Crew Leader (1) and Field Assistants (4)

Assist with field data collection for HSU Wildland Fire Lab research on post-fire mortality in redwood forests

We are looking for a motivated and curious crew leader and four field assistants to assist the HSU Wildland Fire Lab on a research project investigating factors associated with high severity fire in second-growth redwood forests following the 2020 wildfires in the broader Bay Area of California. Field research will entail navigating to plots, establishing research plots, taking standard tree and post-fire measurements, and other tasks. Assistants should be able to hike short to moderate distances to research plots, tolerate hot/dry weather conditions, and be willing to tent camp for 4 days at a time. Must have a valid drivers license and complete defensive driver training. Rental cars will be available for work-related travel. Housing will be provided or heavily subsidized. We will provide training for specific data collection methods, though experience taking standard forest, fuels, and understory vegetation measurements is preferred.

**Salary and Duration**

$14-$16 per hour (depending on experience, position) for ~12 weeks (mid-May- mid-August), possibility for extending work into the fall.

**Location:** broader Bay Area, CA

**Qualifications**

Strong candidates for the position will have:

- Current student or recent graduate
- Grade point average of 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale
- Previous coursework in Forestry, Fire Management, Ecology, Botany or a related field
- Ability to navigate using maps and GPS
- Prior experience coordinating field work and supervising crew members (preferred for crew leader only)
- Research interest and field experience in forestry, ecology, or related field
- Positive attitude and ability to work well with others in remote field sites for extended periods, often during hot seasonal conditions

**HOW TO APPLY**

**To apply,** send (as a PDF or Word Document): 1) a resume (including GPA and complete contact information); 2) a brief letter of interest (clearly state relevant education, experience, and interest in the position); 3) unofficial transcripts, and 4) the names and contact information of three references to Jeff Kane (jkane@humboldt.edu). The position will be open until filled, but review of applications will begin around late March. Incomplete applications may not be considered.