EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 6, 2020

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 2 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE**

POSITION TITLE: State Parks Education and Interpretation Exhibit Hall Evaluator Internship

# OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Variable – remote management potential

WORK START/END DATES: 6/1/2020 – 7/31/2020 (dates are negotiable)

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: 6/1/2020 to 6/3/19

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

$15.00 /hour + per diem + mileage

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Montana State Parks is conducting a full assessment of its system wide suite of educational and interpretive Services. One core component of this evaluation is assessing the condition, relevancy, and effectiveness of exhibits (i.e. non-personal media) found within the eight visitor centers and four interpretive plazas across Montana State Parks.

The intern will travel to all corners of the state to conduct a standardized assessment of the exhibits, conduct visitor and park staff interviews at exhibit sites, and submit a final report of their findings. If time permits, this individual may also conduct a similar assessment of stand-alone interpretive media in parks throughout the system.
The primary location of report for this position is Helena, MT, but consideration will be given to base this position out of other Montana cities and towns for students who reside in the state. The majority of this position will require travel by car.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

- Undergraduate degree or greater in: Museum Sciences; Parks, Recreation, Tourism, Leisure Services Management; Cultural Arts & Media; or other programs that emphasizes resource interpretation (as listed at: [https://www.interpnet.com/NAI/interp/Career_Center/Colleges_Universities_Offering_Interpretive_Curricula/nai/_resources/Colleges_And_Universities_Offering_Interpretive_Curricula.aspx?hkey=fba7f6e-90e4-4587-899e-0d632267d899](https://www.interpnet.com/NAI/interp/Career_Center/Colleges_Universities_Offering_Interpretive_Curricula/nai/_resources/Colleges_And_Universities_Offering_Interpretive_Curricula.aspx?hkey=fba7f6e-90e4-4587-899e-0d632267d899) is preferred
- Certified Interpretive Planner, Intermediate Methods of Interpretation Certificate (Eppley Institute), or equivalent preferred
- Valid Driver’s License and ability to pass Montana FWP Driver Background Check is required.
- Knowledge of exhibit/museum layout and design principles.
- Knowledge of cultural and natural resource interpretation principles.
- Good interpersonal skills
- Strong writing, editing, research and report writing skills
- Ability to complete independent and self-directed work, as most of this position will be remote from the supervisor.
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability/willingness to work collaboratively with MFWP staff.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):**

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- 3 References
- Please send to the contact person listed above by application deadline

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)**

Housing is not provided.