

Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership Program Manager

Position Description

Summary: The Keex' Kwaan Community Forest Partnership (KKCFP) program manager will work with the Organized Village of Kake (Tribal Government) on growing their natural resource management office during 2018 and 2019. This is being done in preparation for local management of a 5-year project that will include community engagement, workforce development, natural resource assessments and a variety of on the ground projects for the benefit of the Tongass National Forest, ANCSA Tribal corporations and the community of Kake. See [attachment](#) for more details on KKCFP.

- **Term:** 1-2 years minimum with option for 5 years depending on performance
- **Location:** Kake, Alaska
- **Pay:** \$45-60,000 DOE

Experience, qualifications and skills: We are looking for a college graduate who is excited to work in a rural Alaska Native village, who loves working in the outdoors, is an excellent communicator (written and verbal) and who is a quick learner. This job is equal parts office and field work, will involve learning about traditional cultural values and practices of the Kake people alongside the best practices of conservation science and tailoring natural resource management to balance economic development, ecological resilience and cultural vitality. Training in natural resource management will be provided as part of this job but some background in natural science, economic development and cultural studies is appreciated.

We are seeking applicants who have strong people skills and backgrounds in outdoor education, community development, or similar fields. Outward Bound, Peace Corps/Americorps and Habitat for Humanity are examples of programs that provide good training experiences for this job opportunity. Active listening, small group facilitation, strategic planning, conflict resolution and mentoring skills will all contribute to the success of this position.

Near-term objectives and responsibilities: The KKCFP is planned to start in July of 2017. Initial objectives will include:

1. assemble a natural resource management office that includes field equipment (e.g. gps units, data loggers, forest, stream and road inventory equipment, etc.), and office equipment (GIS computer, plotter, tool shed, etc.) to conduct natural resource inventories and assessments;
2. organize local committee of stakeholders and facilitate monthly meetings on natural resource management priorities;
3. organize community field trips that focus on traditional and cultural uses of natural resources;
4. use newsletters, blog posts, and other media tools to inform and engage community members and organizational partners in KKCFP activities;
5. begin managing and working with a field crew partner on initial road condition inventory; and,
6. develop an action plan and budget for hiring a 4-person seasonal field crew and working with resource specialists to conduct forest and stream inventories during the summer of 2019.

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