

Wanted: **Technicians: Field Botanist or Vegetation Ecologist– Idaho**

Who: Clearwater RC&D Council, on behalf of the Clearwater Basin Collaborative (CBC) and in collaboration with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

When: May 16 – September, 2016

Application Due: Position open until filled

Salary: \$11 – 13 per hr, depending on experience

1 technician is needed to conduct vegetation surveys in the Clearwater Basin of north-central Idaho. Technicians will be responsible for 1) measuring abundance (biomass) of forage by plant species using double sampling procedures that include sampling of plant canopy cover and clipping plants; 2) measuring forest overstory characteristics using standard vegetative sampling techniques, 3) collecting plant samples for nutrient analysis, 4) drying and weighing clipped vegetation, and 5) similar duties as assigned.

Vehicles will be provided. Lodging will be provided when not in the backcountry, but will vary throughout the summer depending on where we are, and may include tent camping or camp trailers. Expected working schedule (days on versus days off and hours/day) will vary depending on remoteness of sampling location and as such, technicians need to be flexible regarding schedules. Technicians are needed to start about May 16, and should be expected to work through the end of September, although end dates may be flexible. We will likely retain one technician through October to dry and weigh clipped vegetation samples, enter data, and help with sample preparation for laboratory assays.

Required Experience:

- Able to maintain a positive attitude in challenging conditions (i.e. heat, wind, rain)
- Able to identify western grasses, forbs, and shrubs to species and/or have plant keying skills and be willing to learn the species of interest prior to beginning field work
- Capable of hiking several miles while carrying a 35+ lb pack in rough terrain
- Comfortable operating 4WD trucks and ATVs
- Strong communication and organization skills
- Strong attention to detail and a desire to collect quality data will be highly valued

To apply submit:

1. Cover letter with dates of availability, vegetation ID/keying experience
2. Resume detailing relevant professional work experience and information on education
3. At least three professional references (include email addresses and telephone numbers);

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