

GG-404-5 Field Technicians Salary: \$18.52 per hour Vacancy # SRFS-23-004

Duration of job: April 10, 2023 through approx. August 26, 2023

Type of appointment: Temporary - Fulltime, with possible periods of PT or Intermittent work.

Duty Station: Corvallis, OR.

Opens: 12/01/2022 **Closes:** 12/30/2022

The U.S. Geological Survey's Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center out of Corvallis, Oregon is seeking to hire 4 technicians that will work on a project to investigate the long-term ecological impacts of fuel reduction treatments in the intermountain sagebrush steppe and western juniper woodlands. Find out more about the project at (www.sagestep.org). Technicians will also work on a project looking at the efficacy of sagebrush restoration approaches & their success in creating functional sage-grouse habitat in post-fire landscapes. Technician may work on several other USGS projects identifying strategies to control the dominance of cheatgrass & other weeds on Great Basin rangelands, restoring native species, & increasing biodiversity. Will be part of a five-person team working in the field together. Crews will install monitoring transects in established long term subplots to collect botanical & fuel data & samples following established protocols.

DUTIES (specific): As a Biological Science Technician Field Assistant with the U.S. Geological Survey, some of your specific duties will include:

- Identify grasses, forbs, and shrubs to species (up to 250 different species)
- Monitor native grasses, forbs, and shrub volume and density
- Perform various vegetation cover and fuel load sampling protocols
- Operates 4-wheel drive vehicles on poor and sometime muddy roads
- Accurately record and enter data on tablets in field

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Field work will take place throughout eastern Oregon; including Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge, eastern WA, northern CA, southwestern ID, northern NV, and lab/computer work will be done in Corvallis, OR. Work is performed in a lab and field environment. Field work involves moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain, wind, & extreme cold/hot weather. Fieldwork typically involve 5-9 consecutive days in remote field locations, w/ workdays up to 12 hours/day. Due to the wide geographical extent of project, extensive travel is necessary. Work involves camping in tents on public lands, hiking in rugged terrain, & working under extreme weather conditions. Must know and follow personal safety precautions. If selected, you will be required to complete a pre-employment physical. Must have a valid driver's license.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Physically demanding work involving long hours spent standing, bending, walking, & a great amount of physical exertion sometimes during adverse weather conditions. May be required to lift containers weighing up to 35 pounds in the performance of assignment. Work may be done in 10 -12 hours per day; hours can include all times of day and night and will vary during the employment term with weather and field conditions.

Must have 9 months of field experience OR 3 years of sub-professional work experience OR 3 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, desired applicant will have at least 3 months of experience identifying plants in the field.**

HOW TO APPLY: Submit one of the following forms of application: (a) résumé OR (b) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, OR (c) other written format.

IF SUBMITTING A RESUME be sure to include the following for EACH job listed: To and From dates of employment as mm/dd/yyyy and **how many hours per week you worked each job; percentage of time spent doing field survey work; percentage of time spent doing laboratory work; statement of duties**; supervisor contact information.

Be sure to also address the additional qualifier, if applicable. Please also submit transcripts (unofficial is acceptable) to document all education used for position qualification. **ALWAYS INCLUDE THE JOB# (#SRF-23-004) OF THE VACANCY YOU ARE APPLYING TO.**

Application package can be submitted electronically to email address provided below by closing date. Hard Copy applications are also accepted but must be received by the closing date. To claim 5 point Veteran's Preference, a DD214 showing character of discharge is required. If claiming 10 point Veteran's Preference, a SF15 with proof of claim is required.

The United States Government does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, genetic information, age, membership in an employee organization, retaliation, parental status, military service, or other non-merit factor. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities

Send Application packages to: gs_nw_fresc_jobs@usgs.gov

or

Apply In Person At:

USGS FRESC

777 NW 9th St STE 400

CORVALLIS, OR 97330-6169

Apply By Mail To:

FRESC Jobs, USGS FRESC

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Contact By:

Phone (541) 750-1040

Fax (541) 750-1066

Email gs_nw_fresc_jobs@usgs.gov

For more information about the application process please contact:

Michelle Schatz – USGS FRESC HQ – for application questions

Ph. (541)750-1040 OR Email: gs_nw_fresc_jobs@usgs.gov

For more information about the job and job details please contact:

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Benefits

Offered: Medical, Vacation, Sick Leave

Additional Benefit

Information: IMPORTANT: NOTE carried over from How To Apply Section: If selected you may be asked to provide information regarding your COVID-19 vaccination status for the purposes of implementing workplace safety protocols, such as those related to masking, physical distancing, testing, travel, and quarantine. **BENEFITS INFO:** Temporary appointees expected to work at least 130 hours per month for at least 90 days will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) plan. Individuals eligible under this rule receive the full government contribution to their premiums regardless of work schedule and will also be eligible to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Temporary appointees are not covered by the Federal Employee Retirement System and are ineligible for Federal life, dental, or vision insurance.

Job Requirements

Experience Required: At least 9 months

Education Required: Bachelors

Minimum Age: 21

Major: Ecology, Biology, Wildlife, Botany

Gender: N/A

Employer Will Perform: Background Check , Physical Exam After Job Offer , DMV records check