Forest Field Technician

Job Description: The Wyoming Natural Diversity Database (WYNDD) at the University of Wyoming has an immediate opening for one field technician position to conduct forest field inventories on the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest in Wyoming during the summer of 2023. The successful applicant will work with a crew of three other forest field technicians to measure trees and surface fuels across 200 forest inventory plots. The plot data will be used to support LiDAR-based analyses of forest structure. The field technician will be responsible for learning and following detailed protocols, collecting reasonably precise ecological data with a high level of efficiency, and contributing to field crew effectiveness and cohesion. Work will require overnight camping and working in remote field settings during the work week with limited access to cell service. Weekend housing is provided in nearby Laramie, WY. Preference will be given to candidates who can begin work immediately.

Duration: immediate start date through September 1

Hours: Minimum 40 hours per week (M-F), with paid overtime for work extending beyond 40 hours

Pay: \$15 per hour plus \$22.50 per hour overtime and daily per diem

Minimum Qualifications:

- At least one year of college course work (or equivalent number of credits) toward a degree in biology, ecology, or a closely related field
- A valid driver's license and a driving record that will pass the motor vehicle records inspection by the University of Wyoming
- Experience working or recreating in remote settings without cell service or internet and in adverse weather condition
- Experience following complex, detailed protocols
- Ability to hike in rough, uneven terrain carrying up to 35 lbs and to engage in prolonged periods of physical work
- Ability to operate on a flexible schedule that may change on short notice
- Ability to accurately record data
- Strong personal motivation and a willingness to maintain a positive, productive attitude under challenging conditions

Desired Qualifications

- Previous experience on a field crew
- Knowledge of the ecology, composition, and dynamics of western forests
- Experience measuring forest field plots
- Experience working or recreating in bear country

To Apply: Please assemble the following into <u>a single PDF</u> and send to Paige Copenhaver-Parry (pcopenha@uwyo.edu) with the subject line "Forest Technician 2023 Application"

- 1. A 1-2 page cover letter describing your interest in the position, a description of your experience and qualifications as they relate to the minimum and desired qualifications, and your dates of availability including start and end dates and any planned absences (or a statement that you plan no absences).
- 2. A resume or CV
- 3. An unofficial transcript
- 4. Names, phone numbers, and email addresses for three professional references

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Preference will be given to candidates who are available to start work immediately.

For additional information please contact Dr. Paige Copenhaver-Parry (pcopenha@uwyo.edu)