



VISITOR USE/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTERN

RSG seeks a summer 2017 intern for our Public Lands Planning and Management consulting practice.

POSITION LOCATION(S)

- One or more National Park locations, such as:
 - Zion
 - Sequoia & Kings Canyon
 - Hot Springs
- Potential office-based work at RSG headquarters in White River Junction, Vermont.

POSITION OVERVIEW

This internship provides a unique opportunity for those interested in learning about conducting social science and visitor use research in the National Park System, providing excellent hands-on training and research experience, ideal for gaining the skills needed to conduct graduate or professional-level research in human dimensions of natural resources or recreation management.

Interns will work alongside Ph.D. and Master's level researchers to assist with social science research and data collection in National Parks. Interns will engage in multiple steps in the social science research process, including, but not limited to: administering visitor surveys, recording patterns and volumes of visitor use, and performing data entry and analysis at RSG's White River Junction, VT headquarters. In addition to field research experience, interns will also gain valuable experience with a nationally-recognized research consulting firm, providing a look into private sector career paths in parks and protected areas management, as well as knowledge of visitor use management and capacity planning.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidates who will be 21 years old by the start date are preferred.
- Ability to interact professionally and comfortably with the public (e.g., to administer visitor surveys and collect other information from park visitors).
- High degree of personal accountability to ensure timely, systematic, and consistent conduct of data collection tasks.
- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

RSG creatively applies state-of-the-art modeling and analytics to transportation planning, market strategy, environmental management, and custom software development, helping organizations make critical decisions with confidence. Since its founding by professors in 1986, RSG has developed a culture of academic rigor and a commitment to curiosity and excellence. RSG is a 100% ESOP (employee-owned) company and has been recognized as one of the "Best Places to Work in Vermont" since 2006. Employees enjoy excellent benefits, flexible hours, a strong commitment to a sustainable workplace and opportunities for advancement. We are an equal-opportunity/affirmative action employer. Please visit www.rsginc.com for more information.

- Attention to detail and a good sense of quality control in the data collection process.
- Good note taking skills, particularly to document unusual or unexpected circumstances that can affect data collection tasks.
- Ability and desire to work outdoors through a range of potentially challenging weather conditions (heat, rain, etc.).
- Ability to hike up to 3 miles (one-way) on consecutive days on varied and often steep terrain.
- Previous experience with data collection or other aspects of scientific studies is desirable, but not necessary.
- Willingness to learn the ins and outs of protected areas social science research methodology from start to finish.

POSITION START DATE

June 2017

TO APPLY

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