

Analyst/Public Outreach Assistant

Reports To: David Gressly

Location: 115 S Main Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Primary Function/Purpose:

The position has dual but complementary roles to support the decision-making of the ED and Board of Directors and support the implementation of agreed key Verde River watershed issues.

Reporting to the Executive Director (ED), the member will conduct programmatic analysis on behalf of the ED and Board of Directors to help inform their decision-making. Potential topics could include youth education, community science, habitat restoration, and water conservation. Research will be conducted both as a desk review of available material and with stakeholder consultations described below. The ED will provide mentoring support to the member in the development of these analyses. In addition, the member will conduct outreach to stakeholders in the Verde Watershed to gather information on stakeholder understanding of watershed issues, expectations for action, and feedback on FVR work. This information will help guide FVR work. Outreach work will be conducted in coordination with the ED who will provide mentoring support for these efforts. Finally, the member will assist the ED in the follow-up of agreed initiatives.

Contact with stakeholders: approximately 25 people regularly and 150 people on an occasional basis.

Qualifications:

- Technical degree preferred but should have a basic understanding of watershed issues
- Good oral and written skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Willingness to travel in the watershed area and into the field when required.
- 30-hour plus work availability per week preferred. Workspace is a hybrid office/remote arrangement.

Qualified individuals with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply. We provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals upon request.

For more information, contact: AmeriCorps@nau.edu | 928-523-6395

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About Friends of the Verde River:

Friends of the Verde River is a local non-profit that implements on-the-ground projects, facilitates regional coordination, and informs statewide policy from the local perspective. Over the past decade, Friends has grown into an organization with professional staff implementing conservation in the Verde Watershed at a landscape scale.

Friends of the Verde River aligns with NAU's AmeriCorps program by offering meaningful service opportunities that support environmental education, habitat restoration, and water quality monitoring—key focus areas of the program. As a host site, Friends provides members with impactful, hands-on experiences in sustainability and conservation while contributing to broader environmental and community capacity-building goals in Arizona.