

Rangeland Technician

837 — Kingman, AZ

Sponsor: Bureau of Land Management

Program: ECO/BLM

Description:

As a result of several factors, it has become necessary for the Kingman Field Office to assess the standards for rangeland health on an accelerated schedule across approximately 3 million acres. In order to accomplish this task, there will be significant fieldwork needed to collect information pertaining to the indicators that will be used to assess the standards. Standards are Upland Sites, Riparian, and Desired Resource Condition. The Associate selected for this project will collect, summarize and in some cases interpret information pertaining to the indicators, thereby augmenting the existing Kingman Field Office interdisciplinary staff in order to increase efficiency and accelerate assessment of the standards.

Project Objectives:

The ECO Associate will be a member of an interdisciplinary team responsible for assessing the indicators for each of the rangeland health standards discussed above under background. Specific duties may include conducting field assessments of riparian areas, water quality studies, upland vegetation and watershed assessments, soil association mapping, wildlife species data collection, rare plant/noxious inventories and other miscellaneous data collection.

The ECO Associate will gain valuable experience in the collection, analysis and interpretation of resource data. The ECO Associate will be given the opportunity of participating as an interdisciplinary team member involved in rangeland assessments and development of technical recommendations.

Qualifications:

Minimum:

1. Within 3 years of graduation of, or enrollment in, a degree or certification program.
2. Must be authorized to work in the United States without an employer sponsored work visa.
3. BS or MS in Rangeland Management degrees, other natural resources may be considered. (Biological or Environmental Sciences w/vegetation or plant emphasis).
4. Computer skills to word process and store/ retrieve/manipulate data.
5. Incumbent must have completed classes in plant identification.
6. Map reading skills to navigate by compass and maps in remote areas.
7. Able to interpret 7.5-minute topographic maps, and aerial photographs.
8. Interpersonal communication skills to interact as a member of an interdisciplinary team.
9. Written communication skills to document resource and habitat conditions.
10. Ability to drive 4x4 vehicle and/or ATV .
11. Be in good physical condition, and capable of hiking long distances over uneven terrain and camp in the out doors.

Optimum:

1. Applicable field experience is preferred but not required, willing to learn.
2. Work in the field with little supervision.
3. Working knowledge with GIS, ArcView software, and able to use GPS hand held receivers/data recorders.

Terms:

Full-time; 52 weeks; \$11.82-14.65 an hour; Start Date: June 1, 2005; Deadline to Apply: May 1, 2005

Note:

To apply: Send resume, cover letter, and contact information for three references to the ECO staff member listed below. Your cover letter should directly state how your background matches the duties and qualifications listed in the job description. E-mail applications with Word attachments are welcome and preferred.

Contact:

Send resume and cover letter to Chris Axling at caxling@eco.org or mail: 1218 Third Avenue, Suite 1515, Seattle, WA 98101.

You must include the job number and job title in your cover letter. In addition, if sending your resume and cover letter via e-mail, please include the job number in the e-mail's subject line.

Diversity Initiative:

If you choose to disclose that you are a member of an underrepresented group, please state your interest in ECO's Diversity Initiative by typing or printing in the upper right hand corner of the first page of your resume the following: ***DIVERSITY INITIATIVE***. Be sure this is included BEFORE you send your resume.

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