

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

TITLE: Research Technician

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Research Technician will have primary responsibility for the collection and processing of samples from studies located in north central and southern Nevada. The technician will spend approximately 60% of their time in the field and 40% in the laboratory and will work under the direct supervision of the Rangeland Ecologist and the Post-doctoral Associate. The projects on which the technician will work include: 1) research to control the spread of the invasive exotic annual cheatgrass, *Bromus tectorum*, and restore native plants and biodiversity on northern Great Basin rangelands; 2) investigations on the influence of elevated atmospheric CO₂ on ecosystem functions in the Mojave Desert. The successful candidate will play a key role in meeting the goals and objectives of these projects and will interact with researchers across the region.

QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in biological, soil or crop science or appropriate field and two years of experience related to the assigned research area in which the applicant performed duties equivalent to preparing experimental field plots, preparing feed rations according to research criteria and collecting and/or recording simple field data; or graduation from high school or the equivalent and three years of experience related to the assigned research area in which the applicant performed duties equivalent to those described in option I; or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicants must be: 1) capable of extended fieldwork under adverse desert conditions; 2) capable of using 4-wheel drive vehicles and mechanized field equipment; 3) able to work effectively with minimal supervision plus work as a productive team member; and 4) highly motivated with strong interpersonal and communication skills. Highly desirable qualifications include demonstrated abilities to: use scientific equipment to test, sample, and gather data; and measure, record, and interpret vegetation data. General computer skills, particularly the use of spreadsheets and databases, are also desirable.

WORK LOCATION and SALARY: The Research Technician will spend extended periods of time at remote field study locations in north central and southern Nevada, especially during the spring and summer. The technician will also interact and work with other collaborating investigators in Idaho, Oregon, and Utah as needed. Starting approximate annual salary is \$29,670 and will be commensurate with experience; medical, dental, and vision benefits are provided for the employee. This grant-funded position is expected to continue for 2 years; continued employment is contingent on the availability of funding.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Consideration of applications will begin on February 2, 2004.

STARTING DATE: March 1, 2004

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: For application form, log on to <http://dop.nv.gov/forms.html> or contact BCN, Human Resources, Mail Stop 240, Artemesia Bldg., Reno, NV 89557, (775)784-6844, hearing impaired (775)784-1706. A resume cannot be accepted in lieu of State of NV application. For additional information, contact: Bob Nowak (775) 784-1656, nowak@cabnr.unr.edu or Carlos Wilson (775) 784-6294, cwilson@cabnr.unr.edu.