



## **AmeriCorps Position Description**

**Position Title:** Wildfire Fuels Reduction Team Member (5 Positions)

**Project Sponsor:** Mt. Adams Center Mt. Adams Center [www.northwestserviceacademy.org](http://www.northwestserviceacademy.org)

**NWSA Mission:** This position is in partnership with the Northwest Service Academy (NWSA), an AmeriCorps program of ESD112. NWSA's mission is to preserve and restore the natural environment, and to develop community leaders through service and community partnerships. [www.northwestserviceacademy.org](http://www.northwestserviceacademy.org)

**Project Location:** 2453 HWY 141, Trout Lake, WA 98650

**Team Summary:** The Mt. Adams Fuels Reduction team is composed of five members and two team leaders. Teams will focus on reducing forest fuels from National Wildlife Refuges in Southeastern Washington. This project is a partnership with the US Fish and Wildlife Service with the goal of protecting refuges from the dangers of wildfire.

The team will operate out of the Mt. Adams Center in Trout Lake, and commute to the service site on a daily basis. They will focus primarily on removing small diameter trees and woody material with power and hand tools.

**Residential Summary:** All team members assist with residential chores such as meal preparation, cleaning and recycling, both at the center and at camping sites.

### **General Responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):**

1. Work as a team member to complete forest fuels reduction projects on wildlife refuges in southeastern Washington.
2. Attend and complete all NWSA/AmeriCorps training and service requirements including orientation, training's, team meetings and national service days.
3. Complete and submit all necessary NWSA/AmeriCorps paperwork and reports in a timely manner.
4. Wear an NWSA uniform and/or appropriate identifiers and required safety gear while performing service or attending official events.

### **Position Requirements:**

1. Capable of handling physical nature of project (lifting up to 50 pounds, working on your feet outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and terrain).
2. Capable of safely driving a four wheel drive vehicle with trailer.
3. Able or willing to learn safe chain saw, pole saw, and chipper operation.
4. Desire to serve with people to promote environmental stewardship, education, and an ethic of service.
5. Communicate and interact in a positive, professional manner with various populations such as: project partner(s), colleagues, community volunteers, students, and the general public.
6. Participate in all aspects of the residential program, including living at the established site, completing household and center chores, and help to create a positive, healthy living environment.
7. 21 years of age or older, at beginning of service term.
8. U.S. citizen, national or lawful permanent resident.
9. Possession of a high school diploma or equivalent, or commit to earning one prior to receiving an education award.
10. Ability to commit to the full term of service for which they are applying.
11. Must successfully pass a fingerprint criminal history background check provided through NWSA and/or Project Sponsor Agency.
12. Regular and reliable attendance.
13. Have not previously served two terms in an AmeriCorps\*State or National program. Members may serve up to three terms in a National Service Program, but only two terms may be within an AmeriCorps\*State or National program. Members are only eligible for an education award for their first two terms of service, regardless of the type of term (full or part-time) and regardless of the successful completion of that term.

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**Preferred Qualifications:**

1. Valid driver's license, with a clean driving record.
2. Demonstrated leadership ability.
3. Evidence of successful experience with similar programs and/or job functions. This includes: working in a wooded setting, performing brush removal, small tree felling, bucking, pruning, piling, chipping, and safe equipment operation techniques.
4. Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse group of people.
5. Desire to gain outdoor recreation and leadership skills.
6. Highly motivated self starter.

**Member Benefits Include:**

1. A total taxable living allowance of \$6035 before taxes and monthly program fee (approx \$529 a month before taxes). Please note: each month a program fee of \$476.00 is deducted from this amount to cover food, training and field trip expense.
2. Upon successful completion of a term of service, eligible members/leaders receive an education award of \$2,362.50. The education award can be used to repay qualified student loans, for further education in an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational or trade schools. The education award is taxed in the year that it is used.
3. Loan forbearance (after successful completion of a term of service, AmeriCorps will pay the accrued interest on qualified loans, which is taxable).
4. Basic medical insurance (covers members only, not dependents; vision and dental not included).
5. Child care allowance for those who qualify.
6. Free housing is provided for this position.

**Transportation Information:**

1. Organizational vehicle is available for service activities.
2. Project site is not accessible by public transportation.

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**Application Deadline:** Will occur as qualified applications are received. **NWSA Center:** Mt. Adams Center

**Interviews:** On-going until filled.

**Type of position:** Field Team

**Service Dates:** May 26, 2009 - October 30, 2009

**Length of Term:** 900 hours

**How to apply:**

**Step 1** - Complete your application in one of the following two ways:

- Online at the AmeriCorps website AmeriCorps Application:
- If you do not already have a username and password, you must Create A Profile.
  - Once you have logged in, create an application by clicking "Applications" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu.
  - To apply to this specific position, click "Search Listings" under the "My AmeriCorps" menu and search for program name Northwest Service Academy.
  - Select the position listing and click "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

**OR**

Download application materials from the "How to Apply" page at [www.nwserviceacademy.org](http://www.nwserviceacademy.org) and submit them to Amanda Green:

- Application - Complete the NWSA AmeriCorps Application and submit it via email (preferable), mail, or fax.
- Two Written References - Have your recommenders fill out the NWSA Reference Form and send it directly to NWSA. References may be submitted by email (preferable), mail, or fax.
- Certification Form - Print out, sign and date the Certification Form. This document must be mailed to our office.

**Step 2** – Send resume to Amanda Green at [mac@esd112.org](mailto:mac@esd112.org).

**Questions?** Contact Amanda Green at 509-395-3465.