



WRDP Fence Steward Position Description

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

Position Title: WRDP Fence Steward

Location: Williamson River Delta Preserve, Klamath County, Oregon

Report to: Lori Nussbaum, Klamath Preserve Steward

Position Summary: The Williamson River Delta Preserve is a 7,500 acre preserve on the east side of Upper Klamath Lake. This preserve does not have trails and is not open to the general public. The Fence Steward plays an important role in providing needed monitoring and maintenance to ensure cattle remain off the preserve. The Fence Steward may also assist by inspecting and reporting signs of public access, inappropriate activity such as dumping, vandalism, hunting, or removal of vegetation, and on natural history observation including wildlife sightings and status of native and invasive vegetation. We hope to recruit a volunteer with prior fence maintenance experience.

Duties:

- 1) Walk on uneven terrain along boundary fences and identify issues or maintenance needs.
- 2) Repair small fence issues, as needed.
- 3) Document any cattle usage (i.e. grazing, salt licks) or fence issues.
- 7) Send a brief report to the Klamath Preserve Steward when there is any significant action with any of the above duties or if a large fence issue is found.
- 9) Quarterly reporting to the Klamath Preserve Steward and volunteer department of the hours spent volunteering at the site.

Requirements:

- 1) Ability to work outdoors and in varying weather conditions.
- 2) Ability to work independently with little supervision.
- 3) Experience with fence repair and maintenance work.
- 4) Willingness to work in areas that may be near cattle or a bull. Personal safety is top priority.
- 5) Access site with a 4WD vehicle and/or a high clearance vehicle. Do not drive on access road when conditions are wet and/or right after a rain event.
- 6) When working alone, willingness to inform another individual of your work schedule and to let that person know when you return home.
- 7) Commitment to the mission of The Nature Conservancy.

Optional:

- 1) Ability to take GPS points where fence needs repair, has been repaired, or other notable items (such as GPS points for 3,4,5 below)

- 2) Knowledge of or ability to learn to identify plant species.
- 3) Manual removal of invasive plant species observed.
- 4) Document and report signs of dumping, vandalism, hunting or removal of vegetation.
- 5) Remove trash from site, if observed.

Length of service: A minimum of five months (June through October) is needed.

Time commitment: Checking and/or maintenance of the fence once per week or once every other week. If your schedule changes and you can no longer meet this time commitment, notify us of the change so that we can find another volunteer to take over.

Support Provided: Lori Nussbaum, Klamath Preserve Steward and Molly Dougherty, Director of Volunteer Programs are available for questions, consultations, and support.

Benefits: Learn and experience the ecology of a unique natural area. Work outside and help protect Williamson River Delta Preserve.

Contact orvolunteers@tnc.org to learn more about how to apply.