



## Position Description Sierra Corps Forestry Fellowship

**Position Title:** *Project Assistant*  
**Host Site:** *Feather River Resource Conservation District*  
**Site Supervisor:** *Brad Graevs, District Manager*  
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**Work Commitment:** Sierra Corps Fellows are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance and Sierra Corps. **The Sierra Corps Forestry Fellowship term is September/October 2021 to March 2022 Time Commitment: 780 hours total, approximately 40 hours per week.**

**Position Location:** Quincy, CA. The Feather River Resource Conservation District is uniquely positioned at the meeting of the Lost Sierra and Southern Cascades, tucked between the Great Basin and the Sacramento/Feather foothills. Composed of tree-covered ridges and a handful of mountain valleys, all tied together by a network of lakes and rivers, Plumas County provides plenty of opportunity for recreation or relaxing with a view. There are a number of communities in the area, all with a smattering of annual events and small mountain-town entertainment. Quincy, the County seat, is located in the heart of the District and provides access to both in-town activities as well as a modest commute to other communities in the area.

**Organization Description:** The Feather River Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a non-regulatory, local government entity which advocates for resource conservation through education and collaborative efforts with willing landowners and organizations that promote economic and ecological sustainability. In existence since the 1940s, RCDs are local grassroots conservation delivery systems that identify local conservation problems and guide solutions on a voluntary basis. The RCD covers 86% of Plumas County, and includes the majority of the Upper Feather River Watershed.

**Program Description:** This program is designed to provide the fellow with a well-rounded experience in a variety aspects/duties of forest health and fire resilience planning and implementation within a small, "on-the-ground" organization. The Fellow's program of work may include any of the following, and will include multiple: project and program planning, coordination, and implementation; grant writing and development; assisting with outreach and scoping; environmental compliance; project monitoring, data collection and management; etc.

**Position Description:** This position will require providing support to Project Coordinators on District projects to improve wildfire resiliency, forest and watershed health, including vegetation and habitat management. The fellow may also lead project planning/coordination/implementation depending on qualifications/experience. The fellow will work with other staff as well as a broad array of partner organizations, government agency staff, and public and private landowners to ensure the successful planning and implementation of projects.

**Required Qualifications:** High School diploma or GED and pursuing a degree in forestry, natural resource management, biology, or related field OR related work experience; valid driver's license; knowledge of the fundamentals of natural resource management, forestry, ecology and general concepts involved in the district assignment; a strong interest in natural resource management; physical capability and endurance to conduct fieldwork in remote settings under strenuous conditions, including the ability to carry up to 50 lbs. over rough terrain and hike for an extended length of time in extreme heat; ability to frequently remain in a stationary position; operate a computer and other standard office equipment; visual capacity to review and edit documents; converse by telephone and in person. Some bending, lifting up to 30 lbs., and grasping.

**Desired Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in forestry, natural resource sciences, biology, or related field preferred - related work experience may substitute for education qualification; knowledge of natural resource management, particularly forestry and silviculture; knowledge of, and work experience with, forest management and/or field surveys; experience with natural resource management; experience hiking in the Sierra Nevada or similar high elevation areas; experience and aptitude operating handheld electronic equipment, such as smart phones, digital cameras, GPS units, radios, tablets, etc.; experience using ArcGIS software; sufficient experience with computer applications to input and manage data, including MS Office programs; ability to be well organized and handle occasionally challenging field logistics; ability to follow detailed field protocols and thoroughly collect data; ability to effectively communicate with field crew members and the public; ability to communicate in Spanish; experience and/or training with chainsaw usage and maintenance; experience and/or training with prescribed fire and underburn techniques; wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder certification.

**Website:** [www.frrcd.org](http://www.frrcd.org)

**Compensation:**

- \$16-\$19/hr depending on experience
- Employer provided health insurance
- Standard paid holidays, PTO and sick leave
- Technical, career skills-development training opportunities
- Training Stipend available during term to pursue professional development opportunities

To apply, complete the [online application](https://forms.gle/ZhrJ3p21Swjs7TJ99) (<https://forms.gle/ZhrJ3p21Swjs7TJ99>) and submit your resume and a cover letter that summarizes your interest in the Sierra Corps Program via email with subject line "Sierra Corps Application" to Nicole Lutkemuller, Program Director at [nicole@sierranevadaalliance.org](mailto:nicole@sierranevadaalliance.org). Open Until Filled, priority application period ends 8/1/2021 @ 9:00pm PST

If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Lutkemuller at [nicole@sierranevadaalliance.org](mailto:nicole@sierranevadaalliance.org).