

## **Conservation Program Seasonal Land Steward Position**

### **Vital Ground Foundation**

**Missoula, MT**

**Job Type: Temporary, Seasonal or Internship**

**Salary Details: \$20 per hour, 20 hours per week**

#### **About the Organization**

The Vital Ground Foundation is a nationally accredited land trust that works in the northern Rocky Mountains to conserve land for grizzly bears and other wildlife. As a land trust, we complete land purchases and partner with private landowners on conservation agreements for their properties, or conservation easements. Since our founding in 1990, we have helped conserve and enhance almost one million acres of habitat.

We focus our efforts on crucial areas where private lands connect the wild strongholds of the Northern Rockies. By protecting these vital corridors, we foster movement and crucial genetic exchange between grizzly bear populations at risk for isolation. We ground our work in the grizzly bear's role as an umbrella species. When the land can support a healthy grizzly bear population, whole webs of native plants and animals flourish. Each of our projects is carefully chosen in consultation with wildlife biologists and the best available science.

#### **Position Details**

In our organization, we have several departments: Development, Communications, Administration and Finance, and Conservation. The Conservation program is responsible for project development and stewardship, and is seeking a seasonal employee to help with program tasks. Tasks may include but are not limited to:

- Monitoring and stewardship of Vital Ground holdings;
- Trail camera deployment and monitoring;
- GIS work including basic map creation and field data analysis;
- Assisting with baseline supplements or current condition reports;
- Periodic due diligence administration for active conservation projects, and
- Data entry, other office tasks

#### **Qualifications**

- Classwork in environmental science, conservation, geography, natural resource management, or related field.
- Basic knowledge of conservation concepts such as conservation easements or other land protection tools.

- Experience with plant and animal identification.
- Strong organization skills with attention to detail.
- Comfortable working outside for extended periods of time. Ability to safely hike on various terrain while carrying supplies.
- Experience with GIS and GPS systems.
- Experience with Microsoft programs such as Word and Excel.
- Experience with operating trail cameras.
- Ability to work efficiently with minimal supervision.
- Drivers License required.

**To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to [bjohnson@vitalground.org](mailto:bjohnson@vitalground.org)**

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