Forestry Technician

Job Code: 2016-RAP-041
Location: Elko
State: Nevada
Program: Research Associate Program
Contract Length: 6 Months
Employer: Great Basin Institute, Bureau of Land Management Nevada Elko District Office
Deadline: 5/23/2016
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Job Responsibilities:
The Great Basin Institute, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management Nevada Elko District Office, is recruiting a Forestry Technician to work cooperatively with BLM resource staff to perform vegetation management projects, restoration projects within forest/woodland areas, and utilization of forest products in support of the BLM Nevada Forestry Program.

Duties will include:
• Layout, preparation, and monitoring of forest product sale areas;
• Assisting the District Forester with vegetative permits;
• Assessing treatment prescriptions and methods (mechanical versus hand) for out-year planning of vegetation treatments; and flagging future treatment areas.
• Mapping, inventory, and assessment of treatment needs for forest and woodland stands;
• Working with BLM fire crews to accomplish vegetation treatment projects;
• Assisting with the reforestation program by collecting tree seed and overseeing the planting of seedlings; and monitoring treatment effectiveness.
• Monitoring public woodcutting areas.
• Camping at a work site for several days may be required to meet project objectives.

Contract Timeline:
Duration: 26-week appointment beginning May 23, 2016, or upon availability and completion of a DOI Background Investigation; potential for extension pending funding and favorable performance review
Full time, 40 hours per week, up to 12 hours/day during 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., including weekends

Location:
1 position in Elko, NV.

Elko is a gold mining town with a population of approximately 18,297. The name Elko come from the Shoshoni language, and means “Rocks Piled on One Another.” The city of Elko sits at an elevation of 5,060 feet and straddles the Humboldt River. Elko is approximately 288 miles Northeast of Reno. Elko is well known for its National Basque Festival, yearly National Cowboy Poetry Gathering and stunning natural features like the Ruby Mountains and Lamoille Canyon. It is home to Great Basin College and the National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office serving most of northern and central Nevada.

Compensation and Benefits:
Rate of Pay: $15.00/hour

Job Qualifications:
• Bachelor’s degree in Forestry, Botany or other related natural science field, with coursework and/or experience that demonstrate understanding of the principles of forestry and woodland management;
• Knowledge of the forest and woodland ecoregions typical of the Great Basin, including common plants (woody and herbaceous), wildlife, and/or geology/topography, desirable;
• Ability to understand, implement and adhere to established data collection, inventory, assessment, and monitoring protocols;
• Capacity to collect and maintain field data in an organized manner that is easily understood and accessible to other resources staff (GBI or BLM);
• Ability to communicate effectively, both written and orally, with a diverse audience;
• Experience using ArcGIS to create maps;
• Ability to navigate and collect data using handheld GPS units;
• Experience utilizing a compass and topographic map to navigate;
• Possess a clean, valid, state-issued driver’s license with ability to safely operate and maintain a 4WD vehicle on and off paved roads;
• Ability to live and work in rural and remote field and office setting;
• Physically fit to work outdoors, carry up to 50 pounds of personal and/or field equipment, and withstand the rigors of a forested and/or high desert environment in all seasons.

• Willingness and ability to camp in remote, primitive sites for several consecutive days.

• Successful applicants must complete a Department of Interior (DOI) Background Investigation (BI). Applicants who already possess a favorably adjudicated BI should highlight that in their cover letter.