

## **Job Description**

### **Riverside County Public Lands Fellow**

### **California Wilderness Coalition (CalWild)**

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CalWild works to protect and restore the Golden State's wildest remaining lands and waters for the benefit of present and future generations.

Currently, CalWild is seeking a Riverside County Public Lands Fellow to lead its conservation efforts in Riverside County and other key regions. This position is a two-year Wyss Fellowship. The position is a full-time, salaried CalWild employee (40 hours per week with some evening and weekend work) based in Riverside County, but working remotely. Significant travel, primarily within the region, will be required, up to 50% time. CalWild staff, consultants, and volunteers all work remotely and are located throughout the state.

### **Position Overview**

CalWild's Riverside County Public Lands Fellow will focus primarily upon building support among key stakeholders and the general public for the Riverside County Public Lands Campaign in Riverside County. This Campaign is a public lands protection effort that includes a proposed national monument. The Fellow will also assist public lands protection initiatives in eastern San Diego County, the Amargosa River watershed, Bodie Hills, and elsewhere in the state on an as-needed basis and as capacity allows.

Responsibilities include:

- Serving as the campaign coordinator for the Riverside County Public Lands Campaign (Campaign)
- Lead critical local public and key stakeholder support building efforts for the Campaign
- Coordinate the efforts of Riverside Campaign proponents as they craft, vet, and finalize a draft proposal for review by stakeholders
- Assist the Riverside Campaign members in the effort to respond to stakeholder input and adjust the conservation proposals, if necessary
- Support proponents' implementation of the Riverside County Public Lands Campaign Plan
- Communicate regularly with the leaders of the two public land protection campaigns that are nearest to Riverside County (in San Diego County and the Amargosa Valley) and assist them on an as needed basis, including potentially with on-the-ground organizing

- Provide coordination and other assistance, from afar, with other high-priority national monument campaigns
- Produce or assist in the development of written materials including press releases, opinion-editorials and letters to the editor of local media outlets
- Assist in the development of comments on proposed public land development or other planning projects and organize around public events related to such proposals, as needed
- Lead and/or coordinate outings to local wild areas for volunteers, donors, local groups, and other notables
- Give presentations to various audiences on challenges faced by public lands in the area, the resources and values public lands provide, and provide insight as to how community members may advocate for their public lands
- Regularly produce content including social media posts, blogs, website updates, blog entries and photos for CalWild's administrative staff

#### Desired Qualifications:

- A strong, personal commitment to conservation. A demonstrated passion to protecting public lands is preferred
- Applicants must live in or have extensive connections to Riverside County
- Proven communications skills- both written and oral- for presentations, reports, grants, advocacy alerts and blogs
- Significant interpersonal skills including team leadership and team building
- A willingness to travel extensively and conduct field work alone in remote locations
- A willingness to work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds and interests
- Capacity to be self-directed and self-motivated in your work
- Experience with social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) for an organization or campaign a significant plus
- Experience in conservation activism and community organizing are strongly preferred, though not required
- Experience with the environmental justice community and fluency in Spanish highly desired
- A Bachelor's Degree is preferred.

*Salary Range (depending on experience): \$45,000-\$50,000*

*Other benefits:* Health, dental, and vision benefits. Retirement benefits. As a Wyss Fellow, the new hire will also get additional career training with annual trips to Washington, D.C. Mentorship from public lands advocates with many years of experience leading successful public lands campaigns.

### **How to Apply**

Please send a cover letter, resume and writing sample to [admin@calwild.org](mailto:admin@calwild.org). Also, please reference where you saw the job posting in your cover letter.