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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Title: Rewilding Legal Advocate

Supervisor: Public Lands Director

Location: Portland, OR, Missoula, MT, or Denver, CO

Summary of Position: The Rewilding Legal Advocate (RLA) uses administrative processes and legal strategies to further the work of the Wild Places Program and Guardians' overall mission of protecting and restoring wildlands, wildlife, wild rivers and health of the American West. The RLA is responsible for developing, overseeing and implementing a strategic litigation agenda for the Wild Places program, with a focus on Guardians' Rewilding Campaign, which addresses road, off-road vehicle and over-snow vehicle threats. The RLA works closely with the Wild Places Program Director and Public Lands Director to ensure that the policy agenda and the legal advocacy are well integrated and playing a critical role in advancing Guardians' overall policy and legal objectives.

Duties:

- STRATEGIC LEGAL ACTION: Develop and implement new legal advocacy, focused on the ESA, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, to further Guardians' Rewilding Campaign. Work closely with Guardians' staff attorneys and outside counsel to ensure Wild Places litigation is strategically implemented. (50%)

- TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT: Implement legal strategies to influence Forest Service management of roads and off-road vehicles, with particular emphasis on compliance with the ORV Executive Orders. This will include identifying weaknesses in Travel Management Rule, including the new over-snow vehicle rule; implementation, the minimum road system identification process, and forest plan revisions, and implementing litigation to challenge those weaknesses. (20%)

- COMMUNICATION: Ensure core values and vision as well as work are effectively promoted to the members, the public and media and targeted decision-makers and funders. (15%)

- POLICY ANALYSIS: Provide policy analysis on issues of national significance relating to ORV management, roads, forest planning, and other priority program topics. (10%)

- ADMINISTRATION: Assist Conservation Services staff as needed on communications, events, and other efforts to advance Guardians' interests. (5%)

Qualifications:

- J.D., although note that this is a non-litigating position.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent organization and prioritization skills.
- The ability to switch quickly from legal mode to outreach mode.
- Experience with National Forest-focused environmental advocacy, especially on road and motorized vehicle issues.

Other Factors:

- Our preferred location is Portland, OR, although we will also consider strong candidates who are based in Missoula, MT or Denver, CO.
- Experience enforcing NEPA, NFMA, the ESA, CWA and other relevant laws.
- Demonstrated evidence of the ability to think strategically.
- Proven ability to work independently.
- Willingness to travel.

Pay and Benefits:

The salary range is $45,000 to $50,000. WildEarth Guardians also offers health, vision and dental insurance, and generous vacation and retirement benefits.

How to apply:

Send a cover letter and resume together in a single pdf file to bbird@wildearthguardians.org by April 23, 2015.