

Position Title: Research Field Technician
Agency: University of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation
Location: Ellington, MO (Current River and Peck Ranch Conservation Areas)
Pay rate: \$11.15/hour
Employment dates: 9/26/2022 through 3/31/2023
Application closing date: 8/22/2022

Description

The University of Missouri in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Conservation is now accepting applications to fill seven (7) research field technician positions working on the woody vegetation study of the Missouri Ozark Forest Ecosystem Project (MOFEP). Study sites are located in the southeast Missouri Ozarks in the Current River and Peck Ranch Conservation Areas.

Essential job duties will include measuring structural attributes of trees and shrubs in fixed area plots, including DBH and height, mapping a subsample of trees for linking plot data to recently collected QL1 LiDAR data, and recording observations of species, condition (e.g., live, dead), and crown class.

Applicants must be willing to work outdoors in cold/wet weather, often in rugged terrain. Housing* and transportation to field sites will be provided.

Qualifications

- Coursework and/or field experience in forest inventory and measurement techniques
- Experience identifying woody plant species based on observations of bark, buds, and leaf scars
- Field navigation skills using GPS, map, and compass
- Ability to communicate and work successfully and respectfully in teams

To apply, please submit a resume with references and cover letter by August 22, 2022 to:

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Please reference 'MOFEP Woody Vegetation Technician' in your email subject line.

* Bunkhouse housing will be provided near field sites. Basic utilities will be provided, including Wi-Fi. Residents will be required to help with regular cleaning and general upkeep of the facility.