



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CONSERVATION COORDINATOR

Position Summary

Los Padres ForestWatch, a nonprofit conservation organization based in Santa Barbara, California, is seeking a Conservation Coordinator to join our expanding team. Now in our sixth year, ForestWatch is the only organization focused on protecting wildlife and wild places in the Los Padres National Forest, the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and other public lands along California's central coast. The Conservation Coordinator will help us build on our successful track record of land conservation in our region.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities

The Conservation Coordinator is a new position that involves a combination of conservation advocacy, field work, community outreach, and volunteer coordination. Specific responsibilities include:

1. *Advocate for protection of wild places along California's Central Coast.*
 - Write concise and accurate fact sheets, opinion pieces, internet and newsletter articles, and email action alerts, and communicate effectively with the media.
 - Review development proposals and environmental documents and prepare written and/or oral comments on land use activities that may impact natural resources.
 - Maintain positive working relationships with agency officials and decision-makers.
 - Analyze information from land management agencies and present it to the public in an understandable and usable format.
2. *Cultivate and engage conservation allies to build broad public support for protecting key wild places in the Los Padres National Forest.*
 - Build and maintain relationships with diverse forest user groups – including mountain bikers, rock climbers, hunters, anglers, and horseback riders – who may share our interest in protecting wild places.
 - Foster relationships with private landowners in and around the National Forest.
 - Encourage stakeholders to write letters and participate in land use decisions.
3. *Collect field data, monitor land uses, coordinate volunteers, organize environmental restoration projects, and communicate with the public.*
 - Monitor land use activities (i.e. oil drilling, mining, logging, livestock grazing, vegetation clearing), collect field data, and communicate findings and conclusions to land managers and decision-makers.
 - Develop and implement environmental restoration projects using volunteers.
 - Attend public events and staff informational booths to enlist new supporters.

Other Requirements

We're seeking someone who's highly motivated, a quick learner, able to work independently and juggle multiple priorities and tasks, has excellent communication skills, and exceptional writing and research skills. Applicants should have a demonstrated passion for protecting wild places, along with a robust sense of humor. A bachelor's degree in environmental studies, science, communications, public relations, political science, or related field is desired, but applicants with equivalent work experience will also be considered.

This position requires occasional work on evenings and weekends, traveling in remote areas (sometimes on dirt roads requiring four-wheel drive), and work in the field (including hiking several miles, removing barbed wire fencing, and other moderate physical labor). In addition, experience with GPS units and knowledge of ArcGIS and Google Earth is a plus.

Compensation

ForestWatch offers a competitive nonprofit salary in a stimulating, rewarding work environment, as well as health benefits and a generous paid vacation policy.

To Apply

This position is available immediately. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through February 28 or until the position is filled.

Please submit via email a cover letter describing your qualifications for this position, resume, writing sample, and the names and contact information of three references to info@LPFW.org

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