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Sierra Corps Forestry Fellowship

Position Title: *Forest Health Fellow*

Host Site: Pit and Fall River Resource Conservation Districts

Site Supervisor: *Jeff and Sarah Oldson (Cascade Resource Consultants)*

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Work Commitment: Sierra Corps Fellows are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance and Sierra Corps. Fellows make a year-long, full-time commitment to serve a nonprofit organization or public agency in the Sierra Nevada. **The Sierra Corps Fellowship begins January 6, 2020.**
Time Commitment: 1 year, full time 40 hrs/ week.

Position Location: Work will be conducted in NE California, centered around the communities of Adin, Bieber, McArthur, Fall River Mills, and Burney. These are small rural agriculture and forestry based communities and incredibly scenic views of natural resources. Fellows will interact with a diverse set of project partners and enjoy numerous recreation opportunities in the region as well.

Organization Description: The Pit and Fall River Resource Conservation Districts PRCD and FRRCD) each have a mission statement that they follow. The PRCD mission statement is to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance natural resources for sustainability and economic diversity. This is accomplished through addressing resource and economic issues by prioritizing those issues and working collaboratively with Federal, State, and local agencies, organizations and individuals, The mission of the FRRCD is to support private and public landowners in the use and management of natural resources that will ensure the sustained highest economic, social, and environmental benefits of these resources. This support is expressed through the coordination of public agency referrals and information, the implementation of natural resource programs, education, and the organization of land management services. The main goal of both RCD's is to work with partners to accomplish goals related to restoration, wildlife preservation and habitat, and economic vitality for the area.

Program Description: The Fellow will be working on two large landscape scale forest health projects. Each of the RCD is working closely with federal and private partners to increase the pace and scale of forest health work in NE CA. This includes developing and implementing forest health projects on USFS lands, private lands, and other lands (Lassen Volcanic National Park, McArthur Burney Falls State Park). The Fellow will learn how new policy tools (e.g. Good Neighbor Authority, Stewardship Authority) and agreements with the US Forest

Service can be utilized to create an additional workforce for federal partners. Program activities associated with this work include developing new projects, assisting the NEPA compliance, developing bids, monitoring, and assisting with project implementation.

Position Description: Assistant Forester: The position will provide forestry assistance, under the direction of a California Registered Professional Forester. The position will work primarily on those projects lead by the Fall River and Pit RCDs, but could occasionally help on other public benefit type projects, such as on the Lassen NP, McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, or other local benefit type projects. Work would include a wide range of para-professional forestry tasks, including unit layout, tree marking, assistance with NEPA and or CEQA document preparation, wildlife surveys, development of restoration prescription recommendations, contract administration, and other tasks under the supervision of a California Registered Professional Forester.

Required Qualifications: The position will require the ability to hike in difficult terrain for up to 10 hours a day, sometimes carrying up to 25 pounds of equipment. Applicants must have a clean driving record, and a standard Class C California Drivers License. Applicants should have (or be within 6 months of completing) an Associates Degree, Bachelors Degree, or higher in forestry, natural resource, or a closely related field.

Desired Qualifications: Applicants with previous experience in forestry or natraul resource management are a plus. GIS experience is also desirable

Additional Benefits: The Fellow will be part of an innovative partnership with exceptional learning opportunities in the forest health field. They will also be working closely with private industry and learn basic business ownership and entrepreneurship principals. The project team mentoring the Fellow will train with the intention to establish long-term future employment in this field within the region.

Website: <https://www.fallriverrcd.org/>