Internship Opportunity – Summer, 2019
Water Resources Experiential Learning for USDA Careers Program

Hat Creek Ranger District – Fall River Mills, CA

This program provides a stipend and housing for 6-8 weeks for graduate or advanced undergraduate students.

The Hat Creek Ranger District of the Lassen National Forest is a true geologic playground, located in the area between Lassen Volcanic National Park and the 14,180’ Mount Shasta. The continuing evolution of the Lassen Volcanic Center as well as the influence of two regional tectonic zones have created a complex and exciting terrain in which to work. The preponderance of secondary porosity, including lava tubes, have made it so that the District has one of the densest concentrations of springs in the western US. In short, Darcy does not venture here! Therefore, an understanding of geology is important to work effectively with water in this landscape.

In order to provide a genuine sense of the work the USFS does, an intern will be exposed to as many different aspects of the hydrology program on the forest as practical, and will then focus in on developing a particular aspect of the things to which they have been exposed. Practical tasks will be done, allowing the intern the satisfaction of knowing that they have personally contributed to the stewardship of America’s public lands. At the conclusion of the experience, the student will be acquainted with both the agency and public service in general, allowing them to make an informed decision about whether such a path might be a good fit for them in the future.

The intern will stay in USFS barracks in Hat Creek, CA. This location is a mere 26 miles from Lassen Volcanic National Park and 14 miles from Burney Falls State Park.

For additional information, contact Shawn Wheelock, District Hydrologist, (530) 336-3340, swheelock@fs.fed.us and see http://wri.csusb.edu/watershedManagementExperientialLearning.html. Please note that while this web page only mentions CSU and CCC students, the program was recently expanded to welcome UC students.

Deadline:
March 29, 2019
To Apply:
Send a resume and unofficial transcripts to Shawn Wheelock, swheelock@fs.fed.us by close of business on March 29, 2019. Do not contact anyone at the Water Resources Institute or Cal State San Bernardino.

ABOUT LASSEN NATIONAL FOREST:
Lassen National Forest lies at the crossroads of Northern California, where the granite of the Sierra Nevada, the lava of the Cascades and the Modoc Plateau, and the sagebrush of the Great Basin meet. This 1.2 million-acre forest is managed for recreational access as well as timber and firewood, forage for livestock, water, minerals, and other natural resources. The Lassen offers opportunities for hiking, camping, boating, fishing, hunting, cross-country skiing, cycling, and snowmobiling to year-round residents and visitors. For more information, visit: http://www.fs.usda.gov/lassen.

ABOUT THE AREA:

◆ Hat Creek Ranger District, Fall River Mills, Calif.
Hat Creek is renowned for its trophy trout fishing, dramatic mountain vistas, scenic hiking trails, and Subway Cave – a half-mile underground tube formed by volcanic activity. The Hat Creek Ranger District office, the main point of access to this beautiful and remote region, is 14 miles from the community of Burney (population 3,000) and 70 miles from the City of Redding. Parts of the film “Stand by Me” were filmed in the area. Hat Creek is also close to many recreational opportunities available not only on Lassen National Forest, but also in the Modoc and Shasta-Trinity National Forests, Lassen Volcanic National Park, as well as Burney Falls and Ahjumawi Lava Springs State Parks.

For more information about the area, visit:
Burney Chamber of Commerce
Sperling’s Best Places – Fall River Mills, Calif.
Sperling’s Best Places – Burney, Calif.

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