Southern Nevada Wilderness
Springs Monitoring Technician
Friends of Nevada Wilderness
1700-hour AmeriCorps

Location: Las Vegas, Nevada
Position: 1700 hour/40 hour/week
Term: September 18th, 2023 - August 31st, 2024
Supervisor: Tyler Morris
Application Deadline: Candidates will be screened on a rolling basis until positions are filled

Who We Are:
Friends of Nevada Wilderness is a statewide conservation non-profit founded in 1984. Friends’ mission is to protect all present and potential wilderness from ongoing threats, educate the public about the values of and need for wilderness, and improve the management and restoration of wild lands. We are knowledgeable, passionate, and joyful professionals who feel connected to the lands that we are dedicated to protecting. These are the core values that guide our work:

- Credible: We understand that our long-term success is built through trusting relationships and integrity. We are reliable community leaders who are committed to accuracy, honesty, and follow through in all that we do.
- Effective: We think outside the box to find areas of collaboration and compromise, and actively work towards reaching tangible, workable outcomes.
- People-oriented: We wholeheartedly believe that the outdoors is for all and are devoted to fostering safe spaces where everyone can thrive and express their true selves. We prioritize benefits and policies which ensure that our board, staff, members, and volunteers are well cared for and feel valued.
- Resilient: We use story-telling, record-keeping, and retention of long-term staff and board to cultivate a thorough understanding of Wild Nevada’s rich history and future trajectory. Through this collective understanding, we have learned that setbacks are inevitable, and that our work is never done.

Position Description:
Friends of Nevada Wilderness is bringing on five AmeriCorps Springs Monitoring Technicians to support spring monitoring efforts throughout Southern Nevada. The technicians will sample spring water quality, assist in spring restoration, support outreach communication and activities, and conduct data entry. The technician may have the opportunity to conduct more intensive surveying of riparian vegetation or engage in invertebrate/vertebrate identification, soil/rock type classification, in-depth water chemistry analysis, or other sampling tasks depending on skills and interests. This
position will involve a combination of field and office work.

**Springs Monitoring Technicians will:**
Conduct basic springs monitoring (flow conditions, water quality, location) throughout Southern Nevada independently or with volunteers. Lead volunteers in basic spring monitoring, prioritizing their safety and comfort. Carefully and accurately collect large quantities of field data. Conduct data entry of field data in an accurate and timely fashion. Assist in outreach activities and media production to recruit volunteers and spread information, in person and via social media. Capture photos and videos of springs monitoring and volunteers in action. Keep equipment clean and in working order at all times. Have a willingness to drive a full-size, four-wheel-drive truck to access remote spring locations; four-wheel-drive training will be provided. Comfortably work outside, often in remote locations or challenging conditions. Adhering to all safety protocols laid out by Springs Stewardship Coordinator and Lead Springs Technician.

**Basic Qualifications:**
- 18 or older
- US citizen or equivalent
- High School Diploma/GED
- Current driver’s license required
- Vaccinated for Covid-19
- Ability to hike for up to ten miles with a 40-60 pound pack
- Ability to work in rugged conditions with extreme temperature variations
- Ability to communicate and work with diverse populations
- Ability to safely use and maintain tools, equipment, and vehicles (Training will be provided)
- Ability to work as part of a team with safety as a primary concern
- Basic computer literacy – knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Word, etc.
- Basic use of technology like navigating with a GPS
- Personal hiking equipment required
- Experience with off-pavement driving, backcountry navigation and camping, field data collection, volunteer management and recruitment, and outreach are helpful but not required
- Coursework in biology, geology, chemistry, environmental science, or equivalent experience is helpful but not required

**Worksite Location(s):**
The candidates will report to the southern Nevada office, located in northwest Las Vegas, with travel to areas within a 2-hour drive of the Vegas Valley. Due to the remote nature of the work sites, camping will be required some nights during the week and weekend at undeveloped, backcountry recreation sites. Reliable transportation to trailheads and office location is essential. This position does not have recurring access to vulnerable populations.

**Notes:**
- Nevada Outdoor School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or age in its programs, activities, or in its hiring and employment practices.
● This AmeriCorps program is made possible by a generous grant from Nevada Volunteers.

AmeriCorps Requirements:
● AmeriCorps members are expected to wear the AmeriCorps logo or apparel while serving.
● This description lists the minimum service requirements.

Compensation:
AmeriCorps Stipend of ~$2066.66/month and Segal Education Award of $6,895 that can be used for student loans and/or other educational expenses such as tuition, books, etc. In addition, a $235/month living stipend and $1,900 award for successful term completion.

To Apply:
Send a Cover Letter, Resume, and 3 References to employment@nevadawilderness.org with the email subject line “Springs Technician Crewmember.” For job-specific questions please contact Tyler Morris at tyler@nevadawilderness.org