



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Watershed Restoration Technician

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, hardworking 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 may receive training and experience in multiple restoration activities but will work primarily with physically demanding work strategically adding large woody material to headwater streams.

Position Description

Teams work 40 hour weeks (typically 4 days at 10 hours/day) that require traversing difficult terrain while carrying field gear up to 75 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. Please note, this is an extremely physically demanding position. While a variety of conservation activities may be encountered, the primary duties will be:

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Create appropriate habitat in headwater streams using tools including: grip hoist, gas powered winch, hand tools, chainsaws, pulleys, levers, and muscles.
- Transport gear on a daily basis (up to 75 lbs.) over difficult and remote terrain.
- Work as a team with a high degree of coordination and communication.
- Keep a positive attitude and follow directions while conducting physically demanding work, often in inclement weather.
- Maintain equipment and report maintenance/equipment needs to supervisor.
- On the spot design and implementation of structures to enhance stream morphology
- Perform all duties with safety as top priority.

- 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

- 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.
- Creativity and patience

Competitive candidates will have one or more of the following:

- Chainsaw experience and/or certification
- Trail maintenance or construction experience
- Previous field work
- Tree ID skills
- Knowledge of fish habitat
- 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 “**Wood Crew**” in the subject line of the message. No phone calls please.

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