Montana Working Lands Internship Program

Host Application

Please complete the application and return to:
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Program Mission & Goals
The West is losing experienced land stewards. Our goal is to prepare the next generation of land stewards. In this unique opportunity, we are providing ranching experience and a rancher’s pragmatic perspective on resource management to students who may later pursue careers in resource management in either government or the private sector.

Date: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Ranch Name: ________________________________________________________________________________

Owner/Manager Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________________

Physical Address (If different from above): _______________________________________________________

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Telephone: ____________________________ Cell Phone: ________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________________________________

Number of Interns your operation is willing to mentor: ________________________________

Intern Housing Information
(Bunkhouse, apartment, room in ranch house, etc.):

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Please check the items/services that are available to the intern while on the mentoring operation:

☐ Washer and Dryer: Please explain if services will be utilized and/or shared by others on the operation:

More info: ___________________________________________________________________________________

☐ Internet Connection: Please explain location and times of use for service.

More info: ___________________________________________________________________________________
☐ Opportunity to eat with operation’s crew, employees or family.  
If not, is there a kitchen or kitchenette for intern to utilize?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

More info:  ________________________________________________________________

Additional items interns will need for duration of Internship (i.e. bed sheets, towels, hiking boots, etc.):

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Please give a brief list of activities on the operation during the summer months that interns may experience:

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Please list any items the intern cannot bring with them?

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Please list a few of the most important natural resource practices implemented on the operation:

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List all the natural resource agencies your operation works with throughout the summer (i.e. Conservation Districts, USDA-NRCS, USFS, BLM, or Private Contractor):

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Will there be opportunities for the intern to go to any resource management related meetings or events throughout the summer:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No.  If yes, please list:

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Are you willing to dedicate time each day towards mentoring your intern?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

More info:  ________________________________________________________________
Are there any activities on the operation that you do not want the intern to participate (i.e. use of equipment, special activities such as sorting cattle, doctoring, haying? etc.):

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Who would be the main mentor on the operation? Please list any other individuals who may assist:

Main Mentor:  __________________________________________________________

Others:  ______________________________________________________________

Please list any dates that do not work for you to host the intern between May 15 and August 15.
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>> Mentor agrees to the following responsibilities and objectives:

• This mentoring position is voluntary and can be renewed each year as such
• To provide and educational and safe learning experience
• Will work with intern to meet learning objectives
• Will give the intern the opportunity to meet with local resource related entities when applicable
• Contact the Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator if any issues and/or questions occur
• Will provide a safe and functioning living space for intern
• Understanding that intern may or may not have agricultural experiences and may not be suitable for various kind of work done on the operation with or without guidance and/or supervision
• Is willing to dedicate 2 weeks for each intern to the Internship Program
• Understand that intern is receiving stipend amount from the program and is required to submit weekly work summaries and photos at the end of each week between Friday and Sunday.
• Termination of mentoring opportunity can happen at any time and mentors can resign from mentoring by contacting Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator and setting up a meeting time (via phone or in person) regarding reasons for withdrawal from program.
• I understand responsibilities and requirements to be met by person(s) receiving a mentoring position and I certify by my signature on this application that I can meet the objectives stated above and if I cannot I must contact the Rangeland Resource Program Coordinator office to announce my withdrawal from the mentoring position for the duration of the internship program.

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct.

Signature:  __________________________________________________________ Date:  ________________________

Print Name:  __________________________________________________________________________________