



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Stream Survey Technician

DEPARTMENT: Eastern Conservation

REPORTS TO: Nathan Heavener, Conservation Crew Coordinator

POSITION TYPE/HOURS: Seasonal/40hrs

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 several entry-level, temporary positions with negotiable spring/early summer start dates and a maximum 6 month term. Successful candidates will receive training and experience in stream surveys measuring habitat characteristics and conducting fish population surveys.

Teams work 40 hour weeks (typically 4 days at 10 hours/day) that require traversing difficult terrain while carrying field gear up to 50 pounds, working in inclement weather. Successful applicants must be prepared to integrate into a highly functional team. The position will be based out of the Forest Service Station in Bartow, WV, with travel to multiple sites in the Monongahela National Forest. While a variety of conservation activities may be encountered, the primary duties will include:

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist with watershed survey activities including: stream morphology, habitat and fish population assessment.
- Navigate to remote stream sites, sometimes hiking several miles, carrying survey equipment, using GPS and topographic maps.
- Maintain rigorous data collection and assessment protocols; identify and report any concerns to supervisor.
- Wade streams and rivers in a variety of flow regimes and weather conditions.
- Maintain equipment and report maintenance/equipment needs to supervisor.
- Additional duties in support of the watershed program may be required and include, but are not limited to: tree planting, restoring streams with large woody material, 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

- Demonstrable experience with physically demanding work.
- Ability to quickly acquire skills and learn new techniques.
- Willing to work long days in challenging environments.
- Possess 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 work cooperatively in a team with varied skills, abilities and perspectives.
- Ability to think creatively, keep an open mind, and take constructive criticism.
- Patience to deal with bugs, snakes, mud, rain, cold, and hot weather.

Competitive candidates will have one or more of the following:

- Knowledge of fish habitat
- Field Experience
- Exposure to aquatic habitat surveys
- Fish ID skills
- Electrofishing experience
- Laser level Survey experience
- First Aid/CPR training
- Experience navigating in remote locations
- Experience living and working in teams

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 positions, depending on start date. Please insert the words "**Stream Survey Crew**" in the subject line of the message. No phone calls please.

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