

# Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness

## Backcountry Ranger/Community Outreach Coordinator

Summer 2022



**Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (FSPW) and the Kootenai National Forest (KNF) in Montana are recruiting for a backcountry ranger/community outreach coordinator.**

**WHO:** Applicants should have experience and interest in the duties described. This physically arduous job is often exposed to mountain weather. The ideal applicant is an experienced leader who is passionate about stewardship of wildlands, interested in a career in natural resource management and comfortable in public situations, including presentations.

**WHAT:** The backcountry ranger's primary duty is to patrol the Scotchman Peaks Recommended Wilderness Area to educate visitors and protect the area's wild character. They will receive intensive training and education in natural resource management from an interdisciplinary, field-based perspective. This is a shared position between Cabinet Ranger District of the KNF and FSPW. Work will also occur in the Three Rivers Ranger District of the KNF and in parts of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Cabinet RD is on the cutting edge of backcountry stewardship. The employee will benefit greatly from the opportunity to work in this challenging environment. FSPW is a forward-thinking "poster-child" non-profit wilderness advocacy group that thinks outside the box about the collaboration, cooperation and community involvement. Compensation includes a salary of \$10 per hour, plus numerous official training and certifications (wildland fire, chainsaw, crosscut, defensive driving, First Aid/ CPR), free housing, and an exceptional career/life experience.

**WHEN:** 10-12 week program from June through August

**WHERE:** Trout Creek, MT. Government housing is available.

**CONTACT/APPLY:** Send resume and cover letter in one pdf file to all three of these contacts:

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Applications will be accepted until the position is filled; please submit by Feb 21, 2022 to assure consideration.

Wages and/or time of program could increase, depending on grant application outcome.

**For more information on the Scotchman Peaks visit <http://www.scotchmanpeaks.org>**

*The USFS and Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness are equal opportunity employers.*



FSPW volunteers, backcountry ranger, and staff on Spar Ridge Project in Scotchman Peaks Recommended Wilderness Area.

### Position Duties Include:

- 1 to 4 day backpacking patrols of 6 to 10 miles per day in seasonal conditions on weekends and holidays
- Carrying a 50 – 75 lb. pack plus tools
- Educating visitors on backcountry ethics /regulations, including Leave-No-Trace
- Trail maintenance using primitive and motorized tools
- Leading volunteers and community partners on service, training, and education events
- Mountain goat and other wildlife education
- Natural resource monitoring
- Restoration of impacted sites
- Sign/TH installation and maintenance
- Invasive species monitoring and treatment
- Community outreach for backcountry awareness and FSPW mission at public events
- Various other duties in support of the District programs including developed recreation