



SJMA Forest Ambassador Field Manager

The San Juan Mountains Association (SJMA) is hiring a Field Manager to oversee a crew of forest ambassadors to work in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to educate visitors on forest health, “leave no trace” practices, conduct light trail work, and monitor forest conditions throughout the San Juan National Forest. This position will manage the day to day operations of this crew.

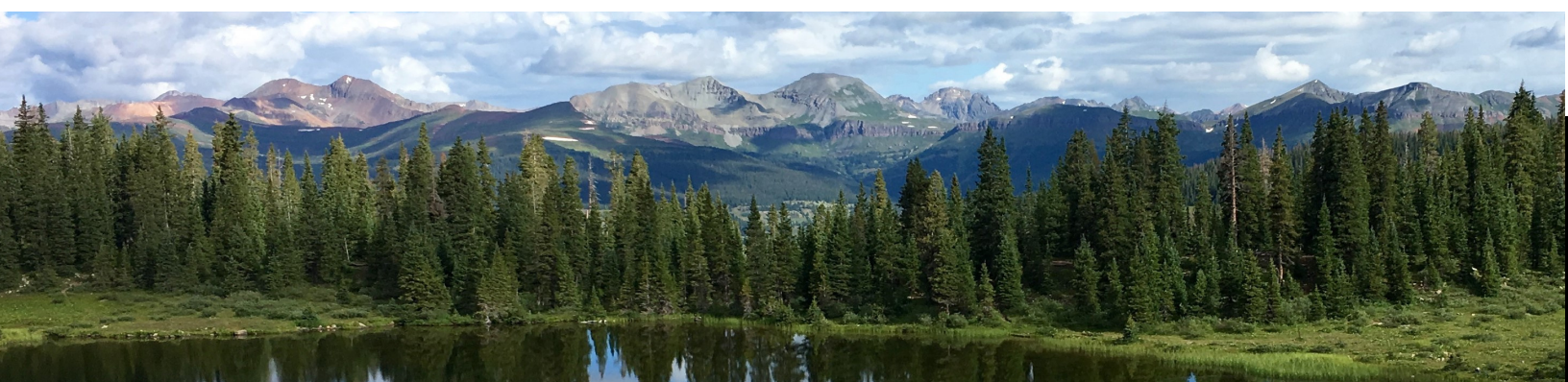
Field Office: Durango, CO

Project locations: San Juan National Forest

Season: Early-May through September

Position Summary

SJMA is recruiting a field manager to lead a crew of skilled and passionate public lands ambassadors who will operate across the San Juan National Forest to make public contacts, conduct routine trail maintenance, identify land management issues, help implement volunteer stewardship projects, and conduct environmental monitoring. This is a great opportunity for applicants with prior ranger, trail crew or youth corps experience to move into a management position helping protect some of Colorado’s most iconic locations while taking the next step towards a career in public lands management. The San Juan Forest Ambassadors, who this position will manage, will conduct a variety of projects under the supervision of the field manager. The crew will work individually or teams of 2 to help provide a presence and conduct a variety of stewardship activities. Primary duties will focus on public outreach, trail work, and campground clean up. Ambassadors will receive a broad spectrum of relevant training and will end the season with a wide range of stewardship experience. This is a life-changing experience for the right applicant who will make an immediate impact on the land and build lifelong memories in some of Colorado’s most spectacular landscapes.





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Work Environment

Work is performed primarily in the field at busy recreation destinations, with some office work early in the season (currently done remotely) . Work will be full time during the field season (May – September) and will generally follow a mostly Wednesday-Sunday schedule. During that time, overnight travel may be required. Light office duties will be performed at assigned work locations. Safety equipment is required when using tools, and will be provided in accordance with applicable USFS job hazard analyses. Field work includes risk of injury from falls, strains, and insect bites, and includes exposure to inclement weather.

Summary of Essential Job Functions

- Leadership skills to manage a crew up to 7 members
- Travel and work in remote settings.
- Maintain organized and complete records
- Operate a data collection device to collect consistent and accurate natural resource data
- Trailwork, tree clearing using crosscut saws, recording trail conditions
- Public contact, visitor services, and wilderness education
- Maintain Positive attitude while working in inclement weather at high elevation (8,000-13,000 ft)

Knowledge/Abilities

- Prior youth corps, trail crew or ranger experience preferred
- Demonstrated outdoor leadership experience
- Desire to advance public lands career into management role
- Knowledge of land management principles, concepts, policies, and objectives
- Backpacking, camping, hiking experience
- Ability to work under challenging physical conditions
- Knowledge of ArcGIS or other mapping software and data analysis a plus
- Valid state-issued Driver's License and reliable transportation
- Positive attitude!

To apply, email a resume, cover letter and references to dtaft@sjma.org