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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my interest in Conservation work. As a candidate, here is what I can immediately bring:

A trail steward. As an outdoor-loving individual who has a passion to protect the forests we care so much about, a helper-of-trails identity came second nature. As an avid backpacker, a native Washingtonian, and natural hard worker, I feel it is only natural to want to work to restore our trails. Through work parties with the Washington (State) Trails Association, I have demonstrated my knack for exceeding performance expectations. Trail work is truly a tough job, but that challenge is one I enjoy and is one of my life's best lessons. Regardless if a job has been a tough workload, it has driven me to show up prepared every time, to not be afraid to work hard in the weather, and to have fun.

A community advocate. Volunteering for WTA has helped me solidify my desire to work on the trail professionally, and my hiking and backpacking community has taught me the love of doing so collectively. If I worked for you I would commit to helping cultivate an inclusive culture and environment. As a WTA volunteer, I know the importance of ensuring the physical and emotional safety of the crew. I have had such positive interactions with trail leaders and I will continue to prepare, document, and lead by example.

I look forward to contributing my knowledge and experience and hope to have the opportunity to meet and discuss it further with you.

Sincerely, Jessica Potts