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Job Title: Clean Water & Mining Program Coordinator

Status: Regular full-time, 40 hours/week

Exemption Status: Non-exempt

Hourly Rate: \$23+/hour, depends on experience

Benefits: Paid holidays, personal leave, sick leave, and health & vision insurance

About the Clean Water and Mining Program

The Clean Water & Mining Program monitors and organizes around current and proposed mining operations in Interior and Northern Alaska that present substantial environmental problems or threaten to open large tracts of wild lands to mineral development.

This position works at the community level, and in broader regional, state, and national coalitions—as well as with internal staff—to implement educational and grassroots advocacy strategies to prevent or mitigate clean water violations and keep priority wildlands free of industrial intrusion.

We are seeking a highly motivated, goal-oriented self-starter with experience in campaign development relating to environmental issues who can showcase a proven track record of innovation and success with previous organizing experience. We believe passion for our mission is the most important attribute of a candidate, and are therefore willing to train the right applicant regarding state and federal environmental protection laws, although general technical competency is required.

Duties

Campaign advancement. Carry on the priority campaigns by expanding outreach in local communities, constituent groups, and statewide coalitions, and by developing grassroots deliverables, lobbying at the state level, generating earned media, and maintaining campaign and Northern Center websites to reflect progress.

Land use planning, policy advocacy, and legal cooperation. Research and organize around pending land use management plans, state and federal legislation that affects program goals, and regulatory changes made by various enforcement agencies.

Exploratory project monitoring. Keep the Northern Center and relevant stakeholders informed of the advancement of mineral exploration projects in Interior and Northern Alaska that pose potential conflicts with our mission.



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Existing mines monitoring. Monitor the environmental performance of existing mines and take the appropriate steps to address environmental problems when they arise.

Outreach planning, implementation, and reporting. Coordinate volunteers, develop outreach and advocacy materials (petitions, sign on letters, print collateral), develop goals/objectives for tabling efforts, attend tabling events, report performance metrics for all outreach and advocacy activities, educate members and allies on creating substantive comments for public commenting periods, and encourage turn-out to locally organized public hearings.

Communications. Assist in development of social media and other communications content for the clean water and mining program, such as maintain photo database, create web content for Northern Center website, and write articles for print and email newsletters.

Experience & Attributes

- Experience working with Indigenous and rural communities is strongly desired.
- An understanding of environmental and resource issues, sustainability, and previous experience with campaign work.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Knowledge of the National Environmental Policy Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act is highly desired.
- Familiarity with large, modern hard rock mining operations is highly desired.
- Must be a team player experienced with collaborative projects.
- For candidates outside Alaska, those who appreciate extreme conditions and seasons will find comfort here.

To apply

Please send a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to Elisabeth Balster Dabney via email at dabney@northern.org or by mail to 830 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99701. Applications will be reviewed on **January 21, 2022**. Position is open until filled, but applicants are encouraged to apply prior to January 21, 2022 to ensure consideration for the position.

