Summer field position - vegetation monitoring – Pennsylvania

**Employer:** PennState College of Agriculture Science, Department of Ecosystem Science and Management

Summer 2016 (Monday, May 16 – Friday, August 19)

The Deer-Forest Study ([http://ecosystems.psu.edu/deer](http://ecosystems.psu.edu/deer)) is a research project investigating the effects of soils, competing vegetation, and deer browsing of forest vegetation conditions. We are hiring 10 field techs to assist with data collection this summer. Primary duties include inventorying vegetation on permanent plots across 3 different state forests in Pennsylvania. We provide vehicles for work duties and housing assistance.

**Location:** Susquehannock, Rothrock, and Bald Eagle State Forests. Six positions will be based out of State College, PA and 4 positions in Coudersport, PA

*Pay*: 40 hrs/week at $11/hr. Field vehicle and housing assistance also provided.

*Duties:* Find and monument permanent forest inventory plots using GPS and other tools; identify and quantify the size and abundance of overstory and understory plants on permanent plots; and collect, record and archive data.

*Key qualifications:* At least two years toward a natural resources baccalaureate degree; demonstrated plant identification skills (as evidenced by a course in plant ID, such as dendrology, and/or field experience collecting vegetation data); ability to work independently and reliably without direct supervision in challenging field conditions; and possession of a valid driver’s license.

*Questions:* Contact Danielle Begley-Miller at dfb5098@psu.edu.

**Application deadline:** Applications reviewed as received.

*To apply:* Send a letter, résumé, transcripts, and contact information for three references (via email preferred). At least one reference should be able to comment on your plant identification skills:

Email applications to:

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