



**Internship Title:** Pesticide Action Summer Intern

**Supervisor:** ERC Executive Director

**Dates:** June – August 2019

**Deadline:** Open until filled

**Organization Description:**

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC) is a small environmental nonprofit working in the Wood River Valley of South Central Idaho. The ERC provides year-round experiential outreach programs that provide environmental education and inspire action to cultivate a healthy environment.

**Internship Description:**

The ERC's Pesticide Action program works to reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides, and chemical fertilizers in the Wood River Valley. In collaboration with community partners, the ERC's outreach focuses on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices where alternatives are considered first and foremost, and chemicals, when necessary, are used in small quantities and as a last resort.

The ERC is seeking two interns to work with federal and state agencies, as well as other local partners, to accomplish four main projects:

- Weekly maintenance of the Wood River Community Knapweed Bio-Control Insectary where root-boring weevils (insects) are being grown to provide a free, non-chemical method of noxious weed control.
- Monitor and collect data from new and existing transects to determine the effectiveness of various weed treatments in Blaine County.
- Assist with the mapping of noxious weeds using GPS units.
- Assist in the coordination of community and youth outreach events and in the creation of free resources that advocate for the adoption of IPM practices and promote the use of non-chemical alternatives.

Interns will report directly to ERC staff but work will be overseen by both the ERC and United States Forest Service. Work will be conducted in close collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management, Blaine County Noxious Weed Department, Blaine County Recreation District, and local landscaping companies. Occasionally, interns may be asked to assist the ERC with summer outreach events outside of the Pesticide Action program.

Hours to be completed: 160 hours in total per intern (~12 hrs/week). Weekly work schedule can be flexible but will be determined by intern and Executive Director prior to the start of the internship.

Internship Compensation: \$12-\$14/hr depending on experience.

**Requirements/Qualifications:**

- Background or strong interest in natural sciences required.
- Ability to use current computer technologies, including Word, Excel, Gmail, and social media platforms required.
- Background with GIS and ArcMap preferred.
- Strong organizational, time, and project management skills with the ability to work independently as well as part of a team with minimal supervision.

- Must be able to work in outdoor settings for multiple hours at a time, in inclement weather, and with power tools such as weed whackers.
- Reliable and willingness to be flexible as the internship can change due to unforeseen challenges (e.g. forest fires and personnel changes).
- Ability to actively problem solve using sound judgement and critical thinking.
- Excellent skills in communicating with a variety of people, and a high degree of comfort working with the public.
- Access to and ability to use personal vehicle for travel (e.g. to monitoring sites and insectary).
- Passion for the goals of the ERC and a personal commitment to environmentally-friendly actions.

For the right candidate, multiple internships may be combined to create a larger, more full-time internship. If interested, please note which internships you are interested in combining in your letter of interest.

**To Apply:**

Please send a letter of interest and resume with three references to:

Hadley DeBree  
ERC Executive Director  
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