NR Tech (Wildlife)

Job ID: 4963
Location: St. Paul
Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Job Details

Job Class: NR Technician - Wildlife

Working Title: SNA Technician

Who May Apply: Open to all qualified applicants
Date Posted: 04/29/2016
Closing Date: 05/04/2016
Hiring Agency/Seniority Unit: Department of Natural Resources
Division/Unit: Ecological and Water Resources
Work Shift/Work Hours: Day Shift-7:00a-5:30p
Days of Work: Monday - Thursday
Travel Required: Yes
Salary Range: $17.93 - $25.26/hourly; $37,438 - $52,743/annually
Classified Status: Classified
Bargaining Unit/Union: 214–Professional/MAPE
Work Area: St. Paul

Job Summary
This position will provide technical and para-professional support in carrying out natural resource management and development activities on private and public lands administered by the Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA) Program.

Job duties include:

Provide technical and operational support in the restoration, maintenance and enhancement of prairie, forest and wetland natural communities.

Develop and maintain public use facilities such as parking lots, roads, signs, gates and fences.

Conduct assigned natural resource management tasks on specified Central Region Scientific and Natural Areas, Native Prairie Bank, Conservation Easements, and other lands administered by the SNA Program.

Direct the work of laborers, volunteers, temporary crews in the operation and repair of equipment.

Collaborate in administration of management and program records.

Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications:

Associates Degree in Wildlife or related field.

Knowledge of the principles and practices of ecology, botany, and native plant community restoration.

Technical experience and skills in natural resource management and restoration.

Ability to understand and interpret biological data.
Ability to identify common native and non-native plants.

Knowledge of invasive species identification and control.

Familiarity with common farming practices.

Ability to interpret aerial photos, create field maps, and maintain field notes.

Experience with tools and equipment (e.g., chain saws, brush blades, tractors, skid-steers or tracked loaders, ATVs, trucks and trailers, GPS, compass, canoes, boats, seeders, chemical sprayers, mowers, etc).

Ability to understand and effectively use computer hardware and software for digital data management, GIS applications, programs for word processing, and spreadsheets, Ability to do physically demanding work, often in adverse weather and environmental conditions.

Oral communication skills sufficient to inform public and provide general information on DNR regulations, management, and policies.

Ability to direct the work of others.

***Position requires a Class A license, passing a pre-employment drug screen and participation in the DNR ongoing random screening program. Qualified applicants who do not have a valid Class A will be allowed up to 6 months to acquire one, as a condition of employment.***

Preferred Qualifications:

Class A license.
Knowledge of land protection methods and conservation strategies.

Certified as a prescribed fire burn boss per departmental procedures and policy.

Knowledge and experience with GIS, particularly ArcMap.

Physical Requirements:

Requires lifting objects in excess of 100 pounds with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects such as 50-pound bags. This job also may require walking or standing to a significant degree on rough terrain or may involve sitting most of the time with pushing and pulling of arm and/or leg controls. This job will require strenuous manual labor including but not limited to digging, shoveling, hauling, crawling, bending, pushing, pulling and climbing.

Additional Requirements:

It is policy of the Department of the Natural Resources that those offered employment submit to a background check prior to employment. All job offers are contingent upon passing the following components:

1. Criminal history check

2. Driver's license history

3. Reference checks

This position requires and unrestricted Class A Driver's License with a clear driving record.

Application Details
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How to Apply

Click “Apply” at the bottom of this page and submit an application and resume that clearly describes how you meet the qualifications listed above. If you are unable to apply online, please contact the job information line at 651.259.3637.

For additional information about the application process, go to http://www.mn.gov/careers.

Contact

If you have questions about the position, contact Liz Harper at elizabeth.harper@state.mn.us or 651.259.5764

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