



# AmeriCorps Hazard Tree Removal Crew Member

*The Utah Conservation Corps (UCC) is an AmeriCorps program dedicated to developing conservation leaders through service and education and improving the quality of public lands through partnership projects.*

- TERM DATES:** May 21 – November 18, 2018
- LOCATION(S):** Living and working in the Uinta National Forest Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District, a remote location in Northeast Utah (south of Evanston and Mountain View, WY) for 10-16 weeks continuously. Report to Cedar City, UT field office at beginning and end of season.
- SCHEDULE:** Full-time commitment. Hours & schedule vary, 40-50 hours per week
- APPLICATION:** Apply at <https://ucc.usu.edu/apply/index>. Positions open until filled.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Hazard Tree Removal Crew Member will spend six months working and living outdoors as part of a Utah Conservation Corps crew in service to public lands and the communities that surround them. Crew Members are responsible for being a contributing member of their crew, upholding and abiding by UCC policies & procedures, and conducting themselves in a safe and productive manner. All crew members are trained in safe and proper tool use, project techniques, and outdoor living. Weekly project schedules are variable, where crews work 4-10 days in a row and then get off time proportional to the amount of time they have been in the field. Crews spend full-days working outdoors doing physically demanding work. This position is an AmeriCorps term of service that requires a six-month, full-time commitment.

**Project Information:** On the Hazard Tree Removal Crew, Crew Members will spend 10-16 weeks working in the Evanston-Mountain View Ranger District of the Uinta National Forest. This crew will work closely with the U.S. Forest Service to complete hazard tree removal and forest fuels thinning around man-made structures, preparation for controlled burns, and completion of controlled burns on biomass piles.

Crew Members will work on this hazard tree removal chainsaw project for 10 weeks of the entire summer season (estimated June 4 – August 10, 2018) and may receive an extension from the U.S Forest Service to work an additional 6 weeks of the fall season (estimated September 3 – October 12, 2018). For the duration of this time period, this crew will base at a remote U.S. Forest Service guard station or bunkhouse without returning to the field office in Cedar City.

After completion of this Hazard Tree Removal project, the crew will return to Cedar City to complete a variety of other conservation projects around the state for the remainder of the fall season (around 4 weeks).

**Training:** May 21 – June 3, 2018 will entail training for this specific Hazard Tree Removal Crew. August 13 – August 31, 2018 will entail a more general UCC training covering trail building and maintenance, habitat restoration, and more. Members will receive an S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw Certification and FFT2 Basic Wildland Firefighter Certification (Red Card) from the U.S. Forest Service.

**Other:** Utah Conservation Corps arranges for camping and travel during project time and supplies all tools and safety equipment and uniform tops. Crew Members must provide their own work boots (8-inch high, full leather, lug sole), work pants, and personal camping gear. Crew Members are responsible for buying their own food and arranging for lodging and transportation during off time. Regular living allowance payments are provided for the duration of the season.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- Positive and inclusive attitude, flexibility, and high level of maturity and risk management skills
- Ability and desire to work in a dynamic environment
- Ability to work hard and exhibit excellent teamwork as part of a small crew
- Ability to work long hours outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Ability and willingness, with the proper training, to operate a chainsaw for up to 10 hours each day
- Ability and willingness, with the proper training, to troubleshoot, diagnose, and make appropriate repairs to a chainsaw
- Ability and willingness to live away from a permanent residence and the comforts of a town for 10-16 weeks at a time in the National Forest (bunkhouse or guardhouse to be provided for lodging) alongside seven fellow crew members and leaders
- Ability to lift up to 30 lbs repeatedly and engage in activities that require bending and digging
- High School Diploma or GED, minimum
- At least 18 years of age (by term start date)
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Eligible to enroll in AmeriCorps
- Agree to undergo an AmeriCorps Criminal History Check

## **BENEFITS**

- AmeriCorps Living Allowance: \$550.00 paid twice a month
- AmeriCorps Education Award: \$2,907.50 (available upon successful completion of term)

- Wilderness First Aid Certification
- **FFT2 Basic Wildland Firefighter Certification (Red Card)**
- **S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw Training**
- **Excellent opportunity to network with the U.S. Forest Service**
- **Excellent experience for pursuing wildland firefighting jobs**
- Project and tool specific training (trail building, chainsaw, etc)

## **TO APPLY**

Complete the UCC Online Application found at <https://ucc.usu.edu/apply/index>  
*You will need to upload a resume and list of 3 professional references to the online application.*

Positions are open until filled. **APPLY TODAY!**

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