Interested in stream-related field work this summer?

We are looking for two students (undergraduate or graduate) to hire.

The first part of the summer will be spent collecting detailed physical and biological data, using established protocols, in a major river restoration project on the S. Fork McKenzie River.

The second half of the summer’s work will involve an extensive, road-based, rapid-monitoring effort to characterize flow permanence in headwater streams. The employees will use high resolution GPS and tablets to collect observations for headwater streams on federal forest lands throughout western Oregon.

This research will involve working outdoors in forests and streams most days and driving between sites on gravel logging roads in the Cascade, Coast Range, and Siskiyou Mountains. At times, the work will be physically demanding, requiring long field days, involving walking and carrying up to 35 lbs on uneven and slippery terrain, wading large rivers, and climbing over logs, and up steep slopes to collect accurate data.

Applications will be reviewed starting 15 March 2020.
https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/89002

Pay: $14-$17.50/hr depending on experience and education

Period of work: Jul 6- Sept 15, 2020
The schedule will be four 10-hour days, Monday-Thursday. During July, lodging will be provided at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. During the second half of the summer, there will be extensive travel throughout western Oregon with car camping at night for up to 3 nights per week, usually in a different location each night.

Desired Qualifications:
- Ability to follow detailed protocols.
- Experience with field work and preferably stream sampling.
- Good computer skills for data entry, GPS programs.
- Organized and enthusiastic with good problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work with other crew members in a professional manner while maintaining a positive and safe work environment.
- Ability to navigate remote forest roads and terrain, using maps, tablets, GPS units.
- Driver’s license and safe driving record.
- Capacity to be self-motivated and to work independently.

This posting is for current students. If you are not a student and are interested in working with us this summer, please contact Sherri Johnson (sherri.johnson2@usda.gov) for more information.