



Addie working to protect new trees from beaver chew

TYPE OF WORK
The Nisqually Land Trust acquires and protects critical habitats. I monitor these lands and develop restoration projects on them to help create healthier habitats.

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TYPICAL DAY: My work varies a lot! About half of my days are spent outside, sometimes planting trees, controlling invasive weeds, or walking our properties to see how they are changing. The other half of my work is in the office writing reports, coordinating contracted work, and applying for grants to fund our restoration projects. I use computer programs to help me design restoration projects and lots of tools to make my work easier - especially weed wrenches that make it super easy to pull Scotch broom, which is very important in my job.

CAREER PATHWAY:
Nature has always been a passion of mine. In college, I had a few internships in environmental education and conservation biology. After graduating, I took a temporary AmeriCorps position as the Nisqually Land Trust's volunteer coordinator. After my AmeriCorps term finished, I was hired as a permanent staff member. I love working with our current AmeriCorps volunteer coordinator, community partners, and passionate, hardworking volunteers.

Planting trees along the Nisqually River



IMPORTANT SKILLS
Local plant and animal identification, signs of forest health, habitat restoration techniques, and interpersonal communication skills for volunteer coordination.

EDUCATION
Bachelor's Degree

SALARY RANGE
\$25,000-\$50,000

TOOLS OF THE TRADE
ArcGIS is a computer program that helps me track many restoration activities and locations. I also use it to create maps that help me explain projects to people, and keep me from getting lost!

"I love exploring the Nisqually Watershed and working with all of the other people and organizations who are trying to make this part of Washington a healthier place." - Addie Schlusser