



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH CORPS Position Description

Partner Agency:	US Forest Service – Dillon Ranger District
Position:	Crew Member
Positions Available:	4
Location:	Dillon, CO
Tentative Session Dates:	November 23rd, 2020- April 10 th , 2021 (800 hours). Temporary, seasonal, exempt.
Stipend:	\$16.73/hour, gear allowance up to \$300, per Diem up to \$240.
Registration Fee:	RMYC collects a onetime \$75 registration fee to cover administrative costs. This is deducted from your first, full, two-week paycheck.
Plus:	Possibility for bunkhouse housing (contingent on availability) AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course, snowmobile and trailer towing

Rocky Mountain Youth Corps' Mission

Our mission is to engage young people in the outdoors, inspiring them to use their strengths and potential to lead healthy, productive lives. We teach responsibility for self, community, and environment through teamwork, service, and experiential education

Program Overview:

This position will serve as a staff member assisting the White River National Forest, Dillon Ranger District with the management of the Vail Pass Winter Recreation Area (VPWRA). VPWRA includes 55,000 acres of National Forest located close to the world class ski area destinations of Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Copper Mountain and Vail. VPWRA provides a variety of opportunities for visitors who want an “off piste” winter experience away from ski resorts. Nordic skiers, snowshoers, backcountry skiers/snowboarders, and snowmobile riders are provided backcountry opportunities. Hybrid skiing allows snowmobiles to be used to tow skiers and riders to remote terrain. Visitors are able to experience the winter backcountry through overnight hut trips, guided and unguided snowmobile rental, guided cat skiing, guided and unguided XC-ski tours, avalanche education, snow-coach tours and many other opportunities to enjoy the winter backcountry. The elevation ranges from 9,200 to 12,693 feet. VPWRA offers 67 miles of managed motorized trails and 52 miles of managed non-motorized trails.

These positions run for 20 weeks from November 23, 2020 through April 10th, 2021. The typical weekly schedule is 4-10 hour days, 7-530 including weekends and holidays.

Major Duties of the Position Include:

- Visitor contacts at the trailheads, parking lots, and in the backcountry to ensure compliance with fee requirements and other regulations.
- Staffing the information/fee booth at the Vail Pass winter trailhead to answer visitor questions, manage the parking lots, and sell passes.
- Fee collection and accounting
- Outfitter/guide permit monitoring

- Backcountry patrols on snowmobiles and skis to assist visitors, install and maintain trail markers and directional signs and other travel zone/closure signage and visitor contacts.

General Qualifications:

An AIARE Avalanche 1 certification is required for these positions; a stipend is provided and the Forest Service will coordinate this training. The ability to snowmobile and ski, snowshoe or split-board in the winter backcountry is required. Expert skiers may be towed by snowmobiles on groomed routes. Collection officer training is required for staff that will be processing cash fee collections; this training will be provided by the Forest Service.

These positions require physical fitness sufficient to work outside at high altitudes in the backcountry of the Colorado Rockies during the winter doing labor such as installing signs and travelling on snowmobiles and skis.

A valid driver's license and use of government vehicles is required, including operation of 4x4 trucks with small (snowmobile) trailers and snowmobiles. The Forest Service will provide trainings and certifications for the use of these vehicles.

Use of personal clothing and equipment will be required for working in the backcountry in the winter including appropriate warm clothing layers and backcountry ski/snowboard gear including skis, boots and bindings that have an uphill travel mode, skins, poles, helmet, and goggles. The Forest Service provides backpacks, avalanche equipment (beacon, shovel, probe), external uniform components (jackets, pants, hats, work gloves), and snowmobile helmets. RMYC staff members will be provided a \$300 gear stipend.

Staff will be expected to meet for work at the Dillon Work Center for morning briefings and preparing equipment and gear for the day's work projects. There is a small booth at Vail Pass in which personal gear may be stored that is heated and has electric outlets and lighting. There is no potable water located at Vail Pass and restroom needs may be fulfilled a short distance away at the CDOT maintained Vail Pass Rest Area.

Pre-service background screening required including FBI background check.

Requirements:

- High School Diploma or Higher
- U.S. Citizenship or permission to work in the US
- This position is supported by the Public Lands Hiring Authority which requires candidates to be between the ages of 16 to 30.

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Member Name

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Date