



## **Wildlands Internship**

### **Position Summary:**

The Wildlands Intern will work to ensure the wellbeing of Oregon's high desert. This position will work directly with ONDA's Stewardship Coordinator and other ONDA staff to conduct public lands monitoring, lead volunteer restoration trips and support advocacy and outreach activities for ONDA's conservation campaigns as needed. The ideal candidate will have strong backcountry skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office tools.

### **Internship Dates: May - August, 2018**

Start and completion dates can be tailored to the selected applicant's schedule.

### **Hours and Location:**

This position will average 20 hours/week and is based in Bend with multi-day trips to remote parts of Central and Eastern Oregon. Work will be split approximately 80/20 between field work and office work.

### **General Responsibilities:**

- **Public Lands Monitoring (60%)**
  - Hiking into Wilderness and/or Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's) to document ecological conditions
  - Driving remote routes to ensure that signs are posted where appropriate
  - Using ArcGIS collector to gather data about conditions of public lands
  - Compiling and downloading field data
  - Spending three or more days at a time in the field car camping or backpacking
- **Volunteer Restoration Trips (25%)**
  - Assisting ONDA's stewardship staff with leading multi-day field-based restoration trips
  - Developing pre-trip communications
  - Aiding with trip logistics
  - Helping accomplish desired restoration outcomes to include riparian planting, fence removal or retrofitting, monitoring and more
  - Leading hikes for volunteers
  - Spending 4 days at a time in the field car camping or backpacking
- **Outreach and Advocacy (15%)**
  - Write blogs for ONDA's website highlighting trips to the field
  - Engage volunteers in post trip advocacy work through email and phone calls
  - Assist with tabling at events as needed

**Preferred skills and abilities:**

- A genuine passion for protecting, restoring and defending Oregon's high desert
- Desire to learn about ONDA's mission and key program areas
- Computer proficiency, especially with word processing, spreadsheets, and data management functions
- Ability to work independently in a remote field setting
- 4x4 driving on dirt roads or worse
- Leave No Trace backcountry skills
- Familiarity with using GPS and GIS platforms
- Strong verbal, writing and organizational abilities
- Ability to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends
- A valid driver's license and good driving record is required, as travel and driving company vehicles will be necessary.

**Intern Benefits:**

The selected applicant will work closely with ONDA's staff to gain knowledge about high desert restoration, public lands policy, field data collection, database management and non-profit management. In addition to gaining valuable hands-on experience the Wildlands Intern will have all food and gas paid for while in the field and will be eligible for up to a \$500 tuition stipend commensurate with performance.

The selected intern will also be offered the opportunity to earn academic credit through OSU-Cascades on successful completion of internship tasks and responsibilities. If interested, the intern can enroll in NR 410, a 3-credit academic internship in collaboration with the Natural Resource Program at OSU-Cascades. NR 410 requires an approved academic plan prior to the start of the internship, and coordinated with the OSU-Cascades NR 410 internship coordinator. Enrollment in NR 410 is required during the internship.

**To Apply:**

Please email your cover letter, resume, availability (days and times), and two references to **Michael O'Casey, ONDA's Stewardship Coordinator**, [Michael@onda.org](mailto:Michael@onda.org). Please limit your cover letter and resume to no more than two pages.

Applications for internships during the school year are considered on a rolling basis. Interviews and hiring may take place at any time. No phone calls please.