



Wildlands Internship

Position Summary:

The Wildlands Intern will work to ensure the wellbeing of Oregon's high desert. This position will work directly with ONDA's Stewardship Coordinator and other ONDA staff to conduct public lands monitoring, lead volunteer and youth corps restoration trips and support advocacy and outreach activities for ONDA's conservation campaigns as needed. The ideal candidate will have strong backcountry skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office tools.

Internship Dates: June - September, 2019

Start and completion dates can be tailored to the selected applicant's schedule.

Hours and Location:

This position will average 20 hours/week and is based in Bend with multi-day trips to remote parts of Central and Eastern Oregon. Work will be split approximately 80/20 between field work and office work.

General Responsibilities:

- Wildlands Monitoring (40%)
 - Hiking into Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs), Oregon Desert Trail photo monitoring points, and Oregon Desert Land Trust parcels to document ecological conditions
 - Driving remote routes to ensure that signs are posted where appropriate
 - Using Avenza Pro, Gaia GPS, and GPS photo apps to gather data about conditions of wildlands
 - Compiling and downloading field data
 - Spending three or more days at a time in the field car camping or backpacking
- Volunteer & Tribal Youth Crew Restoration Trips (40%)
 - Assisting ONDA's stewardship staff with leading multi-day field-based restoration trips with ONDA volunteers or tribal youth crew.
 - Aiding with trip logistics and packing
 - Helping accomplish desired restoration outcomes to include beaver dam analogue construction, fence removal or retrofitting, riparian planting, juniper removal, and more
 - Leading hikes for and engaging with volunteers and youth crew
 - Spending four days at a time in the field car camping or backpacking
- Outreach and Advocacy (20%)
 - Write blogs for ONDA's website and Facebook posts highlighting field work
 - Engage trip volunteers in advocacy work

- Assist with outreach at events as needed

Preferred skills and abilities:

- A genuine passion for protecting, restoring and defending Oregon's high desert
- Desire to learn about ONDA's mission and key program areas
- Computer proficiency, especially with word processing, spreadsheets, and data management functions
- Ability to work independently in a remote field setting
- 4x4 driving on dirt roads or worse
- Leave No Trace backcountry skills
- Familiarity with using GPS and GIS platforms
- Strong verbal, written and organizational abilities
- Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends
- A valid driver's license and good driving record is required, as travel and driving company vehicles will be necessary.

Intern Benefits:

The selected applicant will work closely with ONDA's staff to gain knowledge about high desert restoration, public lands policy, field data collection, database management and non-profit management. In addition to gaining valuable hands-on experience the Wildlands Intern will have all food and gas paid for while in the field and will be eligible for up to a \$500 stipend commensurate with performance.

The selected intern will also be offered the opportunity to earn academic credit through OSU-Cascades on successful completion of internship tasks and responsibilities. If interested, the intern can enroll in NR 410, a 3-credit academic internship in collaboration with the Natural Resource Program at OSU-Cascades. NR 410 requires an approved academic plan prior to the start of the internship, and coordinated with the OSU-Cascades NR 410 internship coordinator. Enrollment in NR 410 is required during the internship.

To Apply:

Please email your cover letter, resume, availability (days and times), and two references to **Lisa Foster, ONDA's Stewardship Coordinator**, Lisa@onda.org. Please limit your cover letter and resume to no more than two pages.

Applications for internships are considered on a rolling basis. Interviews and hiring may take place at any time. No phone calls please.

ONDA welcomes diversity and is committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees, interns, and volunteers.