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Volunteer Position Description

Position Description: Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Southern Terminus Host

Supervisor: Recreation and Lands Officer, Lindsey Steinwachs

Office Location: Cleveland National Forest, Descanso Ranger District, 3348 Alpine Blvd, Alpine, CA 91901

Position Description:

The Pacific Crest Trail Southern Terminus Host position will last 13 weeks between late February until the end of May 2020. During this period the Terminus Host will be based at the PCT Southern Terminus trailhead, near Campo, CA, between 6-7am – 12pm, 6 days per week, working under field supervision of the Pacific Crest Trail Crest Runners. Protecting the PCT experience is dependent upon informing trail users of Leave No Trace information and reliable trail information. The Pacific Crest Trail Trailhead Host serves as a key member of the PCT team, providing visitor information and education and compiling visitor use data. The host often serves as the first face-to-face contact for trail users and should possess strong communication skills and be customer service oriented. The host will provide information to trail users about regulations, leave no trace principles and trip planning. The host will also compile and maintain visitor use data, keeping detailed records. The position will be primarily field-based and work in an outdoor setting in a variety of weather conditions.

Specific duties include, but are not limited to:

- Gathers and compiles visitor use data based on standard protocols
- Provides visitors with information about leave no trace principles including campsite selection, human waste management and dry camping considerations
- Provides information about the trail including trip planning, permit requirements, preparedness, and trail conditions
- Effectively communicates visitor use issues and management strategies to a wide and diverse audience, working closely with PCT staff and partners

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to hike up to 3 miles and lift and move moderate weight (50+ pounds)
- Weekend work will be required
- Requires the ability to work outside under adverse weather conditions up to five hours per day

Position Requirements:

- Must live within commuting distance of the Southern Terminus or accept the provided campsite amenities offered for the position
- Must have a personal vehicle for travel to and from duty station

Desired Qualifications:

- Education and/or experience in natural resource management, recreation ecology, or similar field
- Experience hiking, backpacking and practicing leave no trace principles
- Familiarity with the Pacific Crest Trail
- Experience working independently in remote settings, in all weather conditions
- A demonstrated ability to engage diverse groups and build relationships to advance action toward goals



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- Data management skills
 - Excellent oral and written communication skills
 - Ability to communicate with large groups, as many people arrive at the Southern Terminus at one time
 - Highly organized self-starter who can track, manage and report on multiple items with minimal supervision and successful completion.