**Available Role:**

**FARMER**

Full Bloom is looking for someone to fulfil the role of a farmer of the community land. The farmer would be responsible for our EFU status, irrigating, grazing and maintaining our land. There are many possible formats for lease agreements including work trade in return for rent. Please download the document below for more information about the role of farmer.

**We have the following farm resources here at Full Bloom:**

* 280 acres of wood, pasture, and developed areas.
* Water rights to 26 irrigated acres out of the 280, mostly on slope.
* 3 tillable acres which we have gardened on a mild slope.
* 4.5 acres of truly flat land, which is not easily tillable as it is old creek bed and brings up quite a few rocks.
* Most of the pasture is south-facing, with a few patches over on the north-facing slope in the woods.
* The pastures have traditionally been irrigated with flood irrigation, now it is with a mixture of flood and handline with rainbirds.  The tilled area can be either drip or hand line irrigated.
* 3 ponds, 2 of which are used in the irrigation system.
* 2 wells, mostly used for the buildings and gardens associated with them.

**Over the last 10 years we have accrued most of the useful farm equipment for annual agriculture and some pasture management:**

* Irrigation rights for 26 acres off of Yale Creek and supplementary Quartz Creek, April 1st to November 1st
* Mile long ditch with nearly ¾ piped, shared only with our fantastic next door neighbor
* 2000$ worth of electric fencing to be installed for rotational grazing/ pasture management bought in 2015
* Greenhouse on a timed irrigation system
* Greenhouse tables and beds
* Compost tea shed, housing compost tea maker, and table for projects
* Shade tables/ nursery
* 2 mobile chicken coops
* 1 stationary chicken coop
* large barn mostly for carpentry and farm projects with attached storage areas

walk-in (8’x8’)

* packing shed with sink, counter space, converted washer to salad mix dryer
* BCS walk behind bought new 2015 with flail mower and tilling attachment
* 2 trucks: F 250 and a Toyota Takoma, both 4x4
* Deer fence around a large portion of pastures
* Handline for approximately 5-6 acres
* Some drip irrigation
* Pump for irrigating out of the pond
* Established pear and apple trees (around 70 total)
* Apple, pear, cherry stock healed into the ground - up to a hundred
* 1000 established strawberry plants
* 1000 asparagus plants, planted 2015 from seed
* Access to commercial kitchen for value added products

**Responsibilities of the farmer:**

* Maintaining EFU status
* Irrigation all of our irrigated acreage
* Grazing mowing all irrigated (and hopefully some un-irrigated) pastures, not overgrazing any areas, unless agreed upon!
* Maintenance of the fences
* Installing the electric fencing for animal management
* Basic maintenance of the BCS, pump, irrigation systems
* Timely updates of any infrastructure status/ changes

**LLC (Full Bloom) responsibilities:**

* Maintenance of roads
* Structural maintenance of barn, lean tos, wells
* Truck maintenance
* Keeping farmers notified of any changes that could affect farmers’ production/ livelihood

**Other notes:**

* The landscape is not suited to large scale annual agriculture. This land needs a diverse farming practice that makes use of grazing animals.
* The lease fee will be determined in a contract that results from a conversation between the LLC and the farmer before the operation starts up. The lease fee is open ended because there are so many different types of operations possible on the land, and each could have a different set of agreements and lease fees.
* There is the possibility of work-trade for rent.  We like to offer community labor in exchange for growing a large amount of food for the community.  The farmer is still expected to contribute for personal food and utilities at $291/month.
* Farming here gives access to a significant amount of farming equipment already here.
* Farmers can apply for access to the revolving loan fund.