



Conservation Technician

Reports to: Senior Scientist

Location: Ashton, Idaho

Status: Full-time, one-year position

Open Date: Screening of applications begins November 1, 2016; position open until filled

Start Date: Preferred start date is January 2, 2017

About Us

The Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF) is the only organization whose sole mission is to conserve, restore, and protect the unique fish, wildlife, and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Founded in 1984, HFF pursues mission accomplishment through programs in research and restoration, watershed stewardship, and conservation education; implemented in collaboration with government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, water users, and other watershed stakeholders. We seek creative ways to manage the water resources of our region to sustain irrigated agriculture and world-class trout fisheries. Our staff of nine full-time employees, plus as many as six interns and part-time employees at any one time, is based in Ashton, a town of 1,200 residents located in rural eastern Idaho, where agriculture and tourism are the primary economic sectors. Our office is located within an hour's drive of Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. The Ashton area offers world-class outdoor recreation, including fly fishing, hunting, wildlife-viewing, cycling, and snow sports. Learn more at <http://henrysfork.org/>.

Position Summary

This position provides a great opportunity to work in active grass-roots conservation with a non-profit organization in the Greater Yellowstone Area. Conservation technician will participate in all sectors of non-profit work, but will have a primary responsibility to lead HFF's Economic Values Survey project. HFF is seeking a highly motivated individual, with exceptional critical thinking skills and an interest in learning about watershed conservation from a non-profit organization perspective, who will contribute to our scientific monitoring and outreach work. Applicants should have an interest/focus in the environmental sciences and the outdoors; have good communication skills; be able to work well alongside others; be physically

able to work outside and in the river; be comfortable working alone, in the river, and in winter conditions; have a valid driver's license; and be flexible to work on an array of projects at various times of the day, including on weekends and holidays. The Conservation Technician will have opportunities to attend professional meetings, collaborate with partners, interact with the public, and work with other staff, interns, and graduate students within HFF.

Major Responsibilities

Conservation Technician will take a leadership role in:

1. **Creel/Economic Value Surveys:** Conduct creel survey of angler use and catch in various reaches of the Henry's Fork during the 2017 fishing season. Also, distribute economic value survey instruments to anglers on randomly selected sampling days and train and supervise interns to assist with the project. The study aims to determine the economic value of angling and boating in the Upper Snake River Basin. Technician will record and enter data for analysis. Note that survey times and days are randomly selected, so they can occur early in the morning, late in the evening, and on weekends and holidays.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

Duties include, but are not limited to:

2. **Buffalo Fish Ladder Monitoring:** Monitor fish moving upstream through the Buffalo Fish ladder from February to May. Work alongside HFF staff in trapping fish, identifying all fish to species, checking for PIT tags, and recording fish length.
3. **Water Quality Monitoring:** Help install and maintain water-quality monitoring equipment, in addition to collecting water samples throughout the watershed.
4. **Outreach/ Education:** Technician may also help with HFF's various youth education programs. This may include helping to plan the annual Trout in the Classroom field trip and/or Youth on the Fly event. In addition, technician will contribute to the HFF blog where they will provide updates on their work to our membership.

Qualifications and Skills

- Bachelor's degree and an interest in conservation-related work
- Physically able to work outside and in the river
- Comfortable working alone, in the river, and in all weather conditions (especially winter weather)
- Self-motivated and ability to work independently

- Ability to work with a diverse group of partners, including local, state, and federal agencies, other nonprofit organizations, anglers, farmers and irrigators, hydroelectric providers, and the public
- Interest in and willingness to become familiar with whatever subject or develop whatever secondary skill is required to successfully complete the job at hand
- Ability to work well with others
- Ability to easily lift 60 lbs
- Valid driver's license
- Fly-fishing knowledge and experience a plus

Pay Rate

\$9/hour + housing included

How to Apply

Send a letter of interest and resume or CV to Jamie Laatsch at: Henry's Fork Foundation, P.O. Box 550, Ashton, ID, 83420 or jamie@henrysfork.org.

To learn more about HFF and the work we do, please explore the following links.

Henry's Fork Foundation website: henrysfork.org

Henry's Fork Foundation Blogs: <http://henrysfork.org/blog>

Henry's Fork Foundation YouTube: www.youtube.com/user/HFfoundation

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