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WOOD MANUFACTURING INTERNSHIP: Summer 2006; Fall 2006; and 2007 quarterly seasons.

Greenleaf Forestry and Wood Products would like to announce a seasonal paid internship opportunity for one or two industrial design and/or wood manufacturing students that offers practical and varied learning experience. We need seasonal as well as career-oriented Wood Manufacturing Crew Members to help in our environmentally focused rural Colorado company. The work involves manual labor and using sawmill, wood shop and carpentry equipment and tools. We start from raw logs and poles and create both primary and secondary wood products.

We welcome both graduate and undergraduate students, and offer experience and training in the most basic parts of all wood manufacturing businesses – practical and physical work in creating wood products. This will include, depending on the student's abilities and interests, primary manufacturing (running a large circular sawmill and associated equipment, mechanical and hand pole peelers, wood splitter, log sorting, and lumber drying) and secondary manufacturing (project conception, design, cost analysis, prototyping, system development, product manufacturing, product marketing, and business management.) We try to match the work with student interests, specializing in rustic and roundwood designs created from local woods with character. The goal is to develop replicable economic products and methods for full production lines as part of our sustainable forestry business.

See our website www.greenleafforestry.com for other internships and apprenticeships. We are seeking economic ways to use salvaged/ harvested wood material from forest restoration, fire hazard mitigation, and ecological management to create sustainable jobs and businesses. Wood manufacturing student crewmembers will learn how to perform and manage this work, and will have the opportunity with experience to advance to crew leaders. A seasonal job with Greenleaf will also better qualify individuals for permanent, full-time 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 an integrated, full-circle forestry company, working in land management, forest landscaping, firewood sales, lumber milling on our hand-set circular sawmill, small cabin and furniture construction, and tree planting and transplanting. Our work currently takes place on private land. Students will have the opportunity for frequent interaction with Len to learn and to contribute to the development of a new type of integrated and community forestry business, and to develop personal career and leadership skills.

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. This work produces a mix of sizes and irregular wood, which our mill crew makes into rough lumber, logs, poles, firewood, and an expanding line of value-added rustic wood products. See our website for more information.

Qualified applicants will be physically fit, and preferably have chainsaw, wood shop, and carpentry experience, reliable transportation, current certification in First Aid and CPR, and a tested ability and willingness to work in all weather and rustic shop conditions. Experience with heavy equipment is helpful. An interest in sustainable forestry and business, willingness to study continuing education 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 2 ½ to 3-month minimum in the summer and fall seasons, depending on the student's college schedule. Longer internships are also available. 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.

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