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Policy and Research Associate Center for Western Priorities

The Center for Western Priorities (CWP) is a nonpartisan communications and policy center that serves as a source of accurate information, promotes responsible policies and practices, and ensures accountability at all levels to protect land, water, and communities in the American West.

CWP advances responsible conservation and energy practices in the American West by encouraging open and public debate. We leverage innovative strategies from national marketing initiatives, online grassroots social campaigns, and effective paid and earned media campaigns to advance discussions online, in the media, and throughout Western communities by promoting responsible solutions and accurate information.

Our research-based center advocates for honest dialogue and broad public disclosure, providing thorough and thoughtful analysis quickly and accurately

Policy and Research Associate

The Policy and Research Associate is responsible for providing support to CWP staff in the development and implementation of strategic campaigns to protect public lands in the West. The Policy and Research Associate is fully integrated into CWP campaigns and is expected to think creatively, independently, and take ownership of assigned projects.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Producing proactive, data-driven reports, policy briefs, and white papers to defend against attacks on public lands and to promote land protections and responsible energy policies.
- Tracking policy developments in key state legislatures, before Congress, and under consideration by U.S. land management agencies.
- Regularly review, analyze, and summarize research materials prepared on behalf of CWP. Identify opportunities to capitalize on research through CWP channels.
- Regularly contribute original content on the Center for Western Priorities Westwise blog.
- Contribute to the development of regular CWP products, including the daily Look West morning newsletter and rapid response communications opportunities.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with conservation policy experts.

The Policy and Research Associate is a two-year fellowship, as a part of the [Wyss Fellows Program](#) for developing conservation leaders. As a Wyss Fellow, the Policy and Research Fellow will gain experience in a broad range of issues and multiple aspects of conservation advocacy and campaigns. Additionally, the Fellow will participate in an annual weeklong training program. The Policy and Research Associate is a full-time, exempt position and reports to the Policy Director.

This position is located in Denver, Colorado.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in environmental studies, political science, natural resource management, journalism, economics, or a related field.
- Outstanding research, writing, editing, proofreading, and verbal communications skills.
- Demonstrated ability to understand complex policy issues and communicate them clearly to a layman's audience.
- Interest in public lands, land conservation, and Western politics.
- Ability to manage multiple responsibilities and perform in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment.
- Strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office and Excel. Preference given to candidates with comfort manipulating large datasets and government data, experience with GIS, and/or visual design experience using Adobe Creative Suite.
- Highly organized and detail-oriented.

Procedure for Candidacy

The Center for Western Priorities is a project of Resources Legacy Fund (RLF). RLF works with philanthropists to conserve land, water, and ocean resources while advancing healthy communities and social equity. RLF is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from all qualified candidates regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume to:
jobs@westernpriorities.org

The deadline for applications is Thursday, December 20, 2018.