



## WISCONSIN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION TITLE: **RECREATIONAL USE MONITOR (Summer LTE)**

### POSITION SUMMARY:

A limited term employment (LTE) summer position monitoring public use at recreational facilities on Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC) Reservoirs.

WVIC is currently seeking a Recreational Use Monitor for the summer to collect recreational use data as part of WVIC's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to operate the WI River Headwaters Reservoir System. The position affords an excellent opportunity to not only see many of the public recreational facilities on the reservoirs and lakes that supplement the flow in the Wisconsin River, but also observe how the sites are utilized. The coverage area includes all 21 storage reservoirs WVIC manages from the Big Eau Pleine in Marathon County to the Headwaters of the Wisconsin River at Lac Vieux Desert along the Upper Peninsula of Michigan border. The individual will primarily be working on their own, driving to WVIC, Town, County, State, and Federal public access sites throughout the Northern Wisconsin River Basin and recording quantitative data on various types of recreation (# of users fishing, boating, camping, hiking etc). There may also be an opportunity to assist with data interpretation and calculating use capacity and other metrics after the fieldwork is completed if an applicant is interested.

### RECREATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

Follow preset routes to visit more than 120 public recreation sites to monitor and record recreational use. Primary purpose of the surveys is to replicate protocol from previous recreational use studies for comparative purposes and trends analysis. Individual sites are visited on a designated schedule at predetermined time-of-day categories to ensure representative samples of recreational use are obtained. The summer routes begin in May and involve 22 weekend days and 11 weekdays during a 15-week period including Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day. Fall routes (if interested) include 6 weekend days and 1 weekday. The position will typically require 30-40 hours per week.

Recreational route expectations:

- Record the number of recreational users at recreational facilities including but not limited to: number of parked vehicles, boat trailers, fisherman, trail users, swimmers, picnickers, hikers etc. using an existing inventory of public recreational amenities/facilities developed by WVIC.
- Ability to read maps, use GPS, and plan routes to ensure designated facilities are monitored at specified times.
- Accurately record recreational use data on a laptop or smartphone using customized applications.
- Electronically upload or manually input recreational use data from mobile app to excel spreadsheet and assist with calculating recreation site capacity, utilization, peak use days etc.

Supplemental recreation duties may include:

- Assess capacity and adequacy of amenities at recreational sites.
- Photograph recreational sites, measure site dimensions and update monitoring documentation.
- Utilize GPS to record recreational site boundaries, amenities, and set up photo-points for monitoring.

OTHER DUTIES:

- Responsible for tracking time and mileage on provided forms and indicating how much time is spent on each task.
- Must adhere to all WVIC safety policies.
- Assist with other Environmental Department field work and tasks including but not limited to water quality monitoring and sampling.
- May be required to perform other reasonable related duties.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Able to work with minimum supervision, and willing to work irregular, long hours and weekends. Although some flexibility in scheduling may be allowed, changing the preset schedule will have to be approved in advance.
- Organized and dependable.
- Have a valid driver's license and a good driving record.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/GIVEN:

Work will be performed under the supervision of the Environmental & Safety Specialist and Manager of Environmental Affairs.

We are committed to providing an inclusive work environment for all and are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Disclaimer: The above information on this announcement has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities and qualifications required of employees assigned to this job.

**To apply, send cover letter and resume by May 3, 2021 to:**

**Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company**

**2301 N. Third St.**

**Wausau WI, 54403**

**or**

**Email cover letter and resume to: [employment@wvic.com](mailto:employment@wvic.com)**