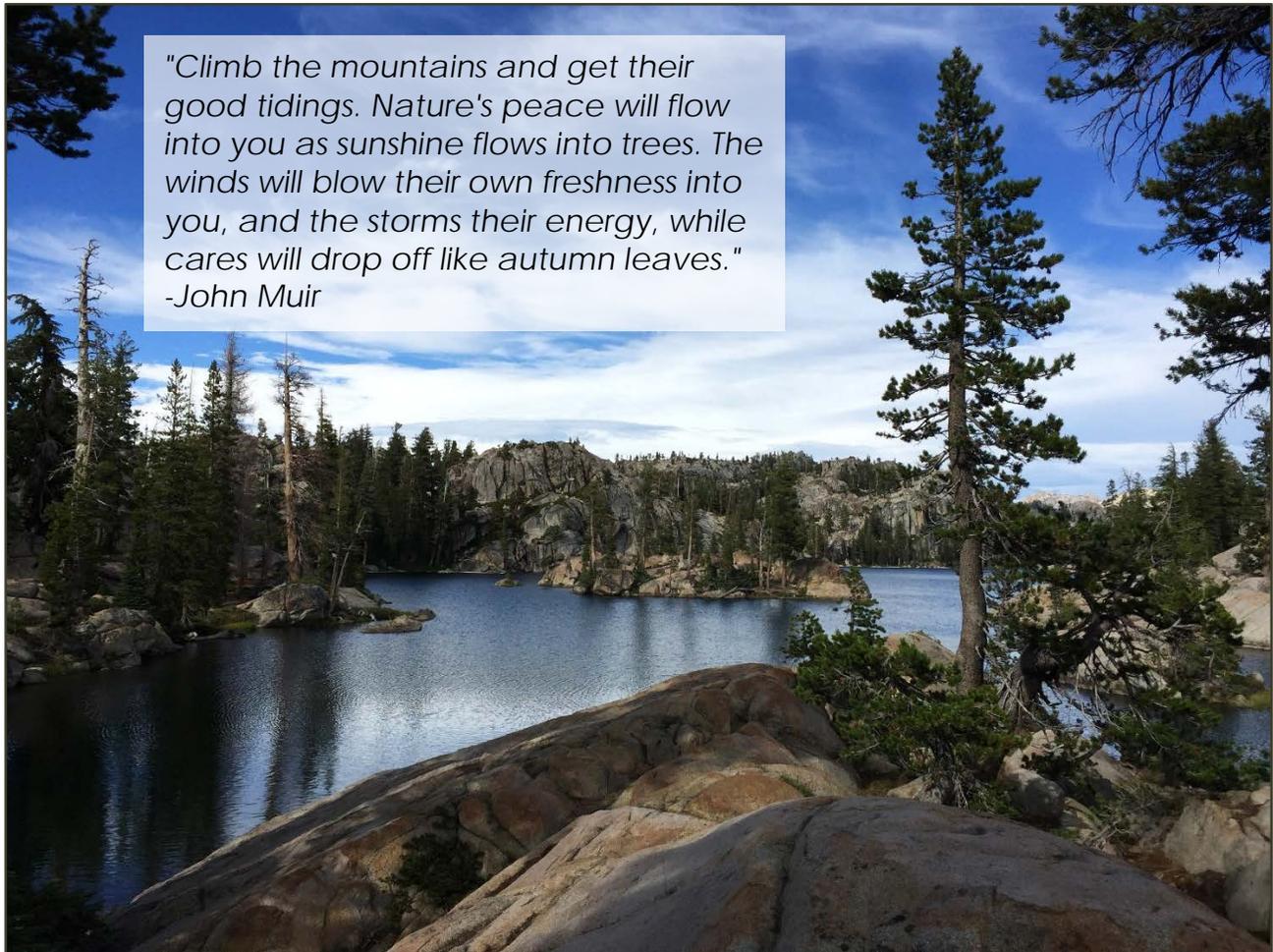




## **-WILDERNESS RANGER INTERNSHIP-**



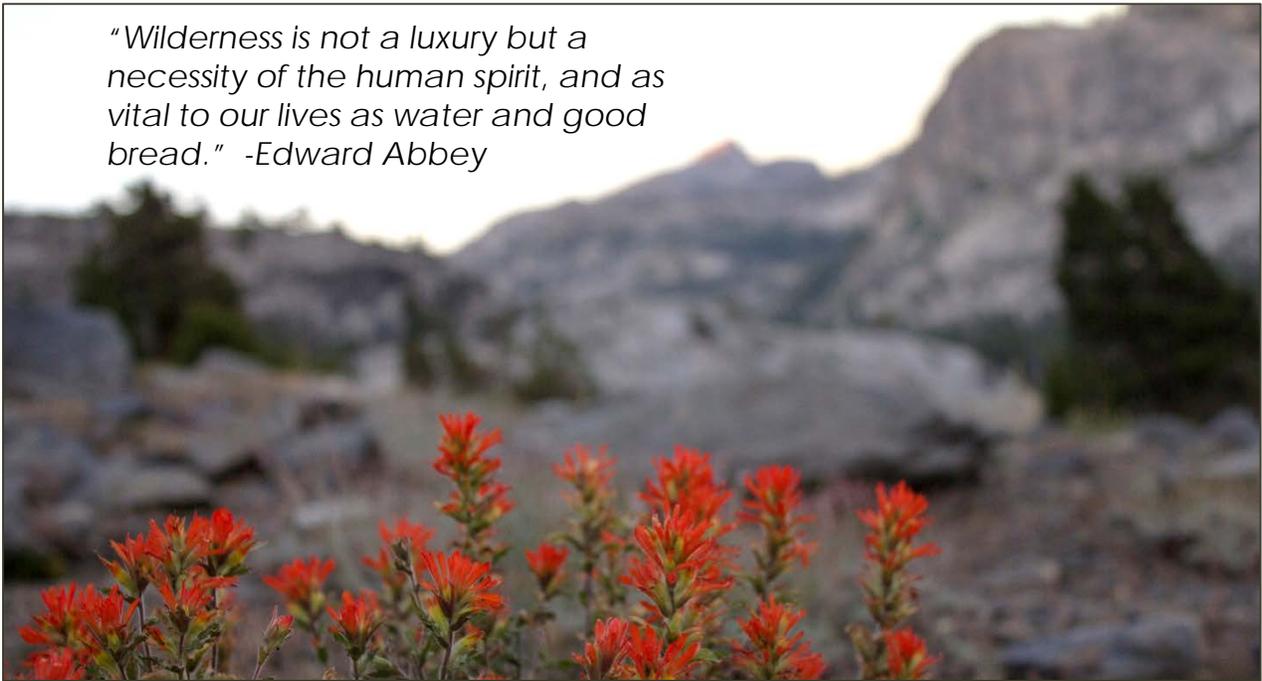
**Do you love to hike, work hard outside, and enjoy the challenge of the mountains? Are you interested in a career in natural resource management?** The Stanislaus National Forest is seeking Wilderness Ranger Interns to help protect and preserve three spectacular wilderness areas in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California: the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne. As stewards of the wilderness, you will challenge yourself both mentally and physically while ensuring these lands remain wild for future generations.

**Position Summary:** The Wilderness Ranger Intern is an integral member of the Stanislaus National Forest Wilderness Crew, taking on most of the duties of a full-time wilderness ranger. The ranger intern will work as part of a team with other wilderness rangers, forest staff, and volunteers to support wilderness management objectives.

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## Ranger Duties

• **New in 2016 – 3 Specialized Wilderness Intern Positions!** *Please indicate in your cover letter which you prefer and why.*

- **Ranger Intern** will work alongside staff Wilderness Rangers, and most closely learn their skills.
- **Packer Intern** will perform as a ranger intern but additionally work with stock (horses and mules) and stock user groups. One in
- **Outreach Intern** will focus on presenting wilderness awareness and Leave No Trace ethics info to the public in front-country settings. Some Ranger Intern duties also.
- Patrol wilderness areas for 1 to 9 days at a time, carrying a pack of 50+ pounds, including hand tools and supplies.
- Inform and educate wilderness visitors about minimum impact practices, regulations, and lead by example.
- Work alongside fellow wilderness rangers, volunteers, and other staff to complete wilderness stewardship projects such as invasive plant removal, range monitoring, and habitat restoration.
- Inventory, monitor, and naturalize campsites in wilderness. Collect and manage data in digital format to document trends and inform management decisions.

- Perform trail clearing and maintenance using traditional tools. Install materials as directed.
- Inspect Outfitter/Guide camps in accord with operating permits.
- Collect evidence and provide documentation for cases of misuse of wilderness areas.

## Location

The Stanislaus National Forest is adjacent to Yosemite National Park in the central Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. These mountains are renowned for their granite peaks, alpine lakes, and iconic beauty. The Stanislaus manages a quarter-million acres of Federally-designated Wilderness in 3 separate units: the Emigrant Wilderness (covers 112,000 acres of high meadows, granite domes, hundreds of lakes, and conifer forest); the Carson-Iceberg Wilderness (a less-visited area of high meadows, volcanic peaks, and open forests); and the Mokelumne Wilderness (includes the wild and remote North Fork Mokelumne River canyon).

For general information on Stanislaus National Forest, please visit our website at [www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/)

For more information on the Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg, and Mokelumne Wilderness Areas, please visit [www.wilderness.net](http://www.wilderness.net)



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## Required Qualifications

- The Wilderness Ranger Intern must be able to backpack for multiple tours of duty, with each tour having the potential to last up to 9 days. The ranger should expect to carry a 50+ pound backpack and tools associated with duties (shovel, saw, radio, etc.).
- The Wilderness Ranger Intern must be experienced in backpacking and wilderness travel with a demonstrated ability to work independently and with others in remote locations.
- The Wilderness Ranger Intern must have good communication skills, as interaction with wilderness visitors will be a primary responsibility.
- The Wilderness Ranger Intern should be familiar with the Wilderness Act, wilderness ethics, and Leave No Trace principles.
- The Wilderness Ranger Intern should be familiar with basic computer applications.

## Additional Desired Qualifications

- Computer experience with ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suite, and photo editing software is desirable but not required.

- CPR certification and/or wilderness medicine certification (e.g. WFA or WFR certification).
- Experience working with stock animals.
- Experience presenting to various audiences.

## Training

**All interns** will be provided with all required training for performing job duties. Training may include:

- Public contact methods
- LNT (Leave No Trace) Trainer certification
- Crosscut saw certification
- CPR/ Basic First Aid
- Trail maintenance
- Campsite inventory and rehabilitation
- GPS, data collection and processing
- Invasive weed identification
- Radio communication
- Basic skills for working around stock (horses and mules), as well as stock specific LNT techniques for educating groups with stock in the wilderness.

**Stock Intern:** added stock animal handling training

**Outreach Intern:** added interpretive training



# Stanislaus National Forest

California

## SUMMER 2016

### Internship Dates

Wilderness ranger interns should be available to work from May 31<sup>st</sup> through late August, with the potential to continue working through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Flexibility with beginning / ending dates is sometimes possible to accommodate school schedules.



### Equipment

Interns will be provided with personal protective equipment, hand tools, radios, and standard camping gear such as tents, stoves and water filters. Interns must have their own backpack, daypack, rain gear, and sturdy hiking boots.



### Compensation

The intern will receive approximately \$50 per day worked. Interns should expect to work at least 8 or 9 days every 2 weeks, and therefore earn at least \$400 every two weeks. Interns will also be reimbursed up to \$400 for travel to and from Pinecrest at the beginning and end of the internship.

### Housing

Separate bunkhouses are available for men and women near the Summit Ranger Station in Pinecrest, CA. Bunkhouses include shared sleeping quarters, kitchen, bathroom, dining, and laundry facilities. The bunkhouses are near the forest wilderness office and several of the primary trailheads for the Emigrant Wilderness.

### Transportation

A personal vehicle is strongly recommended but not required. Government vehicles will be provided for work-related activities.

### Academic Work & Credit

The Forest will work with the intern to provide evaluation and documentation for applicable college or university internship credit. Applicants may be given writing & reading assignments.

### To Apply

Please submit the following via email. Priority will be given to applications received by **February 19, 2016**:

- Single page cover letter explaining your interest in the position and which specialization you prefer (see ranger duties section).
- A resume with the following: **relevant work experience** (include duration of position, part-time/full-time status, position description), **outdoor skills** (include backpacking experience – be specific), and **relevant education** (number of credits; describe most important coursework),
- Two references whom we can contact. Include their current phone number, email, title, and your connection to them.

#### Send to:

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