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Friends of the Cheat - Seasonal Maintenance and Monitoring Technician Position

TYPE OF POSITION: Seasonal, Part-Time

DURATION:

May 2026 – August 2026. Specific start and end dates are variable depending on the schedule of the successful candidate.

SCHEDULE: The typical work schedule will be 32 hours per week from Monday through Thursday. Additional hours up to 40 hours can be worked by the Seasonal Technician, if pre-approved by the Conservation Program Director. Fridays and weekend dates may be requested for Seasonal Technician work with advanced notice. A work day will consist of an 8 hour day, but may be extended to a 12 hour day depending on the work task. No overtime is permitted for this position. All duties must conclude at or before a 40 hour workweek.

DESCRIPTION OF JOB DUTIES:

The Seasonal Technician will primarily assist the Conservation Program Director, the Conservation Technician, and the Project Coordinator, and other Friends of the Cheat staff in maintenance and monitoring of restoration projects, as well as other events and activities. These tasks are outlined with a percentage below to represent the estimated amount of time the Seasonal Technician will spend on each task during the duration of the position:

- Lead Friends of the Cheat maintenance duties at Acid Mine Drainage Treatment sites **(70%)**. This will include weed-eating, mowing, checking sites for damage, troubleshooting and fixing AMD site function, and other activities. Much of this work will be performed individually, with minimal to no assistance from other staff on-site.
- Assist FOC staff with monitoring activities **(20%)**. Monitoring includes:
 - Water quality monitoring/testing (AMD sites and in-stream)
 - Electrofishing surveys (as/if needed)
 - Snorkel monitoring surveys (as/if needed)
- Assist FOC Staff with outreach activities **(10%)**. Outreach includes:
 - Snorkel events
 - Trailhead community outreach events
 - Other K-12 programming and community events
 - Miscellaneous office support, such as assisting with newsletter mailouts, etc.

This position will require working primarily outside in various and potentially inclement weather conditions as well as working in and near water sources such as rivers and lakes. This position will also require working individually and at times without direct supervision. It will also include using and maintaining various forms of equipment, including motorized vehicles and small machines in a safe manner. The position will require traversing down steep embankments, navigating through heavy brush, carrying heavy field gear, and hiking to project sites.

SUPERVISOR

The Seasonal Technician will report to Garrett Richardson, the Project Coordinator.

QUALIFICATIONS

The successful applicant will possess the following qualifications:

- Must be 18 years of age or older and a US citizen
- Must have a Valid Driver's License and acceptable driving record, a reliable form of transportation, and ability to travel locally
- Comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions and temperatures for long durations of time
- Must be comfortable around moving water
- Must be able to navigate to and from project sites using hard copy maps and or mapping software (Google Maps)
- Experience using maintenance equipment such as weed-eaters, trimmers, and pruners and other power tools and small machines
- Ability to lift 50 pounds
- Preference will be given to those with trailer experience, and maintenance equipment skills
- Passion for conservation work/pursuit of career in Natural Resources

COMPENSATION

\$15.00 per hour

Application

Interested applicants should e-mail a resume, and contact information for three references to FOC's Project Coordinator, Garrett Richardson at Grichardson@cheat.org. Please include "Seasonal Maintenance and Monitoring Technician Application" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until April 30th or until the position is filled. Friends of the Cheat will offer interviews as highly qualified candidates are identified.