The Berggren Farm is a 30-acre farm, currently under development, located in the Berggren Watershed Conservation Area on the lower McKenzie River. The Berggren Farm promotes the connections between healthy farms and clean water by employing watershed-friendly farming techniques, educating young and beginning farmers, and partnering with our community to support a strong local food system. Primary goals of the Demonstration Farm are to:

1. Employ ‘watershed-friendly’ agricultural techniques
2. Identify and develop emerging or under-utilized market streams
3. Serve as a community partner in building a strong local food system in the McKenzie River Valley
4. Create educational opportunities for students and young farmers

Cascade Pacific RC&D manages the farm. The McKenzie River Trust is the landowner, and EWEB supports the farm through its Drinking Water Source Protection program.

Internship Description:

As the Farm Operations Assistant, you will be directly assisting the Farm Manager in the design and implementation of a 1-acre test plot site for winter farming, a small native wetland plant propagation area, and a small livestock operation.

Responsibilities:

Interns will be expected to assist with one or many of the following responsibilities depending on the interest of the applicant and the priorities of the farm:

- Install drip irrigation system
- Improve soil quality and drainage for agricultural use
- Erect a greenhouse with water conservation features (e.g. water catchment)
• Plant propagation
• Develop a system for tracking site records such as: soil sample results, crop yields, water use, and nutrient amendments
• Research feasibility of establishing a native plant nursery
• Assist in installing animal housing, manure holding facility and rotational grazing infrastructure
• Mapping and record keeping using GIS
• Attend farm meetings and discussion groups

Desired Qualifications

1. GPS and GIS basic knowledge and experience
2. Experience using Microsoft Excel
3. Familiarity with agricultural operations and soil science
4. Ability to perform physical labor outdoors
5. Enjoyment of working and collaborating with others

How to Apply

Please send a resume and cover letter to farmer@cascadepacific.org. This position application period opens on Wednesday, May 16 and is open until filled.

For questions call 541-335-9011.