Position Description
900 Half Time AmeriCorps Member
Helena Headquarters Trails Position

Term of service: March 11, 2013 – August 16, 2013

Service schedule: Member will serve a minimum of 910 hours over a 23 week term, averaging 41 hours per week with 40 hours of holiday, vacation or sick time

Position Summary:

The Trails Program AmeriCorps Member will perform trail inventories, collect GPS data, and complete a trail inventory database for the 54 unit State Park system. The member should have interest and knowledge in sustainable trail building and maintenance with an emphasis on front-country, multi-purpose, single track, natural surface trails. Experience in GIS is a plus. Member will work to enhance relationships between trail-related affiliates and partners through collaboration on certain projects.

Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members promote healthy, active, and environmentally aware communities by improving park land, enriching educational opportunities, increasing volunteerism, and enhancing community outreach in state parks. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members perform capacity building activities. Their service revolves around the program goals listed below in order to ensure that they do not displace workers or take part in any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps members *will* likely participate in activities that involve recurring contact with vulnerable populations.

Member will contribute to the following program goals:

- Improve park lands and trail programs
- Expand educational and interpretive programs
- Increase volunteer capacity*
- Enhance outreach and awareness of state parks
- Participate in service activities including National Days of Service**

Specific Position Responsibilities:

- **Perform trail inventories, collect GPS data, and complete a trail inventory database for the 54 unit State Park system. Assignments will be identified via a priority "per park" basis. Note that some state parks will have minimal or no trails.**
- **Coordinate and plan trail projects with various volunteer groups, clubs, and individuals, including National Trails Day.**
- **Meet with agency and non-profit partners to coordinate trail inspections for the various trail programs grants.**
- **Contribute to the Health Initiative Project and Montana Children and Nature project**
- **Coordinate website updates to enhance the Trails Programs' web pages with current trail inventories.**

Minimum Requirements:

- Over 18 with a high school diploma or GED; college degree or equivalent work experience preferred
- A United States citizen, United States National, or legal permanent resident alien
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to take initiative, handle multiple projects, track details essential to project completion, analyze information, and meet deadlines
- Strong ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing with diverse groups of people
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Basic computer proficiency
- Passion for the outdoors and enthusiasm for enhancing Montana's state parks
- A driver's license and personal means of transportation within the state of Montana
- Must pass a national service criminal history check

Benefits:

- Living allowance of $5,280 over 23 week term of service
- An AmeriCorps Education Award of $2,775 upon successful completion of service. This award can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training and resources, or to repay qualified student loans. Members aged 55 and over may transfer the education award to a child, grandchild or foster child.
- Eligible for deferment on qualified student loans
- Experience and training working in the fields of outdoor recreation, parks management, interpretive services, and volunteer management
- Opportunity to live, work and be part of the team amid the natural wonders and cultural heritage of Montana State Parks

* Volunteers support the management and operation of Montana State Parks. They do not take part in any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.
**Service activities will center around the preceding program goals as well as provide unique opportunities for members to engage in service to non-profit community organizations that provide support to those in need, including victims of national disasters, the poor, veterans, homeless animals, and other groups. Service projects will take place on and around designated National Days of Service as well as other AmeriCorps organized events, such as member trainings. Service activities will not include any prohibited or unallowable activities as outlined in AmeriCorps regulations.

The Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Program, as administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, shall provide equal access to opportunities provided by the Program and shall not discriminate against any person because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Minority candidates are encouraged to apply. Reasonable accommodations will be provided for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless doing so would result in an undue hardship. The accommodation must be essential for the Member to

perform his/her service successfully. Funds for reasonable accommodations are available for use by members with disabilities who have been offered a position with an AmeriCorps Program and require an accommodation to fulfill the essential functions of their service.

Applicant Certification

I certify that I have reviewed this Position Description and understand the general roles and responsibilities of this Montana State Parks AmeriCorps position

Member Name _____

Member Signature _____ Date _____