Montana Internship Opportunity

The Montana Rangeland Resources Committee and the Rangeland Resource Program at DRNC are excited to announce a unique opportunity for 2 students for the summer of 2019. The successful applicants will have the opportunity to spend 2 weeks at each of the 6 host/mentor’s ranch operations. This internship is designed to offer beginning agriculturalists, natural resource and range specialists, biologists, soils majors or any student looking into natural resources, the real-world and hands-on experience implementing the educational tools already gained to a ranching operation. This paid internship will last for three months during the 2019 summer where interns will work and learn from mentoring ranchers from across the state of Montana. A wage of $11/hr. will be paid at the end of each month with room and board supplied by the mentoring/host ranch. **Students majoring in any natural resource related field are recommended to apply for this opportunity.**

Please note that the Internship Program is not designed solely as a working ranch hand position, but students will be responsible to help in any way possible throughout the summer doing various chores that are necessary for daily ranch operations. Interns will have the opportunity to learn about rangeland monitoring, plant and weed identification, rotational grazing, ranch economics, erosion control, habitat conservation and much more.

There will be two parts to the application process for the Rangeland Internship Program; approval of the application and essay and, a phone interview with the Internship Selection Committee. Students will be contacted to schedule the interview.

**Internship Highlights:**

• Free housing plus travel reimbursement and wages

• Networking with ranchers, agency personnel and more

• Hands-On Working Lands Experience in a ranch environment

• 1-3 College Credit Hours Available (Student is responsible for applying to obtain credit hours.)

Application Deadline is February 1st, 2019. For more information contact Stacey at 406-444-6619, or sbarta@Mt.gov or visit the web site at http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/rangeland-resource-program.