



Teton County Idaho

River Ambassador (part-time, seasonal) April
2025

Job Description:

River Ambassador

part-time / seasonal, mid-June to mid-September, 2025

FLSA Designation: Nonexempt (hourly, no benefits)

Pay Range: \$20-23 hourly depending on experience

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Job Summary

This position will provide a visible official presence during the summer season at upper Teton River access points in the Teton Valley, near Driggs, Idaho. Ambassadors will educate visitors on river etiquette, safety and regulations contained in Teton County's Waterways Ordinance, while encouraging efficient parking and watercraft launch practices. They will also help the County understand issues and needs at the access sites. The Ambassador position is informative and educational only – seasonal employees will not be authorized to issue citations, but will have the backing of the Teton County Sheriff should they encounter serious illegal activities requiring law enforcement intervention.

Essential Functions

The River Ambassador performs a wide range of duties, including the following:

- Participate in miscellaneous training in early-to-mid June;
- Facilitate Teton County goals by creating river etiquette guidelines for the efficient operation of Teton River boat ramps and accesses;
- Actively engage recreationists about ethics and safety. Information to be conveyed includes: ramp etiquette for both commercial and private use, proper flow of traffic and parking, swimming limitations, private property restrictions along the river, appropriate fishing practices, appropriate wildlife viewing practices and information, and proper control of pets on the river;
- Floating one or more sections of the upper Teton River once per week to collect data on use and assess any issues or concerns about the reach. Watercraft will be donated by a commercial outfitter or provided by the County.
- Monitor and document volumes and types of specific uses, resource conditions, and

visitor feedback.

- Help maintain adequate trash collection and stocking of bathroom supplies by notifying County Public Works Department of capacity issues;
- Maintain access site signage by informing the County Public Works Department of issues;
- Assist recreationalists as needed, including required safety preparation information;
- Submit to the GIS Manager/Community Projects Coordinator receipts for transportation and/or shuttle expenses incurred by the end of every month to be reimbursed within two weeks;
- Communicate observations regularly to the GIS Manager/Community Projects Coordinator throughout the season. Prepare a brief report at the end of the season documenting accomplishments, observations, and any recommendations for the following year.

Requirements

Terms of Employment:

- Seasonal positions, up to 24-hours per week from mid-June through mid-September, 2025, including all weekends;
- Position is a non-exempt employee of Teton County (hourly, no benefits);
- Pay rate \$20.00 to \$23.00 / hour (greater experience and oversight of scheduling for up to four river ambassadors will warrant a higher pay rate)
- Employees will wear uniform shirts and caps when on-duty, identifying them as County personnel;
- Employee must provide their own vehicle to travel to and from river access sites; vehicle travel will be reimbursed for travel between river access sites at the standard IRS mileage rates (70 cents per mile in 2025).

Safety

Personal safety is the first priority. This position is aimed at promoting safe, responsible and efficient use of the river through educational means only, not through direct enforcement of regulations. Confrontations must be avoided. If a situation is chaotic, or perceived as dangerous to the ambassadors' well-being, they should contact the Teton County, Idaho Sheriff Department and, if necessary, leave the scene.

Acceptable Experience and Training

- Must be mature, friendly and self-motivated;
- Preferred (but not required): previous recreation management employment in an outdoor recreation setting;
- Preferred (but not required): Bachelor's Degree in Recreation or a similar degree; • Must have a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance with an acceptable driving record;
- Must have a basic first aid certification or be willing to acquire one prior to working in the field.

Licenses and Other Requirements

- Valid Driver's License;
- Good driving history;
- Red Cross Basic First Aid certificate (or equivalent), or the ability to obtain.

Working Conditions and Physical Efforts

- Sufficient stamina, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to withstand working on foot for multiple consecutive hours in an outdoor setting, in sustained heat or potentially inclement weather.
- Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing or other communication capabilities, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to understand verbal instructions and to communicate effectively on the telephone and in person;
- Sufficient visual acuity, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to comprehend written work instructions, prepare and review documents, read maps, organize and maintain accurate files;
- Sufficient manual dexterity, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to operate standard and job-related specialized equipment and personal watercraft on moving current.
- Sufficient personal mobility, flexibility, and balance, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to lift or move objects that weigh up to 60 lbs. (such as watercraft);
- Jobs in this class require performing repetitive hand movement in gripping, fingering, hand/wrist/arm movements. Related job tasks may require walking, standing, climbing stairs, sitting, lifting, stooping, squatting, kneeling, bending, crouching, pushing, grasping, and reaching.