



Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory Facilities Work Crew

The Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, founded in 1928 as an independent nonprofit organization, is a biological field station located near Crested Butte, Colorado. Our primary mission is to advance the scientific understanding of nature that promotes informed stewardship of the Earth. RMBL provides scientists and students access to diverse habitats, research and education infrastructure, a collaborative and internationally recognized scientific community, and a broad base of knowledge about the ecology of mountain environments. A deeply understood place and supportive research community make it ideal for training the next generation of field scientists. You can learn more at www.rmbll.org.

We are seeking a **Facilities Work Crew** member to help operate our physical plant.

RMBL manages approximately 1,000 acres with properties stretching from Lake City to Marble. We operate approximately 75 buildings (50,000 sqft of space), primarily in the townsite of Gothic, CO at 9500 feet in elevation. The infrastructure includes a public water system, wastewater system, weather stations, internet communication equipment, field experiments, and cattle fencing.

Working in a team of 3 peers, the position reports to senior facilities staff. The applicant will work a full-time seasonal position (40 hrs/week May through October). This is an active, hands-on position that involves working outside in the high mountains of Colorado in three seasons. This position requires a flexible and adaptable mindset where the applicant is comfortable doing a different task from day to day.

Responsibilities:

- Assist with the opening of the Gothic Townsite for the summer season and closing the Townsite in preparation for winter.
 - Drinking water and wastewater system
 - Guest cabins and living spaces
 - Common use spaces and high-tech laboratory spaces
 - Commercial dining facility
 - Cattle fencing
 - Waste management systems
 - Hiking trails and roads
- Maintenance of these facilities throughout the season to maintain livability and usability.
- Work as skilled labor to further the scientific mission by assisting scientists with the installation, maintenance, and take-down of their field sites and equipment.
- Conduct work according to OSHA and local building code requirements

Skills:

- Rough carpentry and general woodworking
- Home and industrial water and wastewater plumbing maintenance
- Understanding of residential electrical systems in order to diagnose problems
- Troubleshooting and problem-solving skills to repair malfunctioning equipment
 - Power tools
 - Vehicles
 - Commercial and residential appliances
- Interpersonal skills: including ability to work with scientists, subcontractors, public, and other staff.
- Willingness to learn and be flexible in a fast-paced environment

Requirements:

- Hold a valid driver's license
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required to safely move about the townsite, buildings and vehicles; to handle and manipulate objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms and to communicate effectively with others.
- The ability to respond to after-hour emergencies May- November involving water outages or problems that could create significant costs or long-term problems.
- The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 60 pounds.
- The employee must be comfortable using or working around power tools and heavy machinery.
- The employee may be exposed to severe weather conditions.
- Potentially working around or encountering lead paint* or asbestos**

Compensation and Schedule:

- Hourly, full-time seasonal position based in Crested Butte, CO and Gothic, CO
- Season runs from early May after the road is opened to Gothic until October 31st
- \$18 - \$23 per hour depending on experience, and eligible for overtime pay
- Housing in Gothic for the duration of the contract
- 3 meals daily while the dining hall is open. Approximately June 1st until August 15th.

Diversity at RMBL:

RMBL is dedicated to the principles of equal employment opportunity in any term, condition or privilege of employment. We do not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of age, race, sex, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or any other status which may be protected by law.

Timeframe for Filling Position:

Application deadline 3/1/24. To apply send a letter of interest and a resume to benschmatz@rmb.org.

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