

Summer 2019 USFS Ranger for Alta, UT—12/11/2018

Description of the program

The community of Alta seeks to secure a US Forest Service trained Ranger of GS-04 minimal status to assist with the management of visitors and support natural resource protection for the summer peak period between June and mid-September. The Alta Summer Recreation Program has never included such a dedicated US Forest Service representative, although Forest Service personnel of similar training and background have routinely visited Alta in the summer season on a rotating basis, typically in a project-specific capacity. Creating a dedicated Alta-specific Forest Ranger will add a positive impact in developing the summer program, managing natural resource impacts, and constructively engaging Alta's visitors.

Location

Alta, UT

Responsibilities

- Rove Albion Basin daily on foot or by vehicle and proactively engage visitors
- Actively focus on environmental education through interpretation of the following subjects: natural resource protection, responsible recreation, protected watershed regulations, National Forest regulations, and recreation options.
- Track visitor engagements and other cumulating statistics per community and agency needs
- Communicate regularly with Alta Ski Area and Town of Alta operations (radio to be provided by ASA)
- Implement applicable federal regulations
- Assist with maintaining public restrooms if needed
- Assist with pre-operation trail preparations for public (i.e. placing trails signs and fencing)

Cost

\$8000

Deliverables to be received (outcome)

Tracking sheet with daily and overall statistics. This position only needs total numbers, all statistics will be analyzed by the Alta Summer Program partners. Stats should include minimally the following:

- Total number of people engaged on a 2-hour interval system and if possible, the type of engagements or subject matter
- Total number and type of infractions delivered to public (including warnings)
- Daily log of area/trails covered
- End of the season short summary of notes or comments on pros, cons, suggestions, and observations of summer program, trails, signs, visitor comments, etc.

Financial plan

The cost of \$8000 is anticipated to be split between the Town of Alta, Alta Ski Area, Friends of Alta, and Salt Lake City.

Period of performance

- May __ to May__, 2019 - Training in Big Cottonwood Canyon
- June 1 to September 15, 2019 - Alta, Little Cottonwood Canyon (15 weeks or 620 hours)
- September 16 - __, 2019 - Placement TBD by SLRD