



Position: Watershed and Landscape Restoration Policy Coordinator

Compensation: \$36,000 – \$45,000, depending on qualifications

Benefits: Medical and Dental

Location: Pacific Rivers Council office in downtown Portland, OR

General Responsibilities: The Watershed and Landscape Restoration Policy Coordinator will develop policy recommendations and supporting rationales to advance the goals of the Restore Mt. Hood Campaign. She/he will also inform the goals of the newly-created Oregon Watershed Restoration Initiative by providing guidance, analysis, and advice on policy and implementation needs related to reducing the environmental impacts of federally managed roads within the state of Oregon. She/he will work with conservation organizations, scientists, state, federal and local governments, and land managers. The position is located in Pacific Rivers Council's Portland office and will report to Pacific Rivers Council policy director and Bark's executive director.

Background: Bark began the Restore Mt. Hood Campaign in 2007 with the goal of crafting progressive land management policies for implementation by the Forest Service in Mt. Hood National Forest. The Campaign seeks to encourage the Forest Service to implement policies that prioritize ecosystem services such as clean drinking water, climate change resiliency, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation. The Campaign involves both the creation of progressive policies and the pursuit of activities intended to persuade the Forest Service to adopt some or all of the recommendations. The Policy Coordinator will work closely with Bark's Restore Mt. Hood Campaign Manager, who is responsible for organizing broad support for implementation of the Campaign policies.

PRC created the Oregon Watershed Restoration Initiative to provide state-wide leadership and expertise regarding the funding and implementation of road-related watershed restoration, particularly on federally managed. Loosely modeled after the successful Washington Watershed Restoration Initiative, the goal is to ensure adequate levels of public funding for reduction of the aquatic impacts of federal roads through decommissioning and other activities, and to ensure accountability in the implementation of such work.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Restore Mt. Hood Campaign (.75 FTE)
- Write and edit three white papers providing management recommendations for the Forest Service to implement in Mt. Hood National Forest on water, wildlife, and recreation.

- Each paper will contain an assessment of existing policy failures, opportunities, and recommendations for future management of Mt. Hood National Forest.
- Coordinate with Restore Mt. Hood Campaign Manager in determining priority issues within umbrella of water, recreation, and wildlife.
- Cultivate working relationships with relevant experts and working groups for the three white papers as needed to increase likelihood of adoption of management recommendations.
- Provide monthly progress reports to the Campaign Manager and Restore Mt. Hood Coalition member organizations.
- Communicate with Forest Service and other agencies as necessary.
- Participate in public meeting(s) soliciting feedback on the papers.
- If determined necessary by Bark and PRC, compile white papers into “Mt. Hood Ecosystem and Recreation Plan” that will serve as basis for persuading the Forest Service to adopt the recommendation contained therein.
- Oregon Watershed Restoration Initiative: Legacy Roads (.25 FTE)
- Establish a standing statewide coalition in support of increased funding and to provide public accountability for the Forest Service Legacy Roads program and parallel public investment on BLM lands in Oregon.
- Produce an Oregon-specific report on the ecological and economic benefits associated with decommissioning and remediation of excess and harmful roads on Forest Service and BLM lands.
- Produce public education and outreach materials showcasing successes and opportunities for road-related watershed restoration in Oregon.
- Advocate strategic implementation of road-related restoration in Oregon, drawing on the expert advice of Pacific Rivers Council and others.
- Coordinate with and support efforts of the Washington Watershed Restoration Initiative.

Qualifications:

- Graduate degree in law, public policy or related discipline
- At least 2 years of experience with public lands policy implementation
- Documented analytical reading and writing skills.
- Demonstrated working knowledge of current public natural resource issues in Oregon
- Training in biology, hydrology, or other resource science is highly beneficial.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

How to apply:

Please email resume and cover letter, including three references and a writing sample, to mary@pacificrivers.org **AND** alex@bark-out.org.