Job Description – Washington Conservation Corps Individual Placement

Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (MCFEG) is looking for an individual to fill a Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Individual Placement opening. Mid-Columbia Fisheries is a non-profit organization dedicated to restoring and protecting salmon and steelhead populations in the Yakima basin through community outreach, environmental education, volunteer coordination, habitat restoration and data collection.

Title: Project Technician

Description
The AmeriCorps Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) program provides the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the environmental field while serving your local community. This is a full-time, temporary 6-month position expected to begin April 6, 2014 and end September 19, 2014. Upon successful completion of 900 service hours, a $2,775 scholarship will be awarded. The WCC Individual Placement is sponsored by Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group. This position is ideal for an outgoing, energetic, organized and detail-oriented individual with experience working with the public and a passion for the outdoors.

Responsibilities and Duties
• Bull Trout Task Force – June-September: recreation dam removal, outreach to the recreating public about bull trout, hosting campground presentations, population monitoring.
• Volunteer management – organize and host community volunteer work events, such as tree planting projects. Duties consist of recruiting volunteers, coordinating site preparation, coordinating logistics and supplies, outreach to volunteers about safety and the site and the importance their work, site cleanup after event.
• Education – attending education events in the Yakima basin and educating people of all ages about salmon, steelhead and bull trout.
• Office assistance – duties include assisting with permitting, restoration planting design, etc.
• Field work – duties include tasks outlined in the Bull Trout Task Force description, planting native plants, invasive and non-native weed removal, mulching and surveying.

Skills and Qualifications
• WCC members must be 18-25 years old at the time of hire, exceptions are made for recently returning military veterans.
• A college degree in the biological or environmental field is preferred, but not required.
• A valid driver’s license, clean driving record and the ability to drive agency vehicles.
• Must successfully pass a criminal background check.
• Demonstrated experience working with the public.
• Willing to work outside in all types of weather.

Location and Schedule
This position is located in Ellensburg, WA and includes frequent travel to various areas of the Yakima basin during the summer months. April-May schedule will generally be Monday-Friday, 8-hours per day. One or two Saturday work days may be required during April or May. June-September work will be focused on the Bull Trout Task Force project; the work schedule is Thursday-Sunday, 10-hours per day.
Pay and Benefits

- WCC members earn $9.32/hour and receive a $2,775 scholarship upon successful completion of 900 hours within the 6-month term.
- WCC members are covered under a basic health insurance policy.
- Food assistance is available through DSHS.
- Educational loan forbearance is available on qualified loans while in the WCC.

To Apply:
Please send one hard copy and one digital copy of a cover letter, resume, references and any materials you wish to share to: Rebecca Wassell, Yakima Basin Program Director, Becca@midcolumbiarfeg.com, 421 N. Pearl Street, Ellensburg, WA 98926 by March 10, 2014.

Contact Information
Please contact Rebecca Wassell at Becca@midcolumbiarfeg.com or (509) 281-1311 for additional information.
For more information about the WCC Individual Placement Program please visit: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/wcc/memberpositions.html.