POSITION: Field Monitoring Intern
REPORTS TO: Policy Manager
LOCATION: Bend, Oregon
CLASSIFICATION: Limited duration internship, approximately May to August 2021

POSITION SUMMARY

Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) is a grassroots organization of over 10,000 members and supporters that exists to protect, defend and restore Oregon's deserts. ONDA is conducting an inventory of public lands in eastern Oregon to identify lands with wilderness characteristics and support efforts to protect these areas. We are seeking an intern to participate in this field work.

The Field Monitoring Intern will assist in collecting, storing and reporting accurate data on land uses, road and route condition and wilderness characteristics on public lands in eastern Oregon. The intern will be responsible for assisting ONDA staff in making subjective determinations about wilderness characteristics and landscape conditions (using guidelines) such as whether or not an area is primarily natural, affords opportunities for primitive recreation or offers solitude.

This is a field-going position that will require regular physical exertion such as prolonged hiking over rough terrain and will require lifting and carrying heavy items. The intern must be able to physically perform safely under strenuous field conditions and work outdoors, in a small team at remote sites with variable weather conditions and insects. Interns will be expected to conduct duties in a safe and orderly manner so as not to endanger self and others, or damage property with which they are entrusted.

A typical work week will be 40 hours and involve traveling and camping in eastern Oregon for 4-5 day periods.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

We are looking for an intern with a passion for desert wildlands and a desire to protect them. Ideal candidates are those with an interest in exploring a career in natural resource management or a related field, have experience working in remote areas, enjoy field-based science work, and are comfortable making decisions in the field. Experience operating manual transmission vehicle is a plus. In order to perform the duties of this position, candidates must possess and maintain a valid state driver’s license.

COMPENSATION

This position pays $13/hour, plus food and travel costs. Field vehicle, equipment and survey training is provided by ONDA.

TO APPLY

We are striving to eliminate potential bias in our recruiting by implementing specific steps in our review process. Please submit two email attachments as follows:

1) Attachment #1: A cover page that includes your name and contact information. Do not include this identifying information anywhere else in your attachments.
2) Attachment #2: A cover letter (without your name), resume (without your name), and the contact information for two references all combined into a single .doc or .pdf file.
Please submit these application materials to ondatech@onda.org no later than March 26.

ABOUT OREGON NATURAL DESERT ASSOCIATION
For three decades Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) has connected people to their public lands and championed the conservation and stewardship of central and eastern Oregon's wild lands, waterways and wildlife. ONDA’s mission is to protect, defend and restore Oregon’s high desert. From championing land protection to speaking out for fish and wildlife, ONDA’s members and supporters sustain the natural character of Oregon’s high desert. ONDA envisions a high desert in Oregon where eight million acres of public lands are conserved to ensure that fish and wildlife thrive and wild places exist for all people to treasure and explore, now and always. https://ONDA.org

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ONDA is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion and seeks to create an inclusive environment for all volunteers, partners, collaborators and employees. Our commitment to diversity includes the recognition that our mission is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of people of diverse backgrounds, beliefs and cultures. We strongly encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, military, protected veteran status or other status protected by law. Please review our commitment to fostering justice in environmental conservation at https://onda.org/justice/.