

Responsible field technicians needed mid-March to July to collect vegetation and soils data in order to characterize recovery of big sagebrush communities after fire in southwestern Idaho. This work is part of the Coordinated Intermountain Restoration Project, which is increasing understanding of invasive plants in the Intermountain West and developing methods to maintain and restore biodiversity in these ecosystems.

These jobs will be Student Contracts, paying ~\$16/hour; workers are responsible for paying their own Social Security and income taxes. Applicants will be required to show proof of full time student status within the past 12 months. These jobs will involve working long hours in both cold and hot weather, driving on poor and sometimes muddy roads, navigating with GPS unit and map, identifying plants, accurately recording data, and extended stays in remote locations (backcountry camping). Preferred candidates will have knowledge of the plants and ecosystems of the Great Basin and experience with vegetation transects. But more important is the ability to work independently with a minimum of supervision, make sensible decisions, play well with others, appreciate the beauty of the Sagebrush Sea, and treat the field vehicle tenderly.

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 hour plus days, hours can include all times of day and night, and will vary during the employment term with weather and field conditions.

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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