

Subject: Seasonal Invasive Plant Technician in Elko, NV BLM district

JOB OPPORTUNITY

INVASIVE PLANT TECHNICIANS – May 2, 2016- September 30, 2016

The Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) is currently hiring four (4) invasive plant technicians to work in the Elko, NV District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Located in Ely, Nevada, ENLC is a non-profit conservation organization comprised of public, private, and non-profit partners dedicated to the restoration of the Western ecosystems through collaborative teamwork.

Elko is located in the remote northeastern corner of Nevada. The area has a blend of high desert and Snake River Plain regional attributes including beautiful expanses of sagebrush flats and many mountain ranges available for exploring and recreating. The rugged Ruby Mountains lie 20 miles to the southeast of Elko and offer unique and remote hiking, backpacking, climbing, fishing and camping experiences. The city of Elko has an ever expanding downtown area and many cultural events throughout the summer (including the International Basque festival, rodeos, Ruby Mountain Relay, etc).

INVASIVE PLANT TECHNICIAN DUTIES: Field crews will work with an experienced BLM crew lead while assisting in invasive plant management on public lands. Inventory duties include identifying invasive plant infestations, surveying, recording data, and mapping. Control of invasive plants will involve manual (hand pulling, hand tools, and power tools) and chemical treatment methods. Applicants must be comfortable with handling and applying herbicides. Technicians will be required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). With the exception of personal clothing and close-toed boots, all PPE will be provided.

Additionally, all technicians will be responsible for driving large trucks (often while towing trailers), operating ATVs and UTVs, and hiking to field sites. Technicians must be comfortable with truck/tent camping in the backcountry for up to 4 days at a time and **MUST** be physically able to hike while wearing a 40 lb. backpack sprayer over rough and steep terrain. Applicants will supply their own camping gear.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Qualified applicants should have experience and/or education in invasive plant management, biological sciences, natural resources, plant identification or general plant taxonomy and the ability to follow directions and safety protocols. Applicants must be experienced with 4WD vehicles and shall have a clean driving record for the past 3 years. Experience with utilizing GPS units and programs (Trimble units and ArcPad) and ATVs/UTVs is a plus.

SALARY: \$14-15/hour, depending on experience (plus \$34/day per diem when camping)

SCHEDULE: Positions run from early May through late September (funding dependent) and follow a 10-hour day/four-day work week. Start and end dates are flexible, within reason. Crews will generally return to Elko in the evenings, though camping near a project site for 4 days at a time will be required for at least two pay periods.

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and the contact information for at least three references to Steph Frederick at sfrederick@envlc.org. For questions or more information visit www.envlc.org or email Steph. Materials should be emailed by February 28, 2016. Please include "Invasive Plant Technician" in the email subject line.

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