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Subject: Seasonal Position - Avian Point Count Technicians - Nevada

Avian Point Count Technicians (2)

Grinnell Resurvey Project for University California, Berkeley Great Basin Desert Nevada and California

Website:

<http://mvz.berkeley.edu/Grinnell/>

Job Description:

Avian point count field technicians (2) are needed from May 9 - July 13 2016 for a project studying the impacts of climate change on breeding bird distributions over the last 100 years. Survey sites primarily occur on the federal lands of Nevada throughout the Great Basin region of the state. Duties will include: (i) conducting point counts along 2 km transects (accessed by road and/or on foot by trail); (ii) installation and removal of temporary recording equipment along survey transects; and (iii) surveying for habitat characteristics. Salary is \$2167/month (\$13.54/hour). Additional information on the study can be found at <http://mvz.berkeley.edu/Grinnell/>.

Qualifications:

Technicians must have excellent eyesight and hearing; be able to identify birds by sight and call/song; and have prior experience with standard avian point count methods. In addition, applicants must be able to navigate roads with maps to find sites, maintain accurate records of each visit, and enjoy working outdoors. All applicants **MUST** have a valid driver's license and a vehicle adequate to handle 4WD roads. Work-related mileage will be reimbursed at the standard federal rate.

Ideal candidates will: (i) be experienced in avian point count survey techniques and be able to identify birds of the Great Basin desert by sight and sound OR be experienced in bird identification and willing to put in additional effort to learn local bird species; (ii) be well-organized and self-motivated with a record of being able to conduct fieldwork independently; (iii) be able to walk long distances over rugged terrain while carrying 40 lbs or more of gear; (iv) have the ability to interface with the public when necessary; (v) be comfortable working independently and camping for up to 10 days at a time at undeveloped sites; and (vi) be able to provide their own basic camping equipment. Experience with GPS desirable but not required.

To Apply:

Please send a resume, cover letter detailing your interest in the position and relevant experience, and contact information (email and phone numbers) for three references by email to KELLY IKNAYAN, PhD student (Email: iknayank@berkeley.edu) in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy & Management, University of California–Berkeley. Applications will be reviewed as they are received until the position is filled.

Number of positions: 2