



# Nevada Natural Heritage Program

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## **Job Advertisement:** Conservation Aid II and Conservation Aid III.

The Nevada Natural Heritage Program has two positions available for vegetation field-work, as Conservation Aids II and III. One person will be hired for each position, to perform data collection as a two-person team, in support of a BLM funded project that will map *Bromus tectorum* (cheatgrass) throughout the remote Owyhee Uplands of Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho. General work will include assessment of ground-cover by species and accessory data in plots scattered throughout the region. Federal funding has been secured, however the positions are contingent upon project approval by Nevada's Interim Finance Committee on April 4th.

The positions will be for three months each. The start date is flexible within May but must be coordinated between the two hires. The positions are full time (40 hrs/week). Pay will be approximately \$11.25/hour for Conservation Aid II and \$12.12/hour for Conservation Aid III. Per-diem is available during field work at a rate of \$26/full-work-day. Neither housing, nor camping equipment, are provided and camping is expected for most nights during the work-week; the nearest city to the field work will be Boise, ID.

Data collected on the job may be usable for student projects afterward with coordination and advice from Dr. Eric Peterson (project lead). The positions are not limited to students.

## **Qualifications:**

- **Conservation Aid II education and experience:** Graduation from high school or equivalent education and six months of experience assisting in conservation projects or wildlife management projects; OR six months experience as a Conservation Aid I in Nevada State service; OR 15 college credits in wildlife management, biology, or closely related field [such as botany, range ecology]; OR an equivalent combination of education and experience. Details at <http://dop.nv.gov/specs/1/01-790.html>
- **Conservation Aid III education and experience:** Graduation from high school and two years of experience in conservation related projects such as vegetation management or similar work; OR one year of experience as a Conservation Aid II in Nevada State service; OR completion of 30 semester credits from an accredited college or university work in forestry, wildlife management, biology or closely related field [such as botany, range ecology]; OR and equivalent combination of education and experience. Details at <http://dop.nv.gov/specs/1/01-790.html>
- Valid drivers license and good driving record (a 4-wheel drive state motorpool vehicle will be used).
- Ability to work independently, productively, and responsibly, in remote areas without direct supervision, despite adverse weather, rough terrain, occasional snakes, and other difficult conditions.
- Basic first-aid and safety skills.
- Comfort with camping in tents for extended periods.
- Additionally, person hired as Conservation Aid III must have good leadership abilities and will be responsible for final decisions (leadership abilities are preferred in both positions).
- Previous experience with shrubs and grasses of the arid intermountain-west, and ability to identify some by sight, strongly preferred. As is previous experience with GPS receivers and GIS software, and general competence with electronics.

## **Applications:**

- Closing Date: March 15, 2006
- Hardcopy of original completed and signed State of Nevada Employment Application (form NPD-1 available at <http://dop.nv.gov/empapp.html> ). **Please leave Class Code and Announcement Number blank.** If you are applying for either job, give title as 'Conservation Aid II or Conservation Aid III'
- Include: resume, copy of academic transcripts, and brief statement (max. 1 page) of interest in scientific fieldwork and abilities that you would bring to the job.
- Send to Eric Peterson, address above, [peterston@heritage.nv.gov](mailto:peterston@heritage.nv.gov), direct phone line: 775-684-2906

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