Opening for a Southwest Regional Organizer

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) is hiring a full-time Southwest Regional Organizer in Salt Lake City. Interested applicants should email a cover letter (one page), resume, a writing sample (original work), and 3 references to Clayton Daughenbaugh at clayton@suwa.org. Please include the words “SW Regional Organizer” and your name in the subject line. The deadline for submission is May 22, 2022. The anticipated start date is August 1, 2022.

Reports to: Executive Director and Organizing Director

Job Description Summary:

The Southwest Regional Organizer recruits and supports volunteer activists and leaders in the states of Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Arizona and provides occasional support in Utah. SW Organizer also engages with organizational partners and allies and supports volunteer engagement with government agencies and elected officials. This position is part of a team of organizers based in Utah and spread out across the United States.

The organizer works to gain permanent protections for Bureau of Land Management lands within the Utah Wilderness Coalition’s citizens’ wilderness proposal.

Qualifications:

- Excellent listening and verbal/writing/public speaking communication skills.
- Self-motivated; able to work in a team and independently.
- Ability to build and maintain relationships and develop volunteer leadership skills.
- Passion for public lands protection.
- Commitment to and ability to communicate the need for protecting wilderness landscapes within the context of climate change.
- Willingness to travel and work flexible hours. It is estimated that this position could require 5 - 15 nights a month away from home, varies per month.
- Must be skilled/comfortable with Microsoft, Google Docs, Zoom.
- Helpful but not required skills and experience include past organizing work, knowledge of agency and congressional processes, ability to work with traditional and social media, bi-lingual (Spanish or Dine).
- A four-year college degree is helpful but not required.
Responsibilities Include:

• Build, grow, and sustain a network of volunteer leaders and activists working together to support identified wild land protections.
• Identify, organize and manage events, venues and activities for interaction with SUWA’s programs.
• Utilize traditional and social media platforms to engage volunteers and demonstrate support for protecting Utah’s wild lands.
• Develop and give educational presentations.
• Develop and produce educational materials and articles.
• Manage volunteer participation.
• Supervise interns.
• Assist in development and implementation of grassroots activists training and workshops.
• Participate in staff strategic planning.
• Grow the organization’s membership.
• Other responsibilities as assigned by the Executive and Organizing Directors.

This position will start at $40,000 per year; with paid health insurance; a 3.5% contribution to a 403b plan; 14 paid holidays; 3 weeks of vacation to start; and other benefits. (Benefits begin after a 60-day probation period.)

Currently the position is a blending of in-office and at-home work time. Circumstances permitting, SUWA supports the collegiality of working together in a common location.

SUWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the outstanding wilderness at the heart of the Colorado Plateau, and the management of these lands in their natural state for the benefit of all Americans. SUWA promotes local and national recognition of the region’s unique character through research and public education; supports both administrative and legislative initiatives to permanently protect Colorado Plateau wild places within the National Park and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, or by other protective designations where appropriate; builds support for such initiatives on both the local and national level; and provides leadership within the conservation movement through uncompromising advocacy for wilderness preservation. The lands we work to protect are the ancestral homelands of many Tribes. We are committed to expanding present-day collaboration with our Tribal neighbors.

SUWA is committed to workplace diversity and inclusion. SUWA is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in hiring or employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local law.