The Oregon Coast National Wildlife Refuge Complex is recruiting for a Biological Technician for Invasive Species position, to be based at the Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Cloverdale, Oregon. We plan to hire two full-time, seasonal positions to work as a 6 month "strike team" beginning in late March/ early April and running through September. The salary is between \$15 and \$17/hr depending on qualifications. The primary duties for the position consist of invasive plant control tasks, including herbicide application, mechanical treatments, and mapping of infestations and treatments, on refuge lands along the central and northern Oregon coast. The position involves strenuous physical activity such as lifting and walking long distances packing equipment up to 40 pounds over uneven terrain. Other duties will include maintaining tools and equipment, monitoring herbicide inventories, fence building, trail clearing, and potential to assist with wildlife and habitat surveys. The weed species targeted in this project include velvet grass, foxglove, oxeve daisy, hairy cat's ear, tansy, thistles (bull and Canada), Himalayan blackberry, scotch broom, bamboo, and many others. Technicians will receive training in target plant identification, reading and understanding herbicide labels, PPE, and equipment use and maintenance. PPE and all necessary equipment will be supplied. The position may require overnight travel. The Refuge does offer a bunkhouse for housing (estimated rent \$225 monthly) that is shared with other staff members.

Please have any interested applicants send resume to Deputy Project Leader Rebecca Chuck at <u>rebecca chuck@fws.gov</u>. She can also be reached at 541-270-7811 with any questions