

JACKSON HOLE CONSERVATION ALLIANCE

Public Lands Community Organizer

JOB DESCRIPTION

June 2021



Organizational Overview

40 years ago, a group of caring neighbors bound by a ferocious love for the magic of Jackson Hole founded the Jackson Hole Alliance for Responsible Planning. We've worked as a watchdog to defend Jackson Hole from many things you don't see today, from oil/gas wells in Cache Creek to a dam that would have flooded Oxbow Bend, and much more. Now, as the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, we believe our valley still needs a local organization with deep roots to address bad ideas that don't align with our community's values. And we believe that if we are to succeed in protecting the wildlife, wild places, and community character of Jackson Hole, we must do more than respond to threats: we must empower the whole community to proactively create a better future.

That's why we work to make Jackson Hole a national model of a strong community living in balance with nature. This is a future for Jackson Hole where abundant populations of wildlife have the freedom to roam across the landscape, through our neighborhoods, and safely cross our roads; where we live in walkable neighborhoods with accessible transportation choices and affordable homes, surrounded by protected open space, working agricultural lands, and connected wildlife habitat; and where we respect wildlife when we recreate on protected, wild, well-managed public lands.

Project Overview

The Public Lands Community Organizer will help the Alliance with effective grassroots advocacy in our priority wildlife and wildlands campaigns. They will work with our Conservation Program Manager and partners at the National Parks Conservation Association to stop commercial helicopter tours in and around Grand Teton National Park and adjacent public lands. They will also help the Alliance protect the wildlife and public lands of the Bridger-Teton National Forest by engaging in the forest plan revision process. The Public Lands Community Organizer is a part-time, temporary position that will help build and mobilize our base. They will work with a wide range of community members, attend meetings and track decisions, help the Conservation Program Manager draft policy recommendations and communications materials, organize and build grassroots support, and work with stakeholders to garner political support for our policy recommendations.

Major Responsibilities

Heli-NO Campaign – 70%

Facilitate Heli-NO Field Campaign and Business Coalition (50%)

- Help organize and facilitate a coalition of business leaders and local stakeholders who oppose commercial air tour flights over public lands
- Support strategy to move local Town/County resolutions into congressional legislation
- Recruit, train, and support volunteers in lobbying and outreach efforts, including letters to the editor, events, petitions, etc.

Coordinate volunteer and community events and attend partner meetings (10%)

- Assist with organizing community & volunteer meetings and events

- Attend meetings and work with partner organizations and government agencies on campaign partnerships

Support communications strategies related to air tours management and public lands (10%)

- Assist with media outreach on helicopter and air tour stories and events
- Assist with coordinating social media strategy and create social media content in collaboration with the communications coordinator
- Update the Alliance Heli-NO webpages

Bridger-Teton National Forest Plan Revision – 30%

Research and Data Collection, Technical Writing (10%)

- Conduct research, literature reviews, and stakeholder interviews to gather the most up-to-date data for conservation recommendations. Topics include extractive uses, existing land designations, big-game connectivity habitat and migration, and balancing recreation and uses in the Bridger Teton.
- Assist the Conservation Program Manager in drafting conservation recommendations for the revised forest plan

Represent the Alliance at partner meetings (10%)

- Attend monthly meetings (3rd Thursday of every month from 2-5pm)
- Work with partner organizations and government agencies on the revision process

Communications and Outreach (10%)

- Assist with coordinating Alliance communications materials (newsletters, social media, blogs) in collaboration with team members

Requirements

- Commitment to conservation advocacy and a better future for Jackson Hole
- Strong commitment to wildlife, public lands, and habitat protection in particular
- Understanding of community organizing methods
- Familiar with the local community and an understanding of local/state politics
- Creativity and ability to make engagement valuable and fun
- Ability to use technology including Office, Google Docs, and Zoom; must have your own laptop
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a dependable team player
- Strong interpersonal and relationship-building skills
- Open mind and flexible attitude to take on responsibilities as assigned

Salary: \$20-\$22/hour depending on experience

Duration of Employment: Average of 10-15 hours per week through October 2021, with the possibility to extend. Schedule is flexible and may require work on evenings and weekends.

Start Date: As soon as possible.

To Apply: Send a cover letter and resume to chelsea@jhalliance.org. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through July 1, at 5:00pm MST. For details about the position, please contact Chelsea at 307-733-9417 ext. 4.