Job Announcement

Botany/Ecology Field Technicians

TITLE: Vegetation Mapping Field Technicians (ecology/botany)
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 3-6
WORK LOCATIONS: Fort Peck Lake along Upper Missouri River in Montana
PAY RATE: $12 - $14/hour plus some expenses
DURATION: 2-3 months (approx. August - October)

SUMMARY OF POSITIONS:
The Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) together with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program (CNHP) anticipate a need for up to 6 technicians for field work a project site along the Upper Missouri River in Montana. The work requires field botany or field ecology skills, GPS, and map reading and navigation skills. Knowledge of plant taxonomy and species identification is required; experience identifying flora of the northwestern Great Plains is beneficial.

Successful applicants will sample vegetation communities on lands surrounding the US Army Corps of Engineers Fort Peck Reservoir. Field technicians will navigate to remote plot locations via foot, boat, and/or automobile and document plant community and environmental characteristics using maps, imagery, GPS, and vegetation keys.

DUTIES:
- Work in crews of 2 to navigate to predetermined plot locations using imagery, maps, and GPS.
- Collect data on dominant plant species and communities. Requires ability to reliably identify native and introduced plant species of the Great Plains.
- Reliably locate field plots, complete field forms, operate and maintain GPS units, digital cameras, and other field equipment, and manage collected data.
- Enter and maintain data in electronic formats (databases, spreadsheets, GPS, GIS),
- Thoroughly document all fieldwork using field notebooks, survey forms, maps, and cameras.

We are looking for mature, reliable, punctual individuals capable of prioritizing duties, following detailed protocols, and working in small groups. Applicants must be willing and able to hike in rugged terrain and in weather extremes for up to ten hours a day. Frequent overnight camping at remote sites may be required. A valid driver’s license is required. Boating experience is a plus, since some travel may require access by water. Full announcement is available at

TO APPLY: To be considered, you must include the following items in your application package: 1) cover letter, 2) resume, 3) copy of college transcripts (unofficial copies acceptable), and (4) names and current daytime phone number and email address of three professional references (one should be current/most recent supervisor). Applications and questions regarding the application process should be sent to Joe Stevens (970-491-7760) at js@colostate.edu. Please do not send compressed files and please cross-out social security numbers and birthdates from your materials. Position(s) will remain open and will be filled as suitable applicants are found.

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