



### Trout Unlimited Summer 2018 Outreach Position

Do you want to spend two months in the Smith River valley and get paid for it?! Trout Unlimited is seeking a self-motivated, driven individual with the desire to protect and conserve Montana's precious rivers and streams.

The 2018 Smith River float season will be an important opportunity for Trout Unlimited to spread the message of the dangers of the proposed Black Butte copper project that threatens Sheep Creek, the Smith River and the ecosystem they support. Trout Unlimited is seeking an outgoing, hard-working, self-motivated individual to work for two months at Camp Baker, the only public put-in to the Smith River, to spread the word about the dangers of this proposed mine.

#### **Position overview**

This position will be stationed at Camp Baker during the peak float season, May 15- July 15. The person in this position will canvass in the area around Camp Baker to provide floaters with the following information through face-to-face conversations:

- Information on the threats and risks to Sheep Creek and the Smith River from this proposed project.
- Updates on the mine permitting process
- Opportunities to get involved (volunteering, letters-to-the-editor, petition signature, public comment to the DEQ, etc)

As part of the duties, the person in this position should also be prepared to:

- Petition signatures opposing the Smith River mine
- Distribute informational pamphlets provided
- Provide weekly updates on progress and feedback from floaters
- Take information collected from floaters at the Smith River put-in

The only public take-out, Eden Bridge 60 miles from Camp Baker, will also be an outreach location. Placing pamphlets/information on car windshields parked at Eden Bridge will be included as part of the strategy.

#### **Logistics**

This position will be at Camp Baker Monday-Friday from May 15 to July 15. The hours worked will vary but will usually be in the afternoon/early evening. The person in this position can expect to work around

12pm-8pm. Due to the remote location of the Smith River and Camp Baker, the person in this position would have to camp either at Fort Logan FAS, 8 miles up the road from Camp Baker, or at Camp Baker itself. This position will be paid monthly, \$2,500 a month, for a total of \$5,000 for the two months.

### **Training**

This position will require a day or two of training and education from Trout Unlimited staff. TU will provide canvassers a full overview about the background of the proposal by Sandfire Resources. In addition, Trout Unlimited staff will provide current information about the proposed mine and training on messaging. This position will likely run into opposition from mine supporters. This position will be trained by Trout Unlimited on how to address combative situations to ensure the job of talking to receptive people is the focus.

### **Contact**

If interested in this position, please send a resume to Colin Cooney at [Colin.Cooney@tu.org](mailto:Colin.Cooney@tu.org).