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FORESTRY, FOREST LANDSCAPING, AND PRODUCT INTERNSHIP: Summer 2006; Fall 2006; & 2007

Greenleaf Forestry and Wood Products, Inc., is announcing a seasonal paid internship opportunity for two or three forestry, landscaping/horticultural, and wood product students or graduates that offers a practical and varied learning experience. We need seasonal and career Forestry, Forest Landscaping, and Wood Product Manufacturing Crew Members to help in our environmentally focused rural Colorado company. Internships are normally 2 ½ to 3 months. Longer internships are available (see PROJECT FORESTER ANNOUNCEMENT.)

The forestry and forest landscaping work involves manual labor using chainsaws and other logging machinery and hand equipment. We welcome both graduate and undergraduate students, and offer experience and training in the most basic parts of all forestry businesses – applied and practical forest management planning, project design, project layout, tree selection, cutting, wood removal, and slash treatment, along with equipment operations. Tree planting and transplanting may be included seasonally.

We round out an integrated forestry experience with wood product breakdown in our sawmill/ pole peeler facility and with value-added secondary product creation and marketing, and match the work with student interests as much as possible. See our website www.greenleafforestry.com for other internships. All of our forestry work is done in a sustainable manner, much of it for either forest health, aesthetics, or wildfire hazard mitigation. Forestry student crewmembers will learn how to perform and help manage this work, and will have the opportunity with experience to advance to crew leaders with demonstrated ability. A seasonal job with Greenleaf will also better qualify individuals for permanent forestry and wood product jobs with others or us.

Greenleaf Forestry and Wood Products has been in business since 1994 in the Wet Mountain Valley of Southern Colorado. Our founder and forester, Len Lankford, has lived and worked here since 1975, and was one of Colorado's pioneering private foresters. We are a community-based, integrated, full-circle forestry company, working in land management, forest landscaping, firewood sales, lumber milling on our handset circular sawmill, small cabin and furniture construction, and tree planting and transplanting. All of our work currently takes place on private land. Students will have the opportunity for frequent interaction with Len to learn, improve skills, and contribute to the development of a new type of integrated and community forestry business.

We are finding ways to create jobs and viable businesses that make use of the abundant natural resource we have nationwide -- small diameter timber. Instead of cutting only the largest trees in the forest, we cut what is good for the forest, mimicking the natural process and thinning to protect homes from wildfires in an aesthetic manner. This work produces a mix of sizes and irregular wood, which our mill crew makes into rough lumber, logs, poles, firewood, and value-added rustic wood products. See details at www.greenleafforestry.com.

Qualified applicants will be physically fit, preferably have some chainsaw and carpentry experience, reliable transportation, a drivers license, preferably current certification in First Aid and CPR, and a tested ability and willingness to work in all weather and rustic conditions. Experience with heavy equipment is helpful, but not required. An interest in sustainable forestry and business, willingness to study educational assignments on non-work time, and love of living and working in a small town mountain environment will be essential to success.

Pay is hourly and dependent on experience and demonstrated skills, starting at \$8/hr., with shared cooperative mountain-home lodging for single students available at \$75/week. The work season is variable, with 40-hour weeks and 10 to 12-week minimum in summer and fall seasons, depending on college schedules. We have a responsible, non-smoking, drug-free work and lodging environment.

Please email or postal mail a letter of interest and resume by email as soon as possible to:

Len Lankford, President and Forester (MF Yale '74; BF SFASU '69) Email: len@greenleafforestry.com