



Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
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JACKSON HOLE CONSERVATION ALLIANCE WILDLANDS DIRECTOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

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Organizational Overview:

Jackson Hole is a spectacular high mountain valley that is home to Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks, and to our nation's most cherished wildlife. Jackson Hole hosts millions of visitors and a growing number of residents, and is experiencing ever greater human impacts on its fragile environment.

The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance works to protect the wildlife, scenery and community character that make this area world-renowned. The Conservation Alliance is a respected grassroots community organization, and is the oldest and largest environmental organization based in the area. We monitor the impacts of growth and development on public and private lands in and around the valley, and work with the community to achieve a healthy future for the people and wildlife of Jackson Hole. We believe that citizens must be informed and actively involved in shaping this unique region.

Wildlands Program Overview:

The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance has more than three decades of experience with land management and wildlife issues, and has profoundly influenced the way that Jackson Hole has developed. Teton County, Wyoming, is 97% federally owned land with abundant wildlife, and the Wildlands Program monitors major issues on public lands and provides recommendations to guide decisions about how these lands can best be managed.

The Wildlands Program leads the Alliance's work in wildlife biology and natural resource management. This branch of the Alliance advises land managers and community members on key issues related to wildlife and natural resources. The Wildlands Program works closely with the leaders of the area's national parks, national forests, wildlife refuge, wildlife managers, elected officials and conservation organizations. Wildlands staff collaborates with many respected experts in local wildlife and natural resource issues. This program conducts and contracts for extensive research to provide science-based recommendations to inform policy decisions.

The Wildlands Program works closely with the Communications and Community Engagement staff members to actively engage the public in advocating for strong protection of wildlife, scenery and natural resources. The Wildlands Program also works closely with the Community Planning Program to advise on wildlife and natural resource issues related to private land development.

Wildlands Director Position Overview:

The Wildlands Director leads the diverse work of the Wildlands Program, and is expected to be the organization's leading expert on ecology and wildlife. This includes leading research, strategy development, community engagement, public influence, watchdog efforts, and advocacy campaigns on the topic of wildlife and natural resource management.

The Wildlands Director must develop strong working relationships with agencies and organizations that work in Jackson Hole on natural resource issues, and should engage in ongoing professional collaboration with relevant national experts in wildlands issues. The Wildlands Director must work effectively with a diverse and skilled team of staff members, and will directly supervise the work of other staff on Wildlands issues. The Wildlands Director will speak on behalf of the Alliance on wildlands issues, or will coordinate with the Executive Director to inform any public presentations on these issues. The Wildlands Director must work closely with the Program Committee of the Board.

Major Responsibilities:

- Strategize, design and carry out campaigns to forward the Alliance's mission as it relates to wildlife and natural resource management in Teton County, Wyoming.
- Evaluate NEPA proposals and draft recommendations.
- Propose issue positions to the Executive Director and Board for their consideration, and update the Executive Director, Board and staff on issues as necessary.
- Communicate complex ideas clearly and effectively through newsletter articles, oral presentations, letters to the editor, membership alerts, forums, etc.
- Proactively identify strategic partners and form coalitions to successfully support Alliance positions.
- Stay informed about wildlands issues through literature review, professional development opportunities and discussions with relevant professionals.
- Work with other Alliance staff as necessary to carry out other organizational priorities.
- Attend and/or plan meetings with federal and state agencies, elected officials, and other interested persons to stay abreast of and provide input on wildlands issues.
- Ensure that Alliance work on Wildlands is proactive and effective.
- Help design grant applications with Development Director, and lead execution of Wildlands grants.
- Work closely with Alliance volunteers, interns and board members.
- Jointly supervise and direct the work of the Wildlands and Community Planning Associate.

Requirements:

- A Master's degree in a related field is strongly preferred
- Several years of relevant professional experience in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- Strong familiarity with Federal, state, and wildlife agency management procedures
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills and public speaking ability
- Excellent writing skills: technical policy writing, persuasive writing and informative writing
- Ability to manage and execute numerous projects simultaneously with scrupulous attention to detail and diplomacy

Compensation:

Includes salary commensurate with experience, full benefits, and the opportunity to do meaningful work in one of the most beautiful places in the world.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter and resume to wildlandsjob@jhalliance.org No phone calls please.

Applications will be accepted through February 19, 2012, with an expected start date of March 15, 2012.