



JOB OPPORTUNITY: Wildfire Risk Mitigation Specialist

Role of Wildfire Mitigation Specialist

The Wildfire Mitigation Specialist (WMS) will report to the SPAWP Executive Director (ExDir) and lead implementation of SPAWP's fuel reduction projects and training programs in wildfire risk assessment. SPAWP will recruit both volunteer and paid trainees in assessment of home ignition zone risk (HIZ) and fuel removal to create defensible space (d-space) and shaded fuel breaks. Following training, the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will be responsible for review of trainees work in risk assessment to ensure consistent application of wildfire risk mitigation best practices. The WMS will prepare Community Wildfire Risk Assessments (CWRA) for 3 new Firewise Communities. He/she will assist Firewise Communities and HOAs in planning fuel reduction projects, recommending treatments, marking vegetation for fuel removal, and reviewing contractor work.

Job Responsibilities

- Speak at public education events on fuel mitigation, including HIZ, d-space, and shaded fuel breaks. .
- Advise Firewise Communities and HOAs on Mitigation Planning
 - Work with 3 prospective Firewise Communities (CR 580, Gardner/Libre) to draft Community Wildfire Risk Assessments based on studies by Senior Wildfire Behavior Expert.
 - Meet with new Firewise Communities to develop Action Plans
 - Formulate New Project Plans and Treatment Scopes of Work
 - Inspect completed contractor work.
 - On SPAWP projects, conduct fuel marking and inspect completed contractor work.
- Conduct outreach to key property owners regarding mitigation.
- Organize and provide training in the following areas:
 - HIZ/Defensible Space Assessment Training for Home Site Assessment Trainees and homeowners.
 - S-212 Sawyer Training with LaVeta Trails, LVFPD, UHFPD, and other interested groups.
 - Provide training for Firewise Communities on courses such as "Tools of the Trade" on safe and efficient fuel mitigation.
 - Organize and teach other courses such as chipper operations, Mitigation 101 with FACO as requested
- Provide hands-on Supervision of HIZ and defensible space assessment trainees
- Reporting
 - Track hours work and prepare meeting and activity reports
 - Prepare reports related to project fire prevention and mitigation activities

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Build and maintain positive working relationships with members of participating SPAWP's Firewise/HOA communities and governmental agencies.
- Collect before/after photos of SPAWP funded activities for Public Outreach and Education.
- Prepare presentations and facilitate meetings to educate the public on wildfire risk mitigation.



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Education and Experience

- Courses in Home Ignition Zone and defensible space assessment
- Sawyer at S-212 level or above.
- Wildland firefighting, training, or experience.
- High school diploma or GED certificate.

Location, Hours and Compensation

- Work remotely, but must have base located in Huerfano County, CO
- Regular travel will be required within SPAWP's service area and reimbursed at the rate of \$0.50 per mile.
- Funding for this position will be provided from grant funding secured by the AIM Grant, SPAWP as well as work requested by property owners, Firewise Communities, and HOAs.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter, outlining how your skills and experience meet the qualifications of the position.

Job Type: Part-time Contractor.

Pay: \$25 to \$30/hour depending on experience and training. The AIM Grant provides approximately 700 hours of funding for the Wildfire Mitigation Specialist position. .

Schedule: Flexible. Occasional work on weekends may be required.

Hours: Based on project implementation plans.

Email Resume and Include References and how you heard about this position to: mail@spawp.org

Website: www.spawp.org