



## Position Description

<b>Position Title</b>	Recreation Technician (2 Positions)
<b>Partner Organization</b>	Mt. Hood National Forest
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood">www.fs.usda.gov/r06/mthood</a>
<b>Project Location</b>	Hood River Ranger Station, 6780 Highway 35, Parkdale, OR 97401
<b>Internship Dates:</b>	May 11 to October 23, 2026 (24-weeks, 40 hours/week)

## Position Summary

In partnership with [Mt. Adams Institute \(MAI\)](#), the Mt. Hood National Forest will host two Land Stewards interns as Recreation Technicians, supporting the Barlow & Hood River Ranger Districts. The Intern will develop a broad understanding of developed recreation operations by assisting with the operations and management of day use sites, trailheads, and campgrounds. This important work enhances a visitor's experience, enjoyment, and satisfaction of the outdoors, providing a wide range of positive health benefits and giving visitors a reason to travel and recreate in the local area. In addition, the Intern will receive training in all facets of recreation program operations, including, but not limited to, hazard tree identification, campground management, chainsaw operations, and Trails program work, among other areas. Work will concentrate primarily on front-country/Developed Recreation-related tasks while also assisting in support of our Trails program. The work schedule for this position will be Thursday through Sunday, 07:00am to 5:30pm.

## Essential Functions

To include, but not limited to:

- Regular maintenance and upkeep of both campground and other recreational facilities.
- Assist with the repair and replacement of minor day use site and campground infrastructure, to include signage, picnic tables, fire rings, etc.
- Assist with sign replacement efforts in developed recreation sites and along roads.
- Assist with logging out, brushing, and signing trails.
- Receive training on all facets of recreation program operations.
- Patrol trail systems on foot to assess and monitor any issues
- Complete internship requirements and submit all necessary paperwork and reports in a timely manner.

## Position Requirements

- Must have a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and ability to provide documentation when requested.
- Between the ages of 18-30 years (up to 35 for military veterans), at the start of the program.
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. permanent resident, or a non-citizen with specific authorization to work in the U.S.
- Ability to commit to the full internship.
- Physically able and willing to participate in field-going activities regularly, and able to hike at least 5 miles carrying at least 15 pounds of gear, and utilize tools such as shovels, rakes, Pulaski's, weed-eaters, and mowers.
- Passion for outdoor recreation, and a willingness to learn and grow professionally.
- Desire to serve the public independently and as a team.
- Attend program orientation, MAI trainings, and other required MAI meetings.
- Selection, placement, and retention are contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory criminal history report.
- Must follow all health and safety policies and procedures, including any changes that are implemented throughout the course of the internship.

## Preferred Qualifications

- Experience serving in a team-oriented capacity.
- Experience operating power and hand tools desired, but not required.
- Experience leading small construction projects.
- Knowledge of outdoor recreation management and an interest in improving opportunities for people.

## Benefits

- \$13,200 stipend for 24 weeks; \$550 weekly (before taxes).
- Housing allowance (see more information below).
- Observance of federal holidays (site-specific).
- Professional development, trainings, and networking opportunities.
- Live and work in a beautiful setting with many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

## Housing

- A \$750 per month housing allowance is provided. This payment is deposited monthly and is taxable.
- Forest Service housing is available to rent. The furnished, apartment-style unit will possibly be shared with one other person, and includes a TV, Wi-Fi, and a dishwasher.
- Pets, firearms, alcohol, and drugs (including marijuana) are prohibited in the bunkhouse. Under federal law, marijuana & cannabis products are still classified as a controlled substance. Even though it may be legal in certain states, it is illegal on Federal lands, including campgrounds, buildings, and other facilities.

## Transportation Information

- Interns are responsible for travel to and from the office.
- Agency vehicles are available for work-related travel.
- There is a bus system in Hood River County that serves Parkdale, OR.
- Travel reimbursement is provided up to \$750 total to assist with travel costs associated with getting to the site. If traveling by car, Intern must meet MAI's insurance requirements to qualify. More information will be provided during interview.

## Other Considerations

- Mt. Hood/Parkdale is a small community located 17 miles south of Hood River, and approximately 75 miles southeast of Portland. Mt. Hood/Parkdale has a grocery store, post office, two convenience stores, an elementary school, several churches, two community centers, a gas station, brewpub, and several gift/artisan shops. The community is a mix of tourism and orchard-based industry. Housing is limited.
- The Dalles (pop. 16,000), and Hood River (pop. 8,300) are both large full-service communities 20 miles apart along the Columbia River. Both communities provide excellent public libraries, parks, a swimming pool, health clinics, movie theaters, local airports, river marinas, brewpubs, hospitals, churches, and a variety of cuisine.
- Additional information:
  - [www.thedalleschamber.com](http://www.thedalleschamber.com); [www.ci.the-dalles.or.us](http://www.ci.the-dalles.or.us); [www.a2zgorge.info/community/towns/dufur.htm](http://www.a2zgorge.info/community/towns/dufur.htm); [www.gorge.net](http://www.gorge.net); [www.hoodriver.org](http://www.hoodriver.org); [www.econ.state.or.us/HoodRiver.pdf](http://www.econ.state.or.us/HoodRiver.pdf)

## About Mt. Adams Institute

Mt. Adams Institute is a nonprofit organization based in the rural community of Trout Lake, Washington with a mission of strengthening the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development, and research.

MAI Land Stewards is a career development internship for young adults, ages 18-30 (up to 35 for military veterans) interested in learning more about public lands and natural resources management. Land Stewards interns are placed at

local, state, and federal land management agencies such as the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and environmental nonprofits throughout Washington and Oregon.

## Equal Opportunity Employer

MAI celebrates equity, diversity, and inclusiveness and does not discriminate against any person or group based on race, ethnicity, culture, age, gender, sexual orientation, expression, gender identity, ability, national origin or ancestry, veteran status, social economic class, religion, professional status, pregnancy, or parents/guardians with children. MAI is committed to a diverse workplace and to supporting our Interns and staff with trainings and career development opportunities.

MAI provides reasonable accommodations to applicants and employees. Applicants with disabilities may request a reasonable accommodation and/or alternative formats at any point in the employment process.

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## How to Apply

Submit the following to Erica Keleher at [erica@mtadamsinstitute.org](mailto:erica@mtadamsinstitute.org):

- **Cover letter** - include your motivation for applying; and your experience as it relates to the position if it is not represented in your resume. If you are applying for more than one position, submit a cover letter for each position you are applying for (3 maximum).
- **Resume**
- **Three Professional References** (former supervisors, mentors, colleagues, etc. - military, civilian, or academic. Do not include family members.
  - Include - Name, relation to you, email & phone number.

## Interview Process

1. **Mt. Adams Institute**
  - Screens Applications
  - Conducts interviews
  - Recommends applicants for Service Site interviews
2. **Service Sites**
  - Interviews candidates
  - Conducts reference checks
  - Recommends placement

## Additional Information

- [Land Stewards Program Overview](#)
- [Land Stewards Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

## Questions? Contact:

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