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Outreach for Fisheries Volunteers

To assist with Teton River tributary electrofishing

Friends of the Teton River is seeking a few highly qualified volunteers to assist with an electrofishing survey of the tributaries to the Teton river. Over the next six weeks, FTR's small field crew will be systematically conducting backpack electrofishing surveys on the tributaries to the Teton River. These surveys are designed to collect presence absence data, as well as abundance data. Our surveys take us to infrequently visited sections of streams such as S. Leigh, Teton and Bitch creeks, where volunteers can have an opportunity to collect data on native Yellowstone Cutthroat trout. Volunteers will have the opportunity to help with electrofishing and data collection and to get involved in the Teton River watershed.

Volunteers should understand that the nature of the work will be strenuous, and at times performed in inclement weather conditions at altitudes over 6,000 feet. Some sites require up to 10 hours per day, carrying up to 50 pounds of equipment, and hiking up to 10 miles per day in rugged terrain and/or challenging environmental conditions. Volunteers must have the physical capability to perform the duties described above, and must be available for full field days (up to 10 hours).

Friends of the Teton River has a stringent COVID-19 policy and works hard to minimize employee and volunteer risk of exposure to COVID-19. If you are considering volunteering with FTR please note that you will be asked to wear a face mask at all times while inside buildings and vehicles. You will be expected to monitor yourself carefully for symptoms, and will be required to participate in health screening when you arrive for your volunteer day. You must commit to staying home if you, or someone close to you, is sick, and to practicing excellent hygiene and physical distancing while volunteering.

A limited number of volunteers will be accepted, with priority going to those with prior fisheries research/electrofishing experience, other research field work experience, and/or those able to commit to multiple field days. If you are interested in volunteering, please email information about your interest in the watershed, any experience in fisheries science/electrofishing/research field work, and your availability between August 1 and September 15 to Max Lewis, FTR Fisheries Crew Lead: max@tetonwater.org