



PUBLIC LANDS MANAGER

Job Description: The Public Lands Manager is responsible for monitoring emerging land use threats, regulatory changes, and industrial or commercial proposals on federal and Washington state public lands in Okanogan and adjacent counties, while translating complex ecological data into impactful public action. Working closely with the program staff and the Communications & Community Engagement Manager, they lead the planning, execution, and evaluation of grassroots advocacy campaigns and public education initiatives to ensure the ecological integrity of public resources, and that advocacy narratives are legally sound, scientifically accurate, and transparently documented. The ideal candidate is highly organized, knowledgeable, and adaptable, and possesses the capacity to maintain sharp focus while managing shifting priorities in real-time.

Reports to:	Executive Director (direct); Policy Director (dotted line)
Status:	24 hrs/week, hourly, non-exempt
Compensation:	\$30-\$35/hour DOE
Benefits:	Medical and cell phone stipends; 3 weeks of paid vacation
Schedule:	MVCC office in Twisp, with flexibility for remote and field work

Key Responsibilities

- Track federal, state, and local agency actions affecting public lands, including environmental impact statements, timber sales, mining proposals, and grazing permits.
- Partner with program staff and the Communications & Community Engagement Manager to translate complex scientific, legal, and environmental priorities into clear, compelling, and real-time public narratives, toolkits, and action alerts.
- Design, execute, and evaluate multi-faceted advocacy campaigns that allow the public to seamlessly follow land-use issues as they unfold.
- Work with the Policy Director to determine opportunities of highest priority and impact.
- Identify a mix of opportunities for community education (including citizen science, public info sessions, workshops, social content, etc.) and work with the administrative team to implement.
- Maintain high mobility to conduct site visits and monitoring activities on federal and state public lands, and pivot quickly to address shifting policy landscapes or immediate ecological emergencies.
- With the Communications & Community Engagement Manager, help draft public comments, factsheets, FAQs and administrative objections rooted in science and legal accuracy to maintain organization credibility.

- Build relationships with grassroots volunteers, Tribal nations, and conservation partners to amplify advocacy efforts.
- Attend public events, hearings, outreach events, and coalition meetings as appropriate.
- Research foundation and federal grant opportunities; work with administrative staff to track impact metrics; submit progress reports for grants, including program data and deliverable updates.

Desired Qualifications, Experience, and Competencies

- Familiarity with and demonstrated passion for the mission of the Methow Valley Citizens Council and environmental conservation.
- Bachelor's degree or higher, or equivalent experience, in Environmental Policy, Forestry, Natural Resource Management, or a related field.
- 3+ years of experience in environmental advocacy, public lands monitoring, land-use policy, or community organizing, especially in rural areas.
- Proven ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment, manage shifting priorities on short notice, and travel frequently for field monitoring and community events.
- Strong understanding of federal and state public land planning and regulatory processes, with the ability to vet and align organizational narratives with scientific data and applicable legal and regulatory frameworks.
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, with a track record of working seamlessly across departments to optimize public transparency and build trust.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a dynamic, small-team environment.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and project management tools.

To apply: Send cover letter and resume to rebekah@mvcitizens.org specifying "Public Lands Manager" in the subject line. Applications received by **September 25** will be prioritized. No phone calls, please.

MVCC is committed to building an inclusive workplace for people from all backgrounds. As an equal opportunity employer, MVCC does not discriminate on the basis of race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, disability, age, or any other legally protected status.

About MVCC: The mission of the Methow Valley Citizens Council is to raise a strong community voice for the protection of the Methow Valley's natural environment and rural character. Established in 1976, MVCC has since garnered strong community support as advocates for progressive land use and environmental values in the Methow Valley. The healthy rural character of this community – with low-density development, considerable open space, and clean air and water – has been preserved in significant part through MVCC's advocacy on land use planning and public land issues. Today, MVCC maintains its role as a watchdog organization, while lending its expertise in distilling complex issues and convening constructive dialogue to local and regional coalition-building efforts.