

SEASONAL FIELD RESEARCH POSITIONS IN INVASION BIOLOGY

Three seasonal positions are available for part or all of the field season from mid-March through July 2004 to study the effectiveness of fire and grazing as tools for restoring grasslands degraded by invasive plants. Funded by The Nature Conservancy, this project focuses on community-level approaches for managing multiple plant species in invaded ecosystems. The successful candidates will also assist a second project that focuses on measuring the effectiveness of conservation easements in preserving bird and plant communities in blue oak woodlands of California.

LOCATION: Various sites throughout the Nature Conservancy's Lassen Foothills Project, located in northern California near Redbluff, Chico, and Lassen National Park.

DUTIES: Assist with setting up experimental plots and maintaining electric fences, sampling vegetation, collecting soil samples and seeds, assisting with experimental burns, and entering and managing data.

QUALIFICATIONS: 1) BA in biology, ecology or appropriate field or related field knowledge and experience; 2) proficiency in identifying plants (experience with California flora preferable); 3) ability to work independently and as a team member; 4) experience with EXCEL and ACCESS desirable; 5) willingness to work long days in the field under all weather conditions; and 6) ability to be away in the field for many days at a time (housing will be provided near field sites). The salary is \$10 - \$12/hour, depending on qualifications.

APPLICATION: To the address below, submit a cover letter, resume, and names, addresses, telephone numbers, and emails of three people who can serve as references. Applications can also be sent electronically to caroline@biology.ucsc.edu. Review of applications begins 15 February and will be continue until positions are filled.

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