Outreach Notice – 180 Day Seasonal Biological Science Technician Positions

GG-404-6 Field Technicians  Salary: $16.89 per hour  Vacancy # SRFS-15-004
Duration of job: May 18, 2015 through approx. August 22, 2015
Type of appointment: Temporary - Fulltime, with possible periods of PT or Intermittent work.
Duty Station: Creston, WA.

Must have 1 year and 9 months of field survey experience OR 4 years of sub-professional work experience OR 4 years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled (equivalent to 120 semester/180 quarter hrs) plus 3 months of lab or field work experience. **In addition, incumbents must have at least 3 months experience in sampling plant communities, and ideal candidate will have experience working in sagebrush ecosystems. Candidates without 3 months experience sampling and identifying plant species will not be considered.**

**DUTIES (specific):** The work is part of a USGS project that seeks to characterize the effects of reoccurring fires on recovery and successional trends in sagebrush steppe ecosystems. A primary objective of the project is to collect data in the field from several different previously burned areas in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area and surrounding public lands in central and eastern Washington state. The GG-06 biological technician will serve as the crew leader for a 2 person field crew that will sample plant species composition and vegetation characteristics across this study area. Primary duties include identifying sagebrush community plants to species, measuring plant characteristics (e.g., canopy cover and height), collecting samples, recording GPS points, recording and managing ecological data (on field forms and in a field laptop computer), calibrating and maintaining technical field equipment, and driving on poor and sometimes muddy 4-WD roads. As crew leader, the GG-06 biological technician will also be responsible for ensuring that accurate and credible data are collected by the field crew, will assist with site selection protocols, and will be responsible for managing crew logistics. The ideal candidate will have experience in all of the following: 1) leading small field crews in remote field locations; 2) using vegetation sampling methods and protocols; 3) identifying sagebrush community grasses, forbs, and shrubs to the species level; 4) using maps and GPS to navigate to in remote field locations; and 5) using and maintaining technical equipment (including GPS, GIS, personal computer, and digital camera). The ideal candidate will also have good organizational, communication, and leadership skills.

All applicants must apply by following the instructions in the job announcement at the following website OR you may apply directly to the USGS contact information below. Make sure to indicate in your application the Job # SRFS-15-004. If you apply directly, send a) resume or b) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, or c) other written format to the email or physical address provided below. If submitting a resume be sure to include To and From dates of employment as mm/dd/yyyy and how many hours per week you worked each job and percentage of time doing field survey work. Please also submit transcripts (unofficial acceptable) to document all education used for position qualification.

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