

The U.S. Geological Survey is seeking applicants for a plant ecologist position (GS-0408-09) based in Moab, Utah. The incumbent serves at the Canyonlands Research Station of the Southwest Biological Science Center. The position is one-half field work and one-half office work. The incumbent will lead a two-person field team assigned to establish monitoring plots, describe site characteristics, and sample vegetation and soil attributes at sites located in several National Park Service (NPS) units in the Colorado Plateau region. Major duties include: locate and establish monitoring plots in NPS units at specified geographic coordinates; make independent field adjustments in sampling locations on the basis of specific site-evaluation criteria; characterize sampling locations on the basis of soil-surface characteristics and geomorphic setting; carefully follow established protocols for quantitatively sampling site attributes related to soil-surface stability, ground cover, the composition and structure of vascular plant communities, and the composition and structure of biological soil crust communities at sites ranging from sparsely vegetated low-elevation shrublands to high-elevation forests; ensure thorough data collection, project documentation, and data management; plan field trips, and; prepare high-quality protocols and reports.

This is a term appointment, and all qualified applicants with or without Federal status may apply and be considered.

For further information on this position, see the USAJOBS website:

<http://www.usajobs.com/>

Vacancy announcement no. WR-2005-0261-- Applicants with Federal status

Vacancy announcement no. WR-2005-0227-- All other applicants

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