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Subject: MS and PhD Research Assistantships in Environment and Society at Utah State University

The Department of Environment and Society and the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at Utah State University have two exciting research assistantships available beginning summer 2016.

The first assistantship is open to students interested in pursuing a MS in *Environment and Society*, *Geography* or *Recreation Resource Management*. The successful candidate's research will focused on understanding how the spatial and temporal availability of freshwater resources affect where, when and how individuals choose to participate in outdoor recreation or nature-based tourism. More information and application instructions are available here ([MS Research Assistantship](#)).

The second assistantship is open to students interested in pursuing a PhD in *Environment and Society* and serving as the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism's Communication Lead. The successful candidate will work on a variety of interdisciplinary research projects related to: 1) quantifying outdoor recreationists' contingent behaviors in response to climate-related stressors; and 2) modeling the subsequent biogeophysical impacts of adaptive behavior. The candidate will also be responsible for managing the Institute's website and developing useful and usable extension materials such as geospatial web-services and fact sheets. More information about the PhD assistantship is available here ([PhD Research Assistantship](#)).

Please forward to interested colleagues and students. For further information, contact me at jordan.smith@usu.edu.

Best,
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