

GNFAC 2025/26 Internship Announcement

The Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center is looking for an aspiring snow/avalanche professional interested in serving as an intern for the 2025/26 season.

Timeframe:

2025/26 winter season (generally mid-November to mid-April)

Requirements:

- Record of safe backcountry travel and solid avalanche rescue skills.
- Advanced backcountry ski and/or snowmobile skills. Ability to ski/ride in steep mountainous terrain and variable winter conditions.
 - Off-trail mountain snowmobiling is an important element of this internship. Previous snowmobile experience is not necessary, but applicant must be willing and excited to learn off-trail snowmobile skills.
- Desire to pursue a career in avalanche forecasting, or related work.

Preferred Qualifications:

- American Avalanche Association PRO 1 certification or equivalent experience
- Professional experience in the snow industry (e.g. guiding, ski patrolling, avalanche education)

Benefits/Compensation:

- \$1300/month stipend plus additional paid teaching opportunities.
- Learn the workings of a Type 1 Avalanche Center (issuing daily advisories with four forecasters) and experience the different elements that go into public avalanche forecasting.
- Lots of time in the mountains with your head in the snow and talking snow science.

Expectations:

Accompany forecasters as a field partner 2-3 days/week through the winter season (minimum 8 days/month - *must be available **most weekends***). Assist with the input of public observations into the observations database on ***most days*** - the time demands of this task are highly variable from day to day, but will generally range from 15 minutes to 1 hr of work each evening. Expect an average of 20-30 hours per week of internship related work. There is opportunity for additional paid work teaching 1-hour avalanche awareness and field based courses.

To apply:

Send a cover letter (including relevant previous experience, professional aspirations, and motivation for applying), resume and 2 references to Ian Hoyer at mtavalanche@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: April 6, 2025