

Rangeland Ecology Technician

Job Type: full-time temporary position

Opportunity location: Northern Great Basin

Closing date (if specified): 15 Mar 2007

Opportunity Description:

Oregon State University-Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center is looking to hire someone quickly for a summer position in eastern Oregon. The applicant needs to be able to start as soon as possible. Preferably before the end of March. The position will continue at least until mid-August.

The position will require the technician to work on two projects.

The first project will involve, trapping, banding and tracking sage grouse in the spring. The technician will work closely with scientists and research assistants for training then this position will require the technician to work alone in very remote areas. Housing and a work truck are provided. The technician will work on the sage grouse project till the start of the second project in mid-May. For the second project, the technician will assist in a juniper woodland and shrub steppe research project. Results of this study will be used to develop fire management plans, restoration strategies, and wildlife habitat guidelines. Technicians will work closely with research assistants and scientists. Field work will involve the collection of plant community data, fuels, biomass and soils. Office and laboratory work involves processing and weighing biomass samples and data entry. Technicians will be entering data in August.

Field work schedule will typically be eight days in the field and 6 days off. Work days will typically be 10 hour days. Field crews will be camping in remote locations near research sites with very limited facilities for the eight day work period.

Skills and Knowledge:

- Undergraduate education in range, soils, wildlife, botany, or other natural resource fields.
- Plant identification skills desired
- Strong ability to pay attention to detail
- Capable of hiking over steep and rough terrain in adverse weather conditions
- Comfortable camping and working with crew members in remote areas for extended periods
- Ability to maintain a positive attitude
- Valid driver's license preferred
- This position requires heavy lifting and bending over for extended periods of time

For the sage grouse work the technician must be able to work independantly and is comfortable working alone in remote areas.

Compensation: \$10.44/hr, 40-hour work week. Overtime is paid after 40 hours in a calendar work week. Per Diem \$22.50/day will be provided when we are staying overnight in the field. Housing is provided by the experiment station at no charge.

If you are interested in this position please email me a resume at jaime.ratchford@oregonstate.edu or call me at 541-737-1620. This position will remain open until filled.

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