

Yaak Valley Forest Council

Position Title: Climate and Conservation Program Manager

Location: rural Troy, Montana

Posting Date: May 11, 2021

Closing Date: June 4, 2021. Job will remain open until filled.

The Yaak Valley Forest Council was formed in 1997 by residents concerned with the environmental quality and public land management of the million-acre Yaak Valley area on the Kootenai National Forest in northwest Montana. The Yaak's location, with its combination of inland Pacific Northwest and northern Rocky Mountain climates, has resulted in a uniquely biodiverse ecosystem of sensitive species and threatened grizzly bears. We work for a wild Yaak through science, education, and bold action. www.yaakvalley.org

Job Overview:

The Climate and Conservation Program Manager is a full-time, year-round position that will make a significant contribution to the fulfillment of the Yaak Valley Forest Council's established conservation program and developing climate program. The Program Manager will advocate for climate-adaptive and climate-resilient ecosystem management to identify, preserve, and protect climate refugia, high quality habitat, and wildlife migration corridors by producing interactive climate refugia maps utilizing GIS, land-satellite imagery data, and related products from established methods, while applying established and emerging methods from the scientific literature. A program description can be found here:

<http://yaakvalley.org/climate-refuge-program/>

The Program Manager will also write, research, compile, manage, and submit NEPA comments for proposed timber sale projects by utilizing refugia maps and established and emerging YVFC conservation policy to guide federal land project alternatives and management decisions under our Forest Watch program: <http://yaakvalley.org/programs/forest-watch/>

Coordination with and assistance from our Headwaters Restoration Program will inform NEPA work:

<http://yaakvalley.org/programs/headwaters-restoration/>

This position will report to the YVFC Executive Director. Work from home and remote work is possible but relative proximity to the Yaak Valley for weekly in-person office days will be required and determined as job activities evolve. Regional travel and all-staff project or event work likely required.

Job Qualification Requirements:

1-to-3 years experience with computer map-making, GIS, land-satellite imagery, and data sets.

1-year experience with NEPA project documents, comments, and submissions.

Bachelor's Degree preferred.

Commitment to organization's mission.

Ability to anticipate and manage deadlines.

Ability to research established and emerging climate change and land conservation science and policy.

Ability to expand partnerships with land managers, conservation groups, and scientific researchers.

Capacity to summarize project and program data into figures, tables, and maps.

Use of word and data processing software (e.g., MS Word, Excel, Google, and database software).

Valid driver's license and vehicle with insurance.

Salary and Benefits:

\$40,000 annual salary.

Monthly health care stipend.

Field work mileage (not commuting mileage) and related expenses.

Paid federal holidays.

2 weeks paid vacation after 6 months, with paid vacation increasing over time.

To apply:

Email your resume and cover letter--with a Climate and Conservation Program Manager subject line--to:

Aaron Peterson, Executive Director

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No calls, please.