



Senior Policy and Information Director American Sheep Industry Association Englewood, Colorado

The American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) will be filling the position of Senior Policy and Information Director. ASI is the national trade association for sheep producers and feeders on legislative, regulatory and production communications issues. The association headquarters are located in Englewood, the great metro area of Denver, Colorado.

The Director coordinates the legislative and regulatory actions on environmental issues impacting sheep production on private and public lands. The Director will plan and coordinate the communications for the industry on those issues. The Director will plan and direct action on sustainability and animal welfare topics for sheep producers and communicate those to the industry and public.

Functions:

Provide leadership in identifying and managing issues relating to sheep and wool production and develop strategies to address the impact of such issues on the industry.

Regulatory and Legislative: Provide management of legislative and regulatory topics of land management -- federal and private -- to sustain sheep and wool production.

Legal: Provide legal management of association litigation to protect sheep production and grazing lands.

Animal Care and Sustainability: Provide the leadership on sustainability of sheep production with a focus on communications including life cycle/emissions and animal care/welfare. Provide the legislative representation on sustainability information working with national agriculture coalitions and international groups on sustainability and animal welfare.

Communications: Support the information and communications of the association in order to inform and assist sheep producers when addressing the legislative, regulatory and sustainability/welfare priorities.

Policy: Prepare volunteer leaders and staff on policy and coordinate the Association's Annual Policy Book.

Qualifications:

Five years-experience in agriculture communications required.

At minimum, five years-experience in public policy.

Trade Association experience preferred.

Legal experience or Juris Doctorate preferred.

Superior writing, editing and presentation skills.

Travel required.

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Relationships:

Reports to the Executive Director.

Provide staff leadership and management to the volunteer leaders of the ASI Resource Management Council, the Public Lands Committee and the ASI Predator Management Committee on policies. Coordinate with the Public Lands Council.

Coordinate with the ASI Washington, DC representative and ASI Legislative Action Council. Send cover letter, resume and three writing samples to porwick@sheepusa.org.

Materials need to be provided before October 1, 2016, for consideration.

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