SPRING FIELD MONITORING LEADS
PUGET SOUND PRAIRIES

The University of Washington is advertising for two positions to assist with vegetation monitoring in the prairies of western Washington. The primary focus will be a large project examining restoration techniques in degraded prairie at multiple sites near Olympia (South Puget Sound) and Coupeville (North Puget Sound). There may also be opportunities to participate in projects examining companion planting with golden paintbrush, effects of prescribed burns on vegetation, and seedling establishment in native prairie. Projects are collaborations with multiple agencies, including the Center for Natural Lands Management, The Nature Conservancy, Pacific Rim Institute, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These positions are best suited to mature, upper-level undergraduates, current graduate students, or recent graduates who are considering advanced study or professional work in plant ecology, restoration ecology, or range management.

Specific duties include:
- Relocate permanent vegetation monitoring plots, and re-photograph photopoints
- Lead vegetation monitoring (cover, plant density) using established methodologies
- Identify plants to species using botanical keys, and prepare herbarium specimens
- Assist with day-to-day field logistics
- Input data into database and perform quality assurance

Qualifications:
- Experience in standard vegetation sampling techniques, familiarity with basic surveying tools
- Two years of college credits with a focus on restoration ecology, fire ecology, botany, or a related field, or two years of relevant work experience
- Good physical condition, and able to work long hours in variable weather
- Valid driver's license
- Detail-oriented
- Neat and legible handwriting
- Able to work cooperatively with others
- Familiarity with the flora of Puget Sound prairies of Washington is desirable

Salary: $12.50 / hour
Duration: Approximately 10 weeks with some part time weeks - April 18 through June 30, 2012
Location: Much of the field work is in South Puget Sound, so the positions will be based in Olympia. Travel to field sites in South Puget Sound is the responsibility of the applicant. For field work in North Puget Sound, lodging/camping will be provided and travel (mileage, food) will be reimbursed.

To apply, send the following materials electronically to Eric Delvin at the address below:
- One-page, hand-written cover letter (scanned) describing qualifications, specific dates of availability, and contact information for two references knowledgeable about your work ethic and relevant experience
- Computer-generated resume

Applications will be reviewed beginning April 4th. For more information, please contact either:
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