

Grand Valley Site Stewards (GVSS) Application

Due March 30, 2018 for the 2018 Year

Thank you for your interest in the Grand Valley Site Stewards (GVSS) program. Due to great interest in our program, we're expecting this year's training group slots to be competitive. Prospective candidates will be contacted in April 2017 to schedule training on May 4th (Friday) and 5th (Saturday) (you must be available for both days). We appreciate your interest in our area's cultural resources and heritage. Thank you!

Email completed form and work resume to aleavitt@blm.gov by due date (3/30/18).

Or complete, print out, and mail completed form to (must be received by 3/30/18):

Alissa Leavitt-Reynolds, Archaeologist
BLM - Grand Junction Field Office
2815 H Road
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Section 1: General Information

Name:

Address:

City:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Preferred Method of Contact: Phone Email

1. Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No
(If no, you must have parent/guardian permission to be a site steward. Have a parent/guardian sign the form below.)
2. Have you ever been investigated for, or charged with, a violation against cultural/paleontological resources or property or any crime involving archaeology, or related to any firearms laws (ordinances, regulations, statues, etc?) Yes No
If yes, please explain:
3. Do you have any health conditions that may impact where you would be able to monitor (such as elevation issues or hiking/walking distance concerns)? Yes No
Please describe if yes:

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4. What level of hiking are you able to perform to get to sites? (select all that apply):
 - Very Easy (less than ½ mile round trip)
 - Easy (less than two miles round trip)
 - Moderate (between two and four miles round trip)
 - Hard (between five and seven miles round trip)
 - Extreme (more than seven miles round trip or in areas of difficult terrain)
 - N/A (not interested in a volunteer position that requires hiking)

5. Do you have a preference on which land you monitor?
 - No preference, I'll work anywhere.
 - BLM Grand Junction Field Office (includes McInnis Canyon and Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area)
 - Grand Mesa Uncompahgre National Forest
 - Colorado National Monument

6. Can you make visits to assigned site(s) at least once per quarter? Yes No
(The monitoring activity may require a time commitment of 3 hours up to a full day in the field, up to three hours of form completion, and the mileage to assigned sites may be as much as 100 miles one way, depending on the location of the steward and the sites chosen or assigned).

7. The duties of the GV Site Steward may often require use of your own vehicle, camera, compass, and other equipment to properly monitor sites. Is this acceptable? Yes No

8. Do you have a high-clearance vehicle? Yes No

9. Do you have a 4-wheel drive vehicle? Yes No

10. Do you have access to a raft or would you be willing to steward a site that requires boating access (you must have demonstrated boating skills)? Yes No

11. Do you have a mountain bike or motorcycle and would you prefer to make site visits using your mountain bike or motorcycle? Yes No

12. Carrying or using firearms while conducting site steward duties is strictly prohibited. Is this acceptable to you? Yes No

13. Site Stewards are not allowed to take animals to some site visits. Is this acceptable to you if your assigned site is animal-free? Yes No

14. Do you have access to a computer in order to complete field visit write-ups? Yes No

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Section 2: Interest (expand as necessary or include a continuation sheet)

15. How did you hear about the Grand Valley Cultural Resource Site Steward Program?

16. Why are you interested in becoming a Site Steward?

17. Are you related to, friends with, or acquainted with a current Site Steward? Yes No

Name of that steward:

18. Is there another applicant(s) that you'd like to work with/are applying with? Yes No

Name of applicant(s):

19. Would you like to work with another steward on a team?

Yes - When I'm initially learning or if/when a team situation is needed

Yes - I'd like to always work in a team setting even after training (buddy system)

No

If yes, is there a particular steward(s) or another applicant(s) that you'd like to work with?

Name of steward(s)/applicant(s):

20. What types of sites are you interested in working at (select all that apply)?

Prehistoric/Native American sites

Rock art sites

Historic sites

Paleontological/fossil sites

No preference

21. If we are unable to accept you during this round of selections, are you interested in your application being considered during the next selection process (likely the 2019 group)?

Yes No

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22. Are you interested in one day being a part of an archaeological survey crew with our archaeologists? Yes No Maybe
23. Are you interested in speaking to the public (such as school groups, small groups, individuals encountered on trails, etc.) to advocate for cultural resources? Yes No Maybe
24. Are you interested in training to become a docent and lead groups at the Ute Learning Garden? Yes No Maybe
25. Are you interested in office positions which may include writing up forms, reviewing reports for errors/content, and/or tasks such as scanning and data management?
Yes No Maybe
26. Are you interested in archival research and willing to visit the library, county assessor's office, and other locations to help research historic archaeology finds?
Yes No Maybe
27. Are you willing to help manage other site steward volunteers? Yes No Maybe
28. Are you willing to mentor other site stewards next year if you are selected for membership this year? Yes No Maybe

Section 3: Experience (expand as necessary)

29. What are your archaeology or paleontology experiences (please indicate whether the experience was vocational, personal interest/hobby, volunteer, college or other class(es), etc.? Include a brief description of any past experience:
30. Are you a current member of an archaeological or paleontology society, college club, group or other organization? Please list:

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Please describe any involvement you have had with cultural resource programs, natural resource programs, or traditional communities; your role in those programs; and the length of time you were involved:

32. Please identify any relevant organizations for which you have volunteered, give a brief description of the organization, your role, and the length of time of your involvement:

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33. What skills/experience/education do you have that you would like to use in your Site Steward activities:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock art recording | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting/graphics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Map reading | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research/library | <input type="checkbox"/> Site survey experience | <input type="checkbox"/> Web site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing/editing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Office skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other skills: | | |

34. Is there any other information that we should consider about why you'd be a good candidate for the site steward program, or other portions of this form you'd like to expand on?

Section 4: Personal Reference

Please list a personal reference who is not related to you by blood or marriage:

Reference name:

Reference email:

Reference phone:

Relationship to reference:

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I understand that I might be asked to have a Federal background check completed prior to final acceptance into the program (depends on certain types of volunteer positions/situations, etc.).

Applicant's initials: _____

I understand that site stewards have access to information that is confidential and sensitive. I also understand that because of this access, Site Stewards are held to very high standards by the agencies with whom they volunteer. I have read and agree to follow the Grand Valley Site Steward Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Statement (page 7 of this application) and I will follow all cultural resource and paleontology laws during my time as a site steward (even if not performing Site Steward duties).

Applicant's initials: _____

I understand that as a Site Steward, I would be a Federal proxy representative to the public. If I were to encounter members of the public in the field, I will address them with respect and courtesy, and will appropriately represent the Federal agency.

Applicant's initials: _____

I understand that Site Stewards do not act in a law enforcement capacity; if I see illegal activity occurring in any capacity, I will remove myself from the situation and notify the appropriate law enforcement officials.

Applicant's initials: _____

Additionally, by submitting this application, I certify that the information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also acknowledge that should investigations at any time disclose any misrepresentation or falsification, my application for the program may be rejected or membership in the program may be terminated.

Printed Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 years old): _____

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GRAND VALLEY SITE STEWARD CODE OF CONDUCT

The chief objectives of the Grand Valley Site Steward Program (GVSS) are:

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1. To promote the preservation of prehistoric, historic, archaeological, and paleontological sites on the public lands in and around the Grand Valley,
 2. To uphold all state and federal preservation laws,
 3. To support cultural resource preservation activities,
 4. To conduct our activities in accordance with the Grand Valley Site Steward training.

Site Stewards will adhere to the following rules:

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1. Comply with Preservation Laws such as ARPA and NHPA, etc.
 2. Comply with all local, state, and federal antiquity laws and regulations.
 3. In any activity not regulated by law, stewards will be guided by the Code of Conduct, the GVSS training materials, and the procedures established by the BLM, Forest Service, or Park Service archaeologists.
 4. Carrying or using firearms while conducting site steward duties is strictly prohibited.
 5. GV Site Stewards are the representatives of the public land agencies that they represent, and will treat all users of public lands with respect and will respect private property adjoining public lands.
 6. All prehistoric and historic archaeological and paleontological data, including site location, site descriptions, vandalism reports, maps, and photographs will be held in confidence by GV Site Stewards. Public disclosure of site location and other critical information is prohibited under 36 CFR 296.18 or 43 CFR 7.18.
 7. Information about suspected violators of local, state, and federal laws will be disclosed only to the appropriate agency Law Enforcement Officers and archaeologists.
 8. Stewards will not collect artifacts or fossil specimens on public lands. Any artifacts or paleontological materials surrendered to Site Stewards will be surrendered to the agency archaeologists or paleontologist.
 9. Site Stewards will neither engage in nor encourage the sale of artifacts or paleontological materials.
 10. Site Stewards will not make news releases, give interviews or tours, or otherwise distribute information to the public concerning sites, collections, or steward activities without the approval of the agency they are representing.
 11. Stewards will not engage in activities or accept positions that represent conflicts of interest with the goals and aims of the GV Site Steward Program.

I agree to the above Code of Conduct.

Signature

Date

Printed Name