Internship Position

Guidance for Landowners on Publicly-Used Rivers and Waterways

Position Responsibilities
The intern will be asked to provide a current assessment of landowner considerations and responsibilities, including a resource of national and state-specific legal statutes, case law regarding river access/private lands, and precedent that can be published online as a tool for river managers, water trail leaders and members of the public who visit and recreate on waterways.

Position Need
The National Park Service would like to provide information for landowners who are considering or who provide access, facilities, and/or permission to use their land for public recreation. This resource will examine the responsibility and related liability for landowners along rivers, lakes and open waterways involved in developing and promoting recreational opportunities on public waterways. Academic, state and federal resources exist, but need to be updated. Research may also include related issues, such as whether organizations have addressed liability for landowners as a collective.

Tasks
1. Meet with NPS and RMS to specify a) the research scope and format for deliverables and b) federal, state and river recreation nonprofit and legal contacts with interest in assisting and supporting the research.
2. Identify current published and other resources.
3. Develop an updated online reference with updated national regulatory and state-specific guidance for landowners and river managers.
4. Develop a summary report of the process (may be a written report, FAQ, etc.) and a PowerPoint presentation to NPS that can be delivered by a shared screen method or in person.

Location
Remote, at RMS office in Takoma Park, MD and at National Park Service Washington, DC office

Timeline
January - April, 2015 or May - August, 2015

Stipend
$1,800 paid in one-third installments at the agreed-upon completion of Steps 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. Lodging is not included.

If you are interested in this position, please email a letter of interest and your resume to rms@river-management.org by December 19, 2014. A second round, if necessary, will be announced January 14, 2014. Thank you for your consideration.