work 40 hour weeks (typically 4 days at 10 hours/day) using an excavator to remove logging roads, returning the hillside to natural slope. This position requires the ability to lift 50lbs or more working in inclement weather. Work will be based out of the Forest Service Station in Bartow, WV, with travel to multiple sites in the Monongahela National Forest.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Decommission old forest roads.
- Operate small/midsized backhoe/track hoe.
- Provide appropriate water crossings as needed.
- Seed and replant roads.
- Deliver fuel and supplies to remote work locations.
- Maintain equipment and report maintenance/equipment needs to supervisor.
- Operate ATV/UTV.
- Assure safety and communication at all times.
- Work remotely in a safe and efficient manner.
- Additional duties in support of the watershed program may be required and include, but are not limited to: tree planting, conducting stream surveys, assisting road decommissioning activities, supporting culvert replacement projects, water temperature monitoring, and education/outreach.

This is not an all-inclusive list of duties and responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to quickly acquire skills and learn new techniques.
- Willing to work long days in challenging environments.
- Strong communication skills.
- Working knowledge of watershed health and function.
- A valid driver's license and the ability to pass background checks for employment.
- A strong passion for native fishes and the watersheds upon which they rely.
- Ability to think creatively, keep an open mind, and take constructive criticism.

Competitive candidates will have one or more of the following:

- Experience running heavy machinery.
- Chainsaw experience and/or certification.
- Trail maintenance or construction experience.
- Knowledge of hydrology.
- Knowledge of basic mechanical repair.
- First Aid/CPR training.
- Previous leadership or teamwork experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Please send a letter of interest, resume and 3 professional references in a **single attachment** to wvtujobs@tu.org. Please note, this is a seasonal, 3-6 month position depending on start date. Please insert the words "**Operator**" in the subject line of the message. No phone calls please.

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