



**Northwest Watershed Research Center**  
**Agricultural Research Service**  
Research, Education and Economics  
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Position Announcement: Hydrologic / Biologic / Range Technician  
Positions Available: 4-6 Technicians  
Time Period: Summer 2006

The technician will receive hands-on experience assessing the impacts of juniper expansion on range and forest lands. This summer's work will contribute to the hydrologic studies portion of the Sage/STEP project. More information on the Sage/STEP project is available at [www.sagestep.org](http://www.sagestep.org).

The technician will assist in field experiments to evaluate the impact of juniper expansion and the resulting effects on hydrologic and erosion processes in relation to vegetation cover. Lab work will include processing runoff and soil samples, data entry, particle size analysis, aggregate size analysis, and bulk density determination.

The employee will be working in teams of 3 to 7 people completing many repetitions of specific experiments and tasks. Each experiment is very important and requires concentration for long periods of time.

Field work expectations include transporting, running, and maintaining many different types of simulation equipment on steep, rocky slopes throughout the summer. The position will require camping with limited amenities for 8 days at a time for the entire summer, driving large vehicles, towing trailers for long distances, and carrying heavy objects for long days, sometimes exceeding 10 hours. Field sites may include, but are not limited to areas in Idaho, Oregon, California, and Utah.

Lab work expectations include working 40 hour weeks in Boise processing data collected while in the field and preparing for subsequent field tours with limited supervision.

Hourly wages range from \$8.81 to \$10.79 commensurate with education and experience.

Interested people should apply by sending a resume` and cover letter to Patrick Kormos at [pkormos@nwrc.ars.usda.gov](mailto:pkormos@nwrc.ars.usda.gov). Please include dates that you can begin working and at least 2 references.

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