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Field Ecology Research Internship Program
Personal Recommendation

Student Name: _____

Signature of Recommender: _____

Thank you for taking the time to provide a recommendation for this student for Black Rock Forest Consortium's Field Ecology Research Internship. The goals of this two-week residential summer program are to help students gain exposure to future careers in the sciences, learn the skills needed to participate in scientific investigations, have fun with their peers getting to know a local forest and its ecology, and participate productively in community living. Interns will work directly with leading environmental scientists on ongoing research studies. During their stay at the Black Rock Forest Lodge, interns will be expected to work in small groups to complete homework assignments, participate in meal preparation and clean up, and observe house rules regarding hours, health and safety, and the respectful treatment of others.

Please answer the following questions about this student. Please return your recommendation to the student in a sealed envelope, or email the recommendation directly to us at blackroc@ldeo.columbia.edu.

1) How long and in what capacity have you known this student?
2) Please comment on the candidate's academic ability – including initiative, intellectual curiosity, creativity and potential for growth. Please discuss any noteworthy academic strengths or weaknesses.
3) Please comment on the candidate's ability to work with and learn from others.