

Public health and Public safety beat reporter
Reports to: Managing editor or state-desk editor
Location: Wyoming

WyoFile is returning the facts to Wyoming's civic life with community-supported, non-partisan, public-interest journalism. To make that happen, we're looking for enterprising reporters to inform readers about all things public health and safety — everything from ailments impacting Wyoming residents to health care access and how the state responds to suicide, the criminal legal system, childhood incarceration and the opioid epidemic. This is a chance to enjoy job security and fair compensation in print journalism while working to advance the profession as part of a cutting-edge innovative team. The right candidate will leave their mark on WyoFile, Wyoming and American democracy.

Fast Facts:

Established: 2008

Employees: 11 and growing

Growth: Since 2017 staff tripled, membership nearly quadrupled, audience septupled and revenue more than doubled.

Circulation: 50+ state and regional publications rely on WyoFile reporting.

What you'll do:

- Establish and maintain a comprehensive understanding of the inner workings of your beat and regularly explain newsworthy developments to readers.
- Report on other topics as warranted.
- Contribute to the editorial process. Collaborate with editors and other reporters through all stages of story development — from topic selection and story assignment through research, investigation, reporting, copy editing and layout.
- Generate and pitch story ideas.
- Contribute to the evolution and execution of WyoFile's editorial vision.

What you'll need to succeed:

- A magazine writer's sense of narrative, a newspaper reporter's sense of urgency and a nose for a good story.
- Uncompromising news judgment.
- Relentless curiosity, merciless critical thinking, a sharp eye for detail and the ability to digest and make sense of wide-ranging and complex information.
- Exceptional writing and reporting craft, knowledge of AP style.
- A willingness to ask difficult questions, report uncomfortable truths and dive deep into issues.
- The ability to work multiple developing stories simultaneously.
- Team-centric approach and appreciation for collaboration.
- Unimpeachable personal integrity, reliable sense of fairness and dogged commitment to the Society of Professional Journalist code of ethics.
- Passion for the role of civic news organizations in American society.

- Goal orientation, intrinsic motivation and work ethic. Comfort and enthusiasm in tackling ambitious, complex initiatives.

We're especially interested in candidates who:

- Have experience covering government, healthcare or other large, complex institutional systems.
- Are familiar with and passionate about Wyoming.
- Love to investigate and have honed the craft
- Have demonstrated success developing and maintaining sourcing networks and credibility therein.

We're committed to building an inclusive newsroom that represents and reflects the people and communities we seek to serve. We especially encourage members of traditionally underrepresented communities to apply, including women, people of color, members of the LGBTQ+ community and people who are differently abled.

The details:

Start date: ASAP

Salary range: \$40K – \$48K depending on experience

Location: Wyoming: Lander, Laramie or Cheyenne preferred. Other Wyoming locations considered for the right candidate. Long hours traversing Wyoming's wild wonderful landscape required.

Compensation: WyoFile offers unlimited paid time off, health insurance, a simple IRA with employer match, mental health services, flexible work environment and other benefits.

To apply please send a resume, 10 clips of previous published work and cover letter to Matthew Copeland at jobs@wyofile.com.