

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

## SEASONAL POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** Forestry Technicians with Specialties in Resource Inventory

**LOCATIONS:** Durango, Ft. Collins, Golden, Grand Junction, Montrose, Canon City, Steamboat Springs, and Sheridan, Wyoming. Please denote and rank location preference in the first line of your resume.

**HOUSING:** Housing is not provided, but assistance may be available to help find accommodations. Crews will be in travel status for much of the field season, but need to have lodging near their base of operations.

**HOURLY PAY RATE:** \$13.25-14.50 per hour Depending on experience. Overtime cap of 5 hours/pay period.

**EMPLOYMENT DATES:** Applicant must be available to work through mid-fall. Positions filled through this recruitment notice will generally not exceed six months, with a possibility to extend to nine months.

Expected dates of employment are from approximately May 25, 2015 through the end of October 2015 depending on the position. Actual length of employment is dependent on workload, weather, and a variety of other factors.

**CLOSING DATE:** Applications will be considered until the positions are filled, however materials should be received before 4:30pm, **April 15, 2015** for full consideration.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Conducts ecological field inventory as part of a two-three person crew. Locates field plots by interpreting maps and aerial photos, running compass lines, chaining/pacing distances, and using GPS equipment. Measures and records field data on the physical characteristics of the sample area and sample trees. Duties are primarily mensuration oriented, although the incumbent may be asked to perform a variety of field measurements including, but not limited to, those involving accounting, administration, vegetation diversity, lichen diversity, ozone monitoring and soil, erosion data collection.

Fieldwork often involves long hikes, steep terrain, inclement weather conditions and overnight camping in remote areas. A substantial amount of equipment and personal gear is carried to all plots by backpack which can weigh up to and more than 35 pounds. Applicants should be comfortable traveling on horseback and ATV, as this may occasionally be necessary.

While traveling, field crews live in hotels or camp out and change locations frequently. Usually the work schedule is Monday thru Friday, but working weekends may sometimes be necessary. The hours of work vary greatly, but average about nine hours a day. Because of crew logistics and travel it is frequently difficult to take days off during the week. It is difficult to predict where crews will be located on a particular

date due to variations in the planned travel schedule caused by weather, access difficulties, and the generally unpredictable nature of the work.

Data collection equipment and transportation is provided to and from the work sites; in addition, government transportation is available for necessities such as meals, laundry, and worship services while in travel status. It may be necessary to limit the number of personal vehicles allowed in the field.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Possession of or working towards a degree in Forestry or related field (biology, botany, geology, natural/cultural resources, et cetera).
- Ability to provide, upon hire, sturdy hiking boots, personal rain gear, tent, sleeping bag, and all other necessary camping, hiking, and outdoor gear. Data collection equipment will be provided by the employer.
- Extensive overnight travel is required for a significant portion of every year for this position. Applicants must have the ability and willingness to travel for extended periods of time, work long and irregular hours, evenings, and weekends.
- Ability to safely operate 4-wheel drive vehicles, forestry machinery and tools
- Ability and desire to perform strenuous outdoor work in a variety of weather conditions.
- Completion of a dendrology/taxonomy course, and be familiar with the identification of Western tree species.
- Successful applicants must have a valid Colorado driver's license or ability to acquire one upon employment, and have the ability to operate a vehicle in a safe and courteous manner both on and off the highway.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Experience using GPS units to collect field data.
- Relatable experience with maps, compasses, and aerial photos; and be capable using them for wilderness navigation, and point location.
- Comprehension of basic field forestry skills (cruising and timber marking).
- General safety (CPR/First-aid) and wilderness safety training and experience.

**TO APPLY:**

Please send the following to Casey Harrison by e-mail (preferred) or the address listed below:

1. Cover letter stating interest for the position and identifying skills/experience relating to the position duties and responsibilities described above.
2. Professional resume
3. At least three professional references with current contact information (previous supervisors preferred)
4. College Transcripts (unofficial copies accepted)

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For questions regarding these positions, please contact **Casey Harrison at (970) 249-9051 ext. 127** or [casey.harrison@colostate.edu](mailto:casey.harrison@colostate.edu)

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