Job Opening: Avalanche Forecaster - Closes August 21st, 2021

Haines Avalanche Center is hiring for a part-time Avalanche Forecaster for the winter 2021-2022 season, based in Haines, Alaska.

You will work with a team of professionals to gather field snowpack and weather observations, evaluate current avalanche conditions, and generate a public avalanche advisory. We are looking for someone to strengthen our team of educators and forecasters and work collaboratively to improve our products.

Duties include:
- Weekly field data collection on a set schedule, in areas commonly accessed by recreationalists
- Recording snow and weather observations to SWAG standards and sharing with the public
- Attend and contribute to regular forecast meetings
- Writing and publishing public avalanche forecasts on a set schedule
- Acting as a representative of HAC and setting a good example in the community

This is a part-time position scheduled for 10-20hrs per week depending on time of year and scheduling. Our operating season is mid-November through mid-April, and we expect this position to run December 1st through March 31st.

Requirements:
- Good fitness and expert ability to travel safely in backcountry avalanche terrain by ski, splitboard, or snowmachine
- Demonstrated ability to understand snowpack, weather and avalanche trends in a field setting
- Advanced skills/experience in avalanche companion rescue scenarios
- Proven experience forecasting mountain weather and avalanche conditions

Desired Qualifications:
- Pro 1, Level 3, or similar level of avalanche education / experience
- Professional member of the American Avalanche Association
- Local operational experience in Haines, Alaska

Pay:
$22 - $25/hr depending on experience.

About Us:
Founded in 2010, the Haines Avalanche Center is an office of the Alaska Avalanche Information Center, a registered 501c3 non-profit organization that offers professional avalanche services throughout Alaska. We’re flexible and adaptive to the needs of our community, and we’re looking for someone who fits into this model.

To Apply:
Please send résumé and letter of interest to: estevens@alaskasnow.org by August 21st, 2021