



National Forests in North Carolina, in collaboration with AmeriCorps, is excited to announce that it is hiring for two full-time temporary VISTA positions for the Appalachian and Nantahala Ranger Districts.

Duties:

VISTA will: Spur economic & community development by implementing service opportunities & supporting sustainable recreation & tourism related to the national forest. Build capacity & create a legacy of long-term improvement & sustainability in communities by identifying fiscal support & community resources. Develop partnerships to secure projects that will compete well for internal funding opportunities & external grant proposals. Generate organizational interest through the engagement of community-based volunteers. create the framework for a sustainable volunteers & service program that ensures the safety & effective engagement of all interested community members. Engage the community they serve to ensure awareness of organizational efforts & generate community commitment to impact-driven activities. Improve recruitment & management to ensure diverse, equitable, and inclusive practices are employed when engaging members of the public.

"This position immersed me in the rich diversity of Western North Carolina, while providing immeasurable career opportunities." -Current AmeriCorps VISTA, Kylie Wilkinson

Benefits:

Successful applicants will receive a non-compete hiring authority for Forest Service positions, a benefit which expedites the hiring process by allowing qualified candidates to be placed into positions following the completion of their service. In addition to the direct hiring authority, VISTAs will receive a living allowance, training, professional development funds, a relocation allowance, health care benefits*, and childcare assistance for those who are eligible. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in joining the Forest Service or working in natural resource management.

*For details about AmeriCorps VISTA healthcare benefits, please visit <http://www.vistacampus.gov/healthcare>

The priority application deadline is Sunday, February 5th, 2023 but applications will be accepted throughout the month of February. The positions will begin April 10, 2023. VISTAs will have the option to serve one to two years. Applicants must be 18 years or older. For more information, please contact Patricia Silva at 304-860-0371 or psilva@conservationlegacy.org.