

Subject: USGS GG05 BioTech Position

Outreach Notice – 180 Day Seasonal Biological Science Technician Positions

GG-404-5 Field Technicians Salary: \$15.49 per hour Vacancy # SRFS-16-003

Duration of job: May 16, 2016 through approx. August 31, 2016

Type of appointment: Temporary - Fulltime, with possible periods of PT or Intermittent work.

Duty Station: Spokane, WA.

Must have 9 months of field survey experience OR 3 years Sub-professional work OR 3 years of college with courses related to the field of work plus 3 months of field or lab experience. **In addition, incumbents must have at least 1 month experience in sampling plant communities, and ideal candidate will be familiar with plant species in sagebrush ecosystems. Candidates without 1 months experience sampling and identifying plant species will not be considered.**

DUTIES (specific): The work is part of a USGS project that seeks to characterize the effects of reoccurring fires on recovery and successional trends in sagebrush steppe ecosystems. A primary objective of the project is to collect data in the field from several different previously burned areas in the Swanson Lakes Wildlife Area and surrounding public lands in central and eastern Washington state. The technician will serve in a 2 person field crew that will sample plant species composition and vegetation characteristics across this study area. Primary duties include identifying sagebrush community plants to species, measuring plant characteristics (e.g., canopy cover and height), collecting samples, recording GPS points, recording ecological data, calibrating technical field equipment, and driving on poor and sometimes muddy 4WD roads. The ideal candidate will have experience in all of the following: 1) using vegetation sampling methods and protocols; 2) identifying sagebrush community grasses, forbs, and shrubs to the species level; 3) using maps and GPS to navigate to in remote field locations; and 5) using technical equipment (including GPS, GIS, personal computer, and digital camera). The ideal candidate will also have good organizational and communication.

All applicants must apply by following the instructions in the job announcement at the following website **OR** you may apply directly to the USGS contact information below. Make sure to indicate in your application the Job # SRFS-16-003. If you apply directly, send a) resume or b) OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment, or c) other written format to the email or physical address provided below. If submitting a resume be sure to include To and From dates of employment as mm/dd/yyyy and how many hours per week you worked each job and percentage of time doing field survey work. Please also submit transcripts (unofficial acceptable) to document all education used for position qualification.

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Washington Worksource: <https://fortress.wa.gov/esd/worksource/Employment.aspx>

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For more information please contact:

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