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2015-2016 Research Opportunity

Job Description: Recreation Research Interviewer

Employer Information: West Virginia University
(work site: George Washington & Jefferson National Forest)

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Wage: ~\$9.50 per hour + mileage reimbursement

Work 8-10 hours/day and 1-3 days/week.

Flexible work schedule. Must be willing to work some weekdays, weekends, and some Holidays.

Experience: Experience in the George Washington & Jefferson National Forest preferred.

Must have experience effectively communicating with customers in a friendly manner.

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Interviewers will work with the program manager to develop 2 week work schedules. Each work day scheduled will include information about the work site where surveys will be conducted. Interviewers will pick up traffic counter(s), signs, surveys, and hand tally at least an hour before surveying at one of the District Ranger Stations. The interviewer will then travel to their survey site. Interviewers will then set up appropriate sign(s) and traffic counter(s) using caution and following safety advice. The interviewers will then keep track of the number of visitor exits at their site. Interviewer will approach exiting visitors and ask if they would like to participate in a voluntary Recreation Use survey. While surveying visitors they will record the information on a survey form and will transfer that information to a "bubble form." The survey period is to be no shorter than 6 hours. Interviewer will check the count on the traffic counter once the survey period is over and record it. They will then leave the traffic counter set up for 24 hour period. The interviewer will return in 24 hours to record the 24 hour count and bring the counter back to where the equipment is kept.

Requirements:

Must be proficient in oral communication.

Ability to conduct face-to-face interviews with recreation users.

Maintain a polite, courteous, and friendly demeanor at all times.

Ability to coordinate with the contact person.

Must have reliable vehicle for transportation or willing to use a rental vehicle.

Willingness to drive to the site locations in the George Washington-Jefferson National Forest

Willingness to learn how to conduct face-to-face interviews and work with traffic counters.

Physical demands:

Able to carry equipment that may weigh up to 10 lbs.

Able to set-up road signs and traffic counters.

Work Environment:

Work environment will be mostly field work, although some office work is required.

Includes occasional exposure to inclement weather such as rain, cold, or heat.

Must occasionally drive on dirt and gravel roads with low-hanging trees and brush that may scratch vehicle paint.

Field work hazards include risk of injury from driving to and from location, setting up traffic counters on the road, and other vehicles in the area.