



Internship: Stewardship Assistant

Summary: La Plata Open Space Conservancy seeks two (2) interns to assist with the stewardship of publicly accessible, recreational conserved properties throughout La Plata County. The interns will work together to collect photographs and data in the field, and will then work independently to compare the properties' current conditions to years past and summarize any changes. Interns may also utilize aerial imagery to collect data remotely and to compare conditions.

Requirements:

- Must have a reliable vehicle, driver's license, and insurance.
- Good planning, time-management, and risk-management skills.
- Comfortable working outdoors as well as in front of a computer at the office.
- Great teamwork skills – you will work closely with the Stewardship Director and another intern.
- Self-motivated, goal-oriented, and organized.

Tasks:

- Review prior property monitoring reports prior to each visit.
- Travel to and monitor properties for compliance with the conservation easement deed.
 - Using a GPS/camera device, navigate to established photo points and capture photos.
 - Take notes on the condition of the property, particularly any changes from the year prior.
- Ensure monitoring data is promptly saved to the file system.
- Compare current and historical property conditions using photos and notes collected and aerial imagery, and summarize findings.
- Assist Stewardship Director with documenting LPOSC's Land Stewardship Standard Operating Procedures.

Timeline: A target start date of the week of September 5 is ideal. Applicants must be able complete 50 hours of work in 5-6 weeks.

About Us: [La Plata Open Space Conservancy](#) is a land trust based in Durango that serves a six-county region in Southwest Colorado. Since 1992, we have worked with nearly 200 landowners to permanently protect 25,000 acres of land and 49 miles of river in our region. Lands protected include scenic vistas, streams and rivers, wildlife habitat, local food production, historical places, and recreational opportunities. LPOSC holds conservation easements on nearly 1,700 acres of land owned by the City of Durango, including Horse Gulch, Overend Mountain Park (Test Tracks), Dalla Mountain Park (Sailing Hawks), and Oxbow Park & Preserve – interns will visit these properties and more.



Benefits:

- \$15/hour + mileage reimbursement

To Apply:

Send the following to **Adrienne Dorsey, Executive Director**, at adrienne@lposc.org

- Resume
- A letter of interest, detailing your interest in our work and your experience with the types of work described above
- A schedule of your availability between 8AM – 6PM, M-F on an average week

Preference will go to applications received by August 25, but will be accepted until suitable candidates are found. We aim to conduct interviews the week of Aug 28.