Flat Ranch Preserve Intern
Island Park, Idaho

The Flat Ranch Preserve is a working cattle ranch in Island Park, Idaho owned and operated by The Nature Conservancy. Located 15 miles west of Yellowstone National Park, the Ranch is the hub for a community based conservation effort focused on restoring and protecting the biodiversity values of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and specifically the upper Henry’s Fork region. A visitor center is located on the Ranch to provide educational information and events to the visiting public. The management goals of the Ranch demonstrate that habitat restoration and conservation can be integrated into a viable cattle operation.

The Flat Ranch Intern will be responsible for a wide range of tasks including visitor education, ranch management, and habitat restoration. The following is a general list of duties:

- Work closely with the Flat Ranch Preserve Manager and volunteers to inform and educate visitors about the natural and cultural heritage of the area and The Nature Conservancy’s effort to protect and restore biodiversity values.
- Assist the Flat Ranch Preserve Manager and volunteers with a diversity of ranch management tasks including irrigation system improvements, fencing, facilities maintenance, ecological restoration, and scientific research.
- Assist the Flat Ranch Preserve Manager in monitoring and documenting the results of Flat Ranch restoration activities.
- Plan and implement an original program or activity to heighten awareness of local conservation issues which will further The Nature Conservancy’s mission in the region.

Applicant Qualifications

Candidates for the position should have the following:

- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.
- Enthusiasm and ability to work well with others and independently in a remote setting.
- Interest in conservation, education, restoration and ecology.
- Interest in and/or knowledgeable of the flora and fauna of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.
- Ability to accomplish tasks that include strenuous manual labor, lifting and full days working outside in variable conditions.
- Willingness to work a flexible schedule in a fairly remote area.
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