Botany/Riparian Ecology Jobs

**Position Title:** Biological Technician (Plants) or Biological Technician (General)

**Agency/Location:** U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Logan, UT. All field work is done in Idaho, Montana, Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington, and Northern Nevada.

**Responsibilities:** Riparian vegetation data collection, which includes extensive plant identification. These data will be used to determine the condition of riparian areas. You will learn a variety of sampling techniques and how to identify many riparian plant species, including: sedges, grasses, forbs, willows, and other woody plants.

**Qualifications:**
1. Must have at least one plant taxonomy course and experience identifying plants using dichotomous keys (such as the *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* by Hitchcock and Cronquist).
2. Outdoor/field experience collecting vegetation data.
3. A positive attitude and a willingness to learn.
4. Able to camp for eight day periods of time in remote settings and to backpack extended distances with a 40lb. back pack.

**Salary (2013 Values):** Depending upon your qualifications, the job grade and corresponding pay range are: GS-03 ($11.95/hour), GS-04 ($13.41/hour), and GS-05 ($15.00/hour). In addition, employees receive a daily travel per diem of $24 for each work day ($192 every pay period).

**Housing (subject to change):** Basic housing is provided at a fee of $3/day, automatically subtracted from per diem. You will be based out of one of three bunkhouses: Ukiah, Oregon, St. Regis, Montana, or Leadore, Idaho. These buildings are property of the U.S. Government for seasonal use. Household supplies (e.g. furniture, microwave, cookware, etc.) are not necessarily provided. We attempt to accommodate technician preferences for particular locations, although the possibility of moving between stations during the field season is high due to sampling priorities.

**Closing Application Date:** The hiring process will begin in January and continue until positions are filled or until the field season starts in May. It is highly recommended that applications be submitted by March 1, 2013. **It is very important to fill out your application completely and correctly the first time; you may not get a second chance.**

**Start Date:** Monday May 20\textsuperscript{st}, 2013 (not flexible).

**End Date:** Mid-September 2013 (depending on work load; flexible for students).

**Contact:** For more information, job announcement numbers, and how to apply, visit our website. The web page will cover the job description in detail and additional opportunities after the field season is completed.

Please read our website thoroughly!!
http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/fishecology/emp/employment/employment.html

Please send cover letter, resume, official transcripts (or a copy of an official transcript), and references via email to:

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Do not send paper application materials through snail mail.