GNFAC 2022/23 Internship Announcement

The Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center is looking for an aspiring snow/avalanche professional interested in serving as an intern for the 2022/23 season.

Timeframe:

2022/23 winter season (December - March)

Requirements:

• Record of safe backcountry travel and solid avalanche rescue skills.

• Advanced backcountry ski and/or snowmobile skills. Ability to ski/ride in steep mountainous terrain and variable winter conditions.

• Off-trail mountain snowmobiling is an important element of this internship. Previous snowmobile experience is not necessary, but applicant must be willing and excited to learn off-trail snowmobile skills.

• Desire to pursue a career in avalanche forecasting, or closely related work.

Benefits/Compensation:

• \$750/month stipend plus additional paid teaching opportunities.

• Learn the workings of a Type 1 Avalanche Center (issuing daily advisories with four forecasters) and experience the different elements that go into public avalanche forecasting.

• Lots of time in the mountains with your head in the snow and talking snow science.

Expectations:

Accompany forecasters as a field partner 2-3 day/week through the winter season (minimum 8 days/month - *must be available most weekends*). The opportunity exists for additional paid work teaching 1-hour avalanche awareness and field based courses. Flexibility is needed for computer work on some evenings and early mornings assisting with office tasks.

To apply:

Send a cover letter (including relevant previous experience, professional aspirations, and motivation for applying), resume and 3 references to Ian Hoyer at <u>mtavalanche@gmail.com</u>.

Application Deadline: April 22, 2022