



Forest Stewards Guild Job Opportunity: Intermountain West Regional Coordinator



The Forest Stewards Guild is hiring a full-time position in Colorado! The Intermountain West Regional Coordinator position will provide planning support and project management for forestry and fire projects in the Intermountain West region. This position will engage in a variety of projects, including writing community wildfire protection plans, forestry and fire research projects, outreach, prescribed fire, ecological and socioeconomic monitoring, and youth training. **Candidates should have a passion for increasing the pace and scale of prescribed fire, increasing diversity and inclusion in the fire practitioner community, and building fire resilient landscapes.**

Organization Description

The Forest Stewards Guild, a national organization of foresters and allied natural resource professionals, is dedicated to practicing and promoting values-based forestry. The Guild has 700 members, over half of whom are professionals who manage over 42 million acres of forestland in the United States and Canada. The Guild maintains regional offices in New Mexico, Colorado, Maine, North Carolina, and Wisconsin.

The position will be managed by and work closely with the Forest Stewards Guild Fire Management program. The Fire Management Program is dedicated to supporting fire as a natural process in fire-adapted ecosystems on a landscape scale to improve ecosystem function and health and increase wildfire resilience.

Position Description

The successful candidate will have strong organization skills, planning document generation experience, entrepreneurial attitude and aptitude, and a desire to support ecological forestry and fire practices in the Intermountain West. This position is the “first hire” for the new Intermountain West Region, and the ideal candidate will possess the desire and abilities to expand the position and increase the Regional presence. This position is not a primary fire position. Previous wildland fire operational experience is not required, but a desire to participate in prescribed fire is supported. They will:

- Support and/or lead planning document generation, including fuels specialist reports for Environmental Assessments, community wildfire protection plans, and other similar projects.
- Manage work assignments with minimal direction from supervisors
- Provide planning support for Forest Stewards Guild projects, including Guild Fire Management activities.
- Organize and lead public meetings.
- Coordinate with project partners to ensure planning, personnel, and equipment needs are met.
- As needed and desired, may support Guild prescribed fire and wildfire operations.
- May oversee staff, volunteers, and individuals or crews from other agencies or organizations
- May work in variable weather conditions, in remote locations, and on difficult or hazardous terrain and / or in other physically demanding environments.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Clear verbal and written communication skills.
- Solid technical writing skills
- Project management experience
- Self-direction

- GIS experience
- Bachelor's or Masters in fire ecology, forestry, or other natural resources.
- Effective knowledge of common software applications.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Grant writing experience
- Experience in prescribed fire operations and leadership
- Qualified as a FEMO or FFT1
- Previous experience authoring fire management documents such as burn plans and community wildfire protection plans.
- Wilderness First Responder or higher medical qualifications.

We encourage any individual that meets 75% or more of requirements to apply.

Compensation

\$23/hr. Paid leave and paid holiday benefits are provided. Employer-sponsored comprehensive health and dental care coverage is available after 30 days of continuous employment. Participation in a retirement plan with an employer match is available after 90 days. We will consider flexible work schedules to accommodate family or other commitments. The Forest Stewards Guild is an equal opportunity employer.

The Guild is dedicated to providing an open, transparent, and just organization and workplace. We strive for clear, open, and kind communication and are committed to centering, recruiting, hiring, mentoring, and supporting fire practitioners from traditionally underserved and underrepresented communities. We are dedicated to building a better way to do fire management, that recognizes the inherent value of our employees, that supports work / life balance, and provides an environment that supports growth.

Location

The Forest Stewards Guild Intermountain West Office is based in Loveland, Colorado and is co-located with the Gravitas Peak Wildland Fire Module. Work currently occurs throughout Colorado, however the position is designed to grow to serve any landscape within a 750-mile radius of Northern Colorado. The opportunity to work from a home office on administrative projects will be evaluated on a case by case basis for individuals with a proven record of successful independent remote work.

Contact Us

Interested applicants should submit a one-page cover letter, a professional writing sample, three professional references, and resume to Daniel Godwin (daniel@forestguild.org) by **March 16, 2019**. Daniel can also be reached at (352) 561-8226. Please specify your earliest available start date.