

# **Partnership Coordinator**

#### **About the WSOA**

The West Slope Outdoors Alliance (WSOA) <u>www.westslopeoutdoorsalliance.org</u> is the Regional Partnership that covers Delta, Mesa, and Montrose counties. We are a collaboration of individuals from nonprofits, government entities, businesses, agriculture, ranching and outdoor user groups who recognize the value of our region's natural and recreational assets as drivers of economic stability, community wellness, and resiliency of our land and wildlife. We work with diverse stakeholders to ensure a thriving West Slope for generations to come.

# Colorado Outdoor Partnership Vision

"In 2050, Colorado's people and economy thrive because of our healthy lands, water, wildlife, and working farms and ranches, accompanied by improved and inclusive outdoor recreation, hunting, and angling opportunities for all."

This is the state-level vision of the <u>Colorado Outdoor Partnership (CO-OP)</u>, a collaborative of private and public sector outdoors leaders across the state. The CO-OP follows the <u>Colorado Outdoor Principles</u> and serves as the statewide advisory body for the Regional Partnerships Initiative, established in October 2020 by Governor's <u>Executive Order B 2020 008</u>. See the <u>Colorado Outdoor Partnership Website</u> for more information. The WSOA is one of now 18+ regional partnerships throughout the state working locally to support this larger effort.

#### **Contract Opportunity**

The WSOA is seeking a highly motivated and organized Coordinator to join our team on a two-year contract basis (approximately 30 hours per week, 46 weeks per year). You will be overseen by the volunteer WSOA steering committee, with regular supervision and guidance by the volunteer WSOA Lead. You must be physically located within Delta, Mesa, or Montrose County.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Facilitate Collaboration & Communication:
  - Coordinate and manage regular Steering Committee and quarterly Advisory Committee meetings, including agendas, materials, and note-taking.
  - Serve as a central point of contact for the WSOA, fostering communication and collaboration among partners and stakeholders and uniting WSOA around shared goals.
- Project Management & Grant Support:
  - Oversee assigned projects aligned with WSOA goals, ensuring efficient execution and meeting deadlines.
  - Research and identify grant opportunities that support WSOA initiatives and develop compelling applications

- o Draft grant applications to secure ongoing financial support for the WSOA mission.
- Communication & Outreach:
  - Maintain and update the WSOA website and social media channels, ensuring accurate and engaging content.
  - Assist with developing educational materials and outreach programs to promote responsible recreation and stewardship.
- Data & Reporting:
  - o Gather and analyze data as needed by the Steering Committee to inform decision-making.
  - o Prepare reports required by the Regional Partnership Initiative and grant funders.
- Additional Responsibilities:
  - o Provide administrative support to the WSOA Steering Committee as needed.
  - o Perform other duties as determined necessary by the Steering Committee.

### **Essential Qualifications:**

- Ability to work independently, manage multiple priorities effectively, and meet deadlines in a fast-paced environment.
- Demonstrated passion for the outdoors and a strong commitment to the WSOA's mission.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholder groups to address concerns and build consensus around issues and projects.
- A strong understanding of, or a willingness to learn about, the pressing issues and varied perspectives of the stakeholder groups, including agricultural and ranching communities, nonprofits, government entities, businesses, and recreational user groups.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, coupled with strong interpersonal and organizational abilities.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

# **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Two or more years of experience in project management, coordination, or a related field.
- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (environmental science, natural resource management, public administration, communications, or similar).
- Experience with website and social media management platforms is a plus.

### **Compensation & Benefits**

- Competitive hourly rate of \$50-\$60 based on experience.
- No benefits package included.
- Reimbursement for reasonable travel expenses at prevailing rates.

### To Apply

Please submit your cover letter, resume, and a list of current/recent contract positions to info@westslopeoutdoors.org with "WSOA Coordinator" in the subject line. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis and the position is open until filled.

### **WSOA Goals**

- Foster a thriving West Slope through collaborative stewardship
  - Promote responsible recreation Support projects and initiatives that balance high-quality recreational experiences with responsible land use, minimizing impacts on wildlife, landscapes, and agricultural lands/businesses.
  - Engender community ownership Cultivate a strong outdoor stewardship ethic among residents, workers, and visitors through education, engagement, and shared responsibility for protecting natural resources and regional heritage.
  - Strengthen collaborative partnerships Facilitate effective collaboration across jurisdictions, user groups, land management agencies, and local communities to achieve shared goals for recreation and conservation.
- Ensure broad access to sustainable outdoor experiences
  - Expand and diversify opportunities Advocate for and support the creation of new recreational opportunities while ensuring existing offerings cater to diverse preferences, abilities, and backgrounds, including underrepresented communities and those with accessibility needs.
  - Improve visitor experience Enhance the quality of outdoor experiences in high-demand areas through infrastructure improvements, management strategies, and visitor education, mitigating congestion and conflicts.
  - Promote responsible visitation Encourage and educate visitors and other users on responsible practices that minimize environmental impact and ensure safety for all user groups.
- Prioritize sustainable resource management and conservation
  - o Protect sensitive habitats Direct recreational activity away from high-value wildlife habitats and vulnerable ecosystems, prioritizing conservation needs in land-use decisions.
  - Support innovative solutions Advocate for and support projects that address resource challenges and demonstrate a commitment to balanced and sustainable resource management.
  - Monitor and adapt Monitor the impacts of recreation and land use, adapting strategies and practices as needed to ensure long-term sustainability of natural resources and regional heritage.

#### **WSOA Roles**

- Set the vision for what this balanced future will be and catalyze action.
- <u>Vett proposals and endorse efforts</u> that other groups and individuals are submitting for grants that are in line with our goals.
- <u>Educate the public</u> on how to practice responsible tourism and recreation while developing a stewardship ethic.
- Activate the community and mobilize volunteers to support events and efforts by other groups that are in line with our goals.
- <u>Coordinate conversations</u> between user groups, businesses, land managers, organizations, and government entities to improve outcomes as needed.
- <u>Develop and fundraise</u> for projects initiated by the WSOA or by partners.