



# ADVENTURE SCIENTISTS

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## Public Lands Remediation Project Manager Job Description

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Adventure Scientists is a dynamic 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works with diverse partners including Harvard Medical School, NRDC, the American Alpine Club, and the US Forest Service to mobilize trained volunteers from the outdoor recreation community to achieve conservation goals. Our projects have ranged from amassing the largest dataset documenting global microplastic pollution to collecting scat samples to aid in identifying the biological roots of antibiotic resistance. We now are looking for a leader who can help us build our next incredible project.

### Position Overview

Adventure Scientists is partnering with the US Forest Service (USFS) to solve a major conservation challenge - locating orphaned and idle oil and gas wells from decades past so they can be prioritized for remediation to protect groundwater and ensure public safety. The Public Lands Remediation Project Manager will work closely with several team members, managing our new Public Lands Remediation program in partnership with the US Forest Service. This position will be responsible for recruiting, training, and managing volunteers for orphaned and idle oil and gas well surveys within the Boone and Wayne National Forests of Kentucky and Ohio. The goal of these efforts is to supply forest managers with extensive inventories of orphaned and idle wells in order to prioritize remediation and restoration. The first two years of this project will be focused on refining our methodology for surveying oil and gas wells on public lands, with a goal of scaling this project nationwide. Adventure Scientists is looking for a self-motivated, passionate, creative, and adaptive individual with strong interpersonal skills and proven project management experience. The Public Lands Remediation Project Manager position will involve frequent travel to field sites, and applicants should possess an outdoor skill set that lends itself to remote terrain. Strong written and verbal communication skills are critical, as is volunteer or staff management experience. A scientific background including natural resource management and citizen science is greatly preferred.

### Specific Responsibilities

- Manage partnerships with USFS, volunteers, and technical advisory team.

- Work with USFS and technical advisory team to design protocols and employ appropriate technologies for identifying, locating, and describing orphan and idled wells.
- Recruit and screen volunteers to complete intensive data collection across 1.3 million acres in the Wayne and Boone National Forests over two years.
- Design and lead online and in-person trainings for volunteers, designed to adhere to QA/QC regimens.
- Manage volunteers throughout project lifespan to ensure all inventory sites are monitored in an accurate, timely and comprehensive manner.
- Work closely with USFS to coordinate all logistical aspects of the project across multiple levels (i.e. Forest/District, Regional, and National).
- Work with communications team to write and manage project-related documents.
- Oversee the organization, management, and transfer of orphaned and idle well inventory database.
- Communicate and meet regularly with stakeholders about the project.
- Serve as an ambassador for Adventure Scientists by presenting at conferences, participating in events, and promoting the organization.

### **Qualifications**

- Proven project management experience
- Graduate degree and/or relevant experience in natural resource management, geology and minerals, community organizing, field research, citizen science, and/or related fields is strongly preferred
- Outdoor skills/experience in backpacking, hiking, and remote environments
- Experience managing staff and/or volunteers
- Strong communication skills
- Strong technology proficiency
- Experience working with government agencies and/or environmental NGOs
- Strong demonstrated creative problem solving abilities
- Ability to communicate complicated science projects in a compelling way to a wide variety of audiences
- Desire to join and assist in the growth of a dynamic nonprofit organization
- Experience living or working in rural Ohio and Kentucky preferred
- Experience surveying oil and gas wells is a bonus though not required

### **Work Schedule & Compensation**

This is a full-time position based at Adventure Scientists' headquarters in Bozeman, MT that includes frequent, extended travel to field locations. Start date is fall 2018. Through December 2020, the position will focus on documenting wells in the Boone and Wayne National Forests, with hopes to scale the project nationally in the years to follow. Occasional work on weekends or at night should also be expected.

Compensation: We are proud to offer a competitive non-profit salary, DOE. Benefits include PTO, healthcare, retirement matching, powder days, flexible schedule, a dog-friendly office, and frequent staff outdoor adventures.

**To Apply**

Please email a cover letter that includes your salary requirement, along with your resume and contact information for three references to [jen@adventurescientists.org](mailto:jen@adventurescientists.org). Please include “Public Lands Remediation Project Manager Application” in the subject line. We will be reviewing applications on a rolling basis beginning September 12.

Adventure Scientists is committed to providing an equal employment opportunity for all applicants and to ensuring a work environment free of discrimination and harassment. Our employment decisions are based on our business needs, job requirements, and individual qualifications, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, family or parental status, disability, age, national origin, or any other protected status. We sincerely welcome people of all identities, backgrounds, and experiences to apply.