

## HOURLY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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**POSITION TITLE:** CSFS Student Intern (1 position)

**LOCATION:** Northwest Area, Grand Junction Field Office (Grand Junction, CO)

**HOURLY PAY RATE:** \$12.32 per hour; overtime will be made available as necessary

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** May 24, 2019 through August 16, 2021

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications must be submitted by **11:59 pm MST on March 7, 2021.**

### **Description of Internship Program:**

Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and Warner College of Natural Resources (WCNR) seasonal forester / student intern positions provide students an in-depth learning and work experience in the field of natural resources. Internships include a 15-85% split between training for the student and hourly work for CSFS, as defined below under “duties and responsibilities”. Student interns prepare several written documents to advance their professional writing skills and encourage self-reflection during the summer, and they receive one-on-one mentoring and evaluation by their CSFS supervisor.

The Grand Junction Field Office works in forested areas from pinon-juniper to spruce-fir. We work with a diversity of groups including landowners, non-profits, communities, and federal agencies. A lot of great forestry work occurs on the western slope of Colorado but most people don't envision this area when they think of Colorado. The selected intern will gain experience in many aspects of forest management on private lands through this position from cruising and inventory, to marking boundaries and sale areas, in addition to fire mitigation work for private landowners. Training opportunities include, but are not limited to, forest inventory, plant and shrub identification, disease and insect identification, first aid/CPR, and using GIS to conduct inventories. Specific duties and responsibilities are listed below.

We are seeking student interns who are professional, self-directed, innovative, and energetic. The applicant should enjoy working with people from diverse backgrounds and respect different viewpoints. Of special interest are applicants that demonstrate a capacity to learn new skills, think critically, and serve as effective team members.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

- Sophomore, Junior, or Senior (who will be enrolled in Fall 2021) pursuing a degree from the Warner College of Natural Resources.
- Successful completion of Natural Resources Ecology and Measurements (NR220) at the CSU Mountain Campus, or successful completion of a similar course at another college/university
- Good academic standing with Colorado State University (GPA > 2.0).
- Demonstrated career interest in forestry or related natural resource fields.
- Successful completion of coursework in GIS or job experience using GIS.
- Must have a valid driver's license, the ability to obtain a driver's license, or access to a licensed driver by the employment start date.
- Experience working as an effective team member.

**Conditions of Employment:**

- Potential housing available; supervisors will work with students to find acceptable housing options
- Ability and willingness to work long hours with occasional evening and weekend duties (work based on a 40 hour work week).
- Ability to safely operate 4-wheel drive vehicles, UTVs/ATVs, and forest machinery and tools
- Student might be exposed to poisonous plants, biting stinging insects, and wildlife during field work.
- Ability to provide suitable work gear, including sturdy hiking boots and other personal items related to hiking.
- Ability and willingness to travel throughout Colorado for 1-3 day-long trips to CSFS field offices, potentially requiring stays in hotels. Approved lodging and per diem expenses are covered (see [GSA CONUS rates](#) for Colorado).

**Preferred Experience:**

- Good written and oral communication skills.
- Experience using forestry equipment (D-tape, loggers tape, GPS, increment borer, etc)
- Experience navigating with maps, compass, and GPS units.
- Ability to (or willingness to learn how to) operate 4-wheel drive vehicles, manual transmission vehicles, and UTVs/ATVs in variable weather and road conditions
- Experience using MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet, and e-mail.
- Experience operating chainsaws, including official certification in chainsaw operation such as S-212

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Cruising and data collection for forest inventories.
- Assisting with forest product sale layout: Cruising, boundary delineation, and marking
- Assisting with forest stand improvement projects: Boundary delineation, resource identification and marking
- Working with landowners to identify wildfire mitigation activities around structures
- Marking of wildfire defensible spaces and fuel breaks around structures
- Various GPS and GIS applications
- Assisting with assessment of insect and disease projects, making treatment recommendations
- General labor: Facility, equipment and vehicle maintenance

**To Apply:**

Please send electronic versions of the following application materials to [ethan.bucholz@colostate.edu](mailto:ethan.bucholz@colostate.edu):

1. Cover letter: The cover letter must include the following information: (a) the CSFS internship position(s) you are applying for, (b) your interest in and qualifications for each of these positions, and (c) a statement about what diversity and inclusion means to you and why it matters in the workplace.
2. Resume
3. Unofficial CSU transcript
4. Names and phone numbers / emails for 3 professional references.

**For questions regarding the position, please contact:**

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This announcement is also posted on our website at: <http://csfs.colostate.edu/employment>

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