



## Position Description

### Sierra Nevada AmeriCorps Partnership

**Position Title:** Sierra Field Technician  
**Host Site:** Trout Unlimited, Truckee, CA Office  
**Site Supervisor:** David Lass; Jessica Strickland  
**Contact:** (530) 388-8261; dlass@tu.org

**Service Commitment:** SNAP AmeriCorps members are passionate and committed to the mission of the Sierra Nevada Alliance, SNAP and AmeriCorps. Members make a year-long, full-time commitment (17,000 hours; roughly 40 hours a week) to serve a nonprofit organization or public agency in the Sierra Nevada. The SNAP Term of Service is from October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 – September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Position Location:** Truckee, CA

### **Organization Description:**

Trout Unlimited (TU) is North America's leading coldwater fisheries conservation organization. TU's vision is that, by the next generation, trout and salmon will be restored throughout their native range. To accomplish this vision, TU works to protect, reconnect, and restore fish habitat and then sustain this work by building a diverse movement of businesses, people, and communities to support saving trout, salmon, and steelhead. The organization has more than 170,000 members in 400 chapters across America, including more than 14,000 in California.

### **Program Description:**

Trout Unlimited runs myriad projects from their Truckee, CA office that span from engaging and organizing our membership, to planning and implementing complex restoration projects that benefit wild and native trout. We currently have a number of large restoration projects that require field work during 2018/2019 necessary to complete state and federal permitting, and ultimately project construction. This field work includes stream inventory habitat typing, e-fishing surveys, photo point documentation, wetland delineation, rare and threatened species surveys and vegetation surveys. Beyond basic field work, TU is looking for help organizing our existing members and bringing in new volunteers for our smaller scale restoration projects, particularly in the Truckee River watershed and Eastern Sierra. This AmeriCorps position will report to our California Field Director and work directly with our California Field Organizer and Sierra-Cascades Field Coordinator.

- Work with the seven regional grassroots chapters (Sac-Sierra, Sagebrush, Truckee and Feather River, El Dorado, Eastern Sierra and Sierra Trinity Cascades) and provide them aid with projects, events and outreach ideas
- Assist in field work for the Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout Project
- Help plan and execute the logistics of Sierra Trout Camp, our flagship youth education program in California

- Coordinate with CDFW Heritage and Wild Trout Program and TU staff on the Silver Creek Lahontan cutthroat trout project
- Assist in field work for the Lahontan Basin Trout Initiative
- Serve as a field aid on our June Lake Loop/Eastern Sierra fisheries assessment projects located near Mammoth Lakes, CA
- Utilized and integrate social media platforms in our organizing, media and communications work
- Help TU staff manage and coordinate a volunteer labor force to complete small scale restoration work
- Data entry and analysis for all of our field work
- Find time to fish and get familiar with TU's work in the Eastern Sierra Region
- Help execute and develop outreach programs for Trout Unlimited throughout the Sierras
- Work with staff between multiple programs in California and help advance programmatic work

**SNAP Program requirements:**

- Tracking hours worked in the America Learns portal
- Participating in monthly, Life After AmeriCorps Training on Go To Meeting
- Reporting all activities monthly in the SNAP reporting log.
- Attending a week-long orientation, spring training, and graduation ceremony
- Taking part in bi-monthly training calls
- Administering before and after tests to participants in educational activities

**Required Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's or advanced degree or equivalent professional experience.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, leadership skills and able to work with a wide range of partners.
- Ability to work independently as a self-starter.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Willingness and ability to travel.
- Knowledge of California and critical cold water conservation issues.
- Experience developing winning conservation strategies or similar campaigns a plus.
- Experience with grant-writing and other fundraising a plus.
- Professional experience in areas such as: natural resource management, volunteer coordination, private and public fundraising, GIS, public outreach, media, campaign advocacy, knowledge of cold water ecosystems and trout a plus.
- Sense of humor; love for angling; passion for conservation; and knowledge of TU are all preferred.

**Additional Benefits:**

- Industry deals
- Travel reimbursement

**Website:** [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) – [www.tucalifornia.org](http://www.tucalifornia.org)

The position is located in Truckee, California. This is a full-time, one-year position with a potential opportunity for long-term employment. Interested candidates should send a resume, writing sample and at least three professional references to:

David W. Lass  
California Field Director, Trout Unlimited

[dlass@tu.org](mailto:dlass@tu.org)

Please include the following in the subject line of the email: "TU Eastern Sierra Field Technician." Deadline for applications is September 1st, 2018. The position will remain open until filled.