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**Sequoia Community Corps to Lead Emergency Response Grant for Giant Sequoias in Central Valley**

**[Tulare County, CA]** - The Sequoia Community Corps, a division of Community Services Employment Training (CSET), is excited to announce the launch of the Giant Sequoia Emergency Response Grant, a groundbreaking initiative geared towards protecting the majestic Giant Sequoias in the Sequoia National Forest. This visionary program aims to clear a 30-acre area around the Giant Sequoias, enhancing its resilience in case of a fire in the region.

The program will offer a three-month, full-time seasonal forestry aide position in the Sequoia National Forest. The primary objective of the program is to equip Corpsmembers aged 18-26 with the essential skills and experience required to safeguard the Giant Sequoias from potential fire hazards and promote environmental conservation.

Corpsmembers will engage in hands-on experience working on-site at the Sequoia National Forest. They will actively participate in various forestry maintenance activities, including the crucial task of fuel removal to create a buffer zone around the Giant Sequoias. This proactive approach will significantly improve the safety and soundness of the iconic Giant Sequoia trees, preserving them for future generations.

"We are thrilled to launch the Giant Sequoia Emergency Response program, offering young adults an opportunity to protect these national treasures while kickstarting their careers in forestry," said Teresa Guzman, Sequoia Community Corps Division Director. "Through this program, our Corpsmembers will gain valuable skills, contribute to environmental conservation, and become stewards of these magnificent Giant Sequoias."

To be eligible for the program, individuals must be between the ages of 18 and 26 and reside in Porterville, Tipton, Terra Bella, or surrounding communities. This unique initiative provides practical skills and hands-on experience, and fosters a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship among the participants.

The Giant Sequoia Emergency Response Grant is another project funded by Forestry Corps, whose dedication to environmental sustainability and community development has been pivotal in bringing this crucial program to life. The grant's implementation will significantly enhance the safety and well-being of the Giant Sequoias, ensuring their survival for generations to come.

For more information and to apply for the Giant Sequoia Emergency Response Forestry Aide positions, please visit [www.cset.org/sequoia-community-corps](http://www.cset.org/sequoia-community-corps) or contact **(559) 741- 4695**.

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