

Position Announcement: Four (4) temporary biological field technicians are sought to work for the USGS, in the northern Great Basin from March until September, with possible extension until December. Technicians will be paid ~ \$12.50/hour and will work on several USGS-BRD projects identifying concepts and management strategies to control the spreading dominance of cheatgrass and other weeds on Great Basin rangelands and restoring native species and increasing biodiversity. Information on one of the projects we will be working on can be found at <http://www.ag.unr.edu/ifafs/Home.htm>. Your base station will be Corvallis, OR, and we will travel to the study sites which are located within the high deserts of eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. Travel expenses will be covered by the projects using either standard federal per diem or a camp rate per diem.

Duties include identifying plants, performing vegetation transects, soil sampling, monitoring grass seedling germination, accurately recording data, driving on poor and sometimes muddy roads, collection of GPS and photo points, and processing plant and soil samples in the laboratory. Fieldwork will involve exposure to extreme temperature and weather conditions, and extended stays in remote locations (backcountry camping). Candidates will be chosen based on the combination of experience and education. Preferred candidates will have experience in plant identification and soil sampling.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The work involves long hours spent standing, bending, walking, and a great amount of physical exertion. The incumbent may be required to lift containers weighing up to 35 pounds in the performance of the assignment. Work could possibly be done in 10 hours per day, hours can include all times of day and night, and will vary during the employment term with weather and field conditions. Core hours will typically be 8am ? 5pm.

The USGS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.

Please email or send letter of interest, CV, and names and contact information for at least three references to:

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