Southern Inyo County Tribal Organizer

Position Summary: The Organizer works in the communities of Southern Inyo County to gather feedback from the indigenous community and develop support for the permanent protection of the Conglomerate Mesa area, a place of cultural significance to the Shoshone and Paiute People.

Location: Lone Pine, CA preferred, with the possibility of other locations within Inyo County.

Responsibilities and Activities:

- Build and develop long term relationships with tribal members and leadership with traditional homelands in Conglomerate Mesa and Centennial Flat;
- Schedule and coordinate field trips to take people out on the land;
- Maintain and track contacts and feedback from individuals via spreadsheet;
- Collect petition signatures at community events;
- When needed, serve as a spokesperson for the Conglomerate Mesa campaign;
- Coordinate with other tribal organizers across California to share information;
- Connect with native owned businesses;
- Other activities as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Previous experience and desire to work with indigenous communities;
- Experience living in and working with Inyo County rural communities;
- Knowledge of the geography and history of the Owens Valley and Mojave Desert lands;
- A passion for indigenous sovereignty and community organizing;
- Have a strong sense of initiative and the ability to work creatively and independently;
- Existing working relationship with Eastern Sierra Tribal Nations, a plus.

Requirements:

- Able to work on a computer, including sitting at a desk for extended periods; to read a computer screen; and manual dexterity to operate a keyboard;
- Ability to hike short distances and be outdoors for extended periods of time;
- Able to maintain accurate records and multi-task;
- Able to communicate concisely and persuasively and be understood by others, both orally and in writing;
- Able to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends;
- Able to travel throughout the County via automobile up to 10 days per month and have a valid State Driver’s license.

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Compensation for the position will be based on qualifications and experience, in the range of $22-25 hourly. This position could be part-time or full-time, depending on a mutually-agreed-upon schedule between Friends of the Inyo and the most qualified applicant. Please note that for a part-time arrangement, some of the benefits of full-time employment (paid time off, health insurance, retirement savings plan, etc.) may not apply. Please submit a resume and cover letter to kayla@friendsoftheinyo.org. Position is open until filled.