



Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program

2015 Youth Hiring

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Background

Since 2002, the Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program (AREMP) has provided employment opportunities for 72 interns and more than 150 seasonal BLM employees. The program serves as a training ground for future natural resource professionals. Individuals that worked for AREMP in the past are now gainfully employed with Federal and State government, non-profits, and private industry. AREMP will continue to provide valuable employment opportunities for youth in the future.

In 2015 AREMP hired twenty-one youth employees (under age 35) to assist with effectiveness monitoring. Youth hires included nine seasonal BLM employees and eleven interns. These valuable members of our team surveyed streams in 24 watersheds and monitored stream temperature in 76 watersheds throughout the Northwest Forest Plan Area in northern California, Oregon and Washington. Crews also completed surveys in 19 streams with additional surveyors from the BLM Western Rivers and Streams Assessment, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to compare stream survey protocols and better understand our ability to share data across agencies.



OR/WA State Director, Jerome Perez visits an AREMP survey crew in the field.



Hiking to a survey site.



Recording data on a field computer.

Intern Benefits

Interns were hired in cooperation with the American Conservation Experience (ACE) program. Those interns age 25 or younger at the time of hiring were eligible to receive a direct hiring authority via the Public Land Corps Act (PLCA) after successfully completing at least 640 hours of service. This hiring authority conveys the ability to apply to government only (“merit”) position vacancies with all federal government agencies for 120 days after internship completion. This direct hiring authority provides a pathway for future natural re-

source leaders to obtain permanent employment with the federal government. Interns are also eligible for AmeriCorps Education awards up to \$1500 which can be used to pay education costs at qualified institutions of higher education, for educational training, or to repay qualified student loans.

Training

AREMP provides valuable on-the-job training which includes topics such as safety, use of technical equipment, and how to conduct surveys. Specific training includes stream channel mapping, navigation with GPS units, use of ArcPad to enter data on field computers, invasive species identification, wilderness first aid, CPR, blood borne pathogens, use of safety devices (cell phones, satellite transponder devices and Forest Service radios), and defensive driving. Additionally, we provide information sessions in which youth hires learn about the federal government hiring process and resources for creating resumes.

AREMP Employment Information

If you or someone you know is interested in working for AREMP during the 2016 field season internships for 2016 will be posted on the ACE website: (<http://usaconservationepic.applicantpool.com/jobs/>). BLM seasonal employees will be hired through USA Jobs. Additionally AREMP hiring information can be found here:

<http://www.reo.gov/monitoring/employment/watershed-employment-apply.shtml>.

2015 AREMP Youth Hires

ACE Interns:

Desiree Andersen
Alyssa Bucci
Ellie Diggins
Steven Haggerty
Patrick Haluska
Joseph Krenzelo
Olivia McGrath
Jonathan Ofiara
Morganne Price
Benjamin Schmidt
Noah Schottenstein



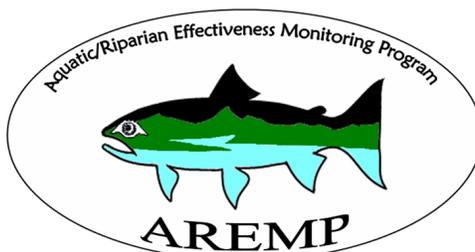
Interns and BLM seasonal employees learn to collect bug samples.

BLM employees:

Katie Birch
Grant Brink
Wes Burton
Allison Del Gizzi
Erik Johnson
Jesse Miller
Michael Oldham
Seth Webster
Alanna Wong

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