



COPPER RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT

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Title: **Watershed Stewardship Program Manager**

Supervisor: CRRP Executive Director

Position type: Regular full-time, salary

Position will be open until filled

Summary of Position:

The Copper River watershed is one of the last remaining intact watersheds that support all 5 species of wild salmon and that supports commercial, sport and subsistence salmon fisheries. The cultural, environmental and economic importance of this region is unprecedented. Good stewardship of this critical region for healthy salmon as well as healthy wildlife and communities, are the core foundation and belief at the CRRP. Roughly the size of West Virginia, this vast landscape has complicated landownership, including federal, state and Tribal management systems spread across small communities over a large area.

The Copper River Watershed Project (CRRP) serves the region's communities and landscape through watershed-wide planning and projects. CRRP seeks a Watershed Stewardship Program Manager to implement several restorative services that are needed to ensure the Copper River watershed is maintained or improved to fish-friendly for our salmon-based communities, cultures, and economies. The CRRP develops and implements programs with 'on the ground action' to support a healthy watershed through community engagement and partnerships across land-ownership boundaries. Our Watershed Stewardship Program Manager will play an important role in engaging on-going stewardship-conversations across the region, community engagement, and planning and project implementation to support the long-term health of the watershed.

Stewardship services for the Copper River watershed include planning and implementation of:

- **Invasive species management**
 - Monitoring, treatment and eradication of infestations on private and public lands
 - Community event planning and education programming to increase awareness and stewardship by private landowners
 - Manager Award Program implementation supporting invasive plant treatments throughout Alaska
- **Cleanup Events**
 - Coordinate working groups, to include landowners, for clean-ups that remove trash and other hazardous materials from unattended waters and nearby lands
 - Facilitate for cleanup events
- **Salmon stream restoration support**
 - Post-construction site vegetation assessment and revegetation planning
 - Streambanking projects to reduce erosion
 - Native seed planning and sowing
 - Participate in group planning for the Copper River region on topics associated with climate change and land planning to support fish habitat