

National Forest Program (based out of Spokane, summer 2010)

Winter Range Road Survey Project, Colville National Forest

This internship is in partnership with the Colville National Forest (CNF) and Conservation Northwest. The Forest Service manages roads in winter range to eliminate or discourage motorized vehicle use to protect big game. Many closures have been installed without being well documented for type, location, signing, or effectiveness. This project will help document the status of select winter range closures on the CNF in northeastern Washington.

Duties

Each road that accesses winter range on the CNF will be visited and examined and, if listed as closed, the closure will be photographed documented for type, location, signing, and effectiveness of the closure—this will require hundreds of miles of driving forest service and other county and state roads. Results will be maintained in electronic form and submitted to the Forest for subsequent action, if needed. The Forest will supply maps of the winter range areas that detail road numbers and current knowledge of closures and closure types. The Forest will also supply spreadsheets that contain the current knowledge of each road and closure type.

Skills Required

This internship requires excellent map, compass, and GPS skills; good note taking and writing abilities, as well as experience and comfort with navigating rough and remote forest roads. A functional, licensed and insured high clearance vehicle is also required.

Timeline/Compensation

The internship will run between June 15 and September 15, 2010. The work schedule is flexible as long as all work is completed by the end of the internship. Compensation of up to \$2,900 will be provided in the form of monthly stipend payments intended to cover gas and travel expenses and limited supplies, as well as to assist with basic living expenses during the internship period. Gas expenses to complete the field work are estimated to be between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Limiting travel to and from the road survey sites by camping near the field work area will save on the travel expenses, which the intern will be responsible for.

Management

This intern will work report directly to Derrick Knowles with Conservation Northwest out of our Spokane office and Chris Loggers with the Colville National Forest out of their Kettle Falls office.

To apply for this internship, email your resume, along with an explanation of why you're interested in this internship, to derrick@conservationnw.org by June 1.