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Subject: AIM Vegetation Monitoring Field Lead and Technicians in Palm Springs, CA

Technicians: <https://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/job/aim-vegetation-monitoring-field-technicians-palm-springs-ca/>

In cooperation with the BLM-California Desert District Office, Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office, GBI is recruiting four Field Technicians to work cooperatively with BLM Resource Managers and GBI Vegetation Monitoring Field Leads. Each Field Lead will coordinate a field crew (one Lead and two Technicians) to characterize vegetation using the Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring (AIM) protocol, for which training will be provided by the Jornada Experimental Range in Tucson, AZ during 22-26 February. Duties include following established field protocols to conduct vegetation assessments and collect field data at designated sampling sites in areas targeted for solar power development.

Field work will include maintaining safety awareness and practices, navigating off-trail to sampling sites, establishing plots and transects, identifying and describing soil horizons, and collecting vegetation data (including species inventory, foliar cover, canopy gap, and herbaceous and woody heights) and photo-points. Field data will be used by BLM Natural Resource Specialists to inform decisions regarding solar energy installations and other land management issues of the area. Terrain and climate of the survey region is typical of southwestern deserts. Field camping will be required. Funding for the full duration of this work is pending.

Please follow this link for a video that highlights the BLM's national strategy for landscape-scale data capture across the western states using AIM: <http://youtu.be/LciTBPG2-Ss>

Compensation:

- o \$15.00/hour
- o \$15.00 Field per diem
- o \$75/week Housing Stipend

Timeline:

- o 22 February - 8 April 2016 (7 weeks)**
- o Possibility of extending to similar position in other BLM locations throughout the West (Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, or Utah)
- o Full-time, 40 hours per week

** Duration of position is contingent upon funding

Leads: <https://www.thegreatbasininstitute.org/job/aim-vegetation-monitoring-field-leads/>

In cooperation with the BLM-California Desert District Office, Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office, GBI is recruiting two Field Leads to work cooperatively with BLM Resource Managers and GBI Vegetation Monitoring Field Technicians. Each Field Lead will coordinate a field crew (one Lead and two Technicians) to characterize vegetation using the Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring (AIM) protocol, for which training will be provided by the Jornada Experimental Range in Tucson, AZ during 22-26 February. Duties include following established field protocols to conduct vegetation assessments and collect field data at designated sampling sites in areas targeted for solar power development.

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Compensation:

- o \$1,360.00 biweekly salary
- o \$15.00 Field per diem
- o \$75/week Housing Stipend

Timeline:

- o 17 February - 19 April 2016 (9 weeks)**
- o Possibility of extending to similar position in other BLM locations throughout the West (Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Nevada, or Utah)
- o Full-time, 40 hours per week minimum

** Duration of position is contingent upon funding