

SPRING FIELD CREW POSITIONS IN EASTERN WASHINGTON

A **field crew position** is available as part of the multi-agency Fires@ALE project evaluating the effects of multiple wildfires on sagebrush-steppe in eastern Washington. The project is a collaboration between the University of Washington, The Nature Conservancy, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Fieldwork will take place in and around the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve (Hanford Reach National Monument, WA). Crews will be in the field for extended periods (up to 10 consecutive days); housing and food will be provided while in the field. The position is best suited to a mature, upper-level undergraduate or recent graduate who is considering advanced study or professional work in plant ecology or range management.

Specific duties include:

- Relocate permanent vegetation monitoring plots, and rephotograph photopoints
- Collect vegetation cover and plant density data using established methodologies
- Input data into database and perform quality assurance
- Plant identification using botanical keys and preparation of herbarium specimens
- Assist with day-to-day field logistics

Qualifications:

- Previous experience in standard vegetation sampling techniques, familiarity with basic surveying tools (compass, clinometer, GPS unit), and coursework or experience in range ecology, fire ecology, or a related field
- Good physical condition, and able to work long hours in variable weather
- Washington state drivers license and experience driving off-road
- Neat and legible handwriting
- Able to work and live cooperatively with others
- Familiarity with the flora of sagebrush-steppe systems is desirable

Salary: \$12-14/hour, depending upon experience and qualifications

Duration: April 1 through June 30, 2010

Review of applications will begin March 10, 2010 and continue until position is filled.

To apply, send the following materials (contact details below):

- a one-page, hand-written cover letter describing qualifications, dates of availability, and contact details for two references knowledgeable about your work ethic and experience
- a typewritten resume
- copies of college transcripts or professional work products

For more information, please contact either:

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or visit the project website: <http://depts.washington.edu/firesale>