

Biological Technician Crew Lead (Summer 2023)

Organization: USDA-ARS
Job title: Biological Science Technician
Series/Grade: GS-0404-05/06/07
Start Date: April 10, 2023 (some flexibility)
End Date: August or September 2023
Location: Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, Burns OR
Number of Positions: one



Duties:

Crew lead will work with Ecologists and Range Technicians while overseeing work done by Biological Technicians. Fieldwork is focused on ecological studies with emphasis on annual grass invasion and community response to preemergent herbicide. Crew lead will coordinate day-to-day field work for a crew of 4-5. They will ensure all necessary supplies are ready for data collection, multi-day camping trips, and will provide daily check-in via cell phone or GPS. Crew lead will delegate tasks to the crew such as: locating and loading supplies, filling water jugs, fueling trucks, organizing completed datasheets in the field, making copies of datasheets upon return to the station, etc. Other tasks include data entry, quality control data, maintaining daily records of work completed. Familiarity with sagebrush ecosystem preferred.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in range, biology, or other natural resources field
- Strong communication skills
- Experience collecting field data in adverse weather conditions (hot and cold)
- Vegetation sampling with Daubenmire frames
- Able to hike over rugged and steep terrain
- Experience navigating with GPS
- Ability to kneel/squat for extended periods to collect data and able to lift 40 pounds
- Experience working and driving in rugged, remote areas
- Ability to organize and maintain datasheets in the field
- Must have a valid state motor vehicle operator's license and be able to operate an F-250
- Must be at least 16 years of age and a US citizen

Preference will be given to candidate with the following experience:

- Master's degree or pursuing a degree in a natural resources field
- Experience managing a crew
- Knowledge of sagebrush steppe plant community
- Background working/living in remote areas

Salary and Housing: \$17.30 to \$21.44 per hour depending on experience and/or education. Workweek is typically 40 hours, Monday-Thursday. Housing may be provided at no cost, depending on availability. When staying overnight in the field, a per-diem will be provided for food costs.

To Apply: Send an email with "2023 Crew Lead" in the title to christie.guetling@oregonstate.edu by **January 18, 2023**. **Email should include: cover letter, resume, references, and college transcripts** (unofficial). List any pertinent classes in rangeland science, botany, soils, wildlife, natural resources, etc.

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