



VISITOR SURVEY TECHNICIANS

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

Job Posting: JULY 2018

Applications will be reviewed immediately. This position is open until filled.

Position Summary: Two Visitor Survey Technicians will coordinate with researchers at the University of Washington (UW) and USDA Forest Service (USFS) staff to survey visitors to collect demographics information and activity preferences for persons recreating on state and federal lands in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. The Survey Technicians will be stationed at identified roadside locations along the Middle Fork Road (Forest Service Road 56) for four-hour shifts at various times and days of the week to implement the research survey protocol. The Survey Technicians may be paired with volunteers and/or other staff members but will also be expected to work independently.

Collected data will be provided to the University of Washington for analysis. Orientation training will be provided by Greenway Trust, USFS, and UW staff.

Position Type & Schedule: Temporary, part-time non-exempt. Work begins approximately mid-July through late September. Technicians will conduct 4-hour field shifts (with an additional 2 hours included for travel to/from the site, and setup/breakdown), with 2-4 shifts weekly, for a total of 12-24 hours a week until a total of 24 survey days have been completed. Position includes mileage reimbursement for travel to and from survey site from Issaquah. Schedules will be agreed upon in advance and will include a variety of mornings and afternoons on weekdays or weekends, between 8am-8pm, for the purposes of conducting an array of survey samples.

Work Location: The Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley is less than an hour from Seattle, and encompasses public lands popular for various types of outdoor recreation. The Survey Technicians will work alongside the main road entering the valley, to interact with visitors at the end of their visit. To learn more about the Middle Fork Snoqualmie, visit <https://mtsgreenway.org/learn/middle-fork/>

Compensation: \$17.00/hour. Mileage reimbursement of \$0.54/mi from Mountains to Sound Greenway field base in Issaquah to study site outside of North Bend.

Responsibilities & Duties:

- Wear appropriate safety gear including visibility vest and hardhat
- Adhere to the survey protocol
- Set up four signs at the temporary roadside survey station
- Invite vehicles to stop for survey via hand waving and eye contact
- Greet visitors who pull over in their vehicles and invite participation
- Distribute and collect survey forms
- Collect data and complete survey site data sheet for each shift
- Break down survey site and return materials to storage
- Organize collected data for transfer to researchers at the University of Washington
- Check in with Greenway Trust staff before and after each survey shift
- Communicate with Greenway Trust, UW, and/or USFS staff for questions and/or issues

Desired Qualifications:

- Willingness to engage the public; an outgoing personality is recommended
- Works well with others and also works well independently
- Experience with community outreach and/or customer service
- Comfortable working with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Patience and tolerance for periods of low to no activity
- Attention to detail, collecting precise data, and ability to follow complex protocol
- Ability to improvise in the field as needed and make decisions based on the study goals
- Personal vehicle for transportation to and from the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley, including active automotive liability insurance
- Previous education and/or experience with social science research, land management, and/or recreation management a plus
- Ability to speak languages beyond English a plus

Working conditions and physical requirements:

- Ability to work independently outdoors during inclement weather
- Ability to stand for up to 4 hours (chair provided for rest breaks)
- Ability to carry about 20 pounds of survey station materials for a short distance

Start/End Date: July 2018 – September 2018

Hours: 12-24 hours per week

Compensation: \$17.00 per hour plus mileage reimbursement

Work Location: The primary work location will be in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River Valley. Survey Technicians will store survey materials at the Greenway Trust field office in Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah, and will report to this location at the beginning/end of each survey period.

To apply:

Email a brief cover letter and resume to: Ben Hughey at ben.hughey@mtsgreenway.org

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