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Mr. Hiring Manager Title of Hiring Manager Name of Organization Street Address City, State Zip Code

Dear Mr. Manager,

I grew up spending the summer months in the Catskills and developed a deep appreciation for the ecology and geology of this region of the United States. I was thrilled to find this internship because it is in a location where I want to further my research and it exemplifies the work I wish to be doing. As a student, the focus of both my major and minor are working to advance my understanding of the natural environment. A significant portion of my studies delves into how we can sustain and preserve the natural environment. I bring not only an academic background in the field but also significant experience educating others about ecological stewardship and environmental issues.

As a student at Warren Wilson College, tucked away in the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Appalachian Mountain Range, I have had the chance to become familiar with this region and do significant fieldwork focusing on habitat and trail maintenance. With what I have experienced in the southern portion, I am compelled to take my skills and contribute them to the northern portion of the Appalachian Mountains.

Kentucky's Muir Valley nature preserve and rock climbing area is my next destination for practicing environmental stewardship. I will be co-leading a group of ten students and volunteering time to work with the Friends of Muir Valley restoring habitats and improving the park's recreational potential. At the end of the summer I will be traveling to Alaska for the experiential portion of a course entitled Natural and Cultural History of Prince William Sound. We are studying the natural and cultural history of Alaska as it relates to environmental issues and spend some time in Wrangell St. Elias.

The experiences I have, and will soon gain, have shaped my desire to work with the Sheurer Land Management as an intern. Through this internship I wish to gain a further understanding of the inner workings of a natural preserve and be able to translate what I learn into future applications in such an environment.

Despite the distance, I am eager to set up an interview. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely, Warren Wilson