Wetland Vegetation Monitoring Technician
State of Montana - Helena, MT

Working towards the agency’s mission to protect, sustain, and improve a clean and healthful environment to benefit present and future generations, this position is a Wetland Vegetation Monitoring Specialist. Responsibilities of this position include: 1) Leading collection and compiling of wetland monitoring data for particular projects; 2) Assisting in developing daily field work schedules; and 3) Entering data and QAQC.

Monitoring and Assessment of Wetlands

- Leads collection of wetland ecological integrity and functional assessments. Responsibilities include the botany portions of wetland ecological integrity and functional assessments.
- Ensures completeness and accuracy of wetland assessments.
- Ensures water quality samples are properly collected, labeled, and stored.
- Organizes and maintains the program's monitoring equipment and supplies. Responsibilities include inventorying, calibrating, troubleshooting, and cleaning field equipment.
- May also guide field technicians to assist this position with these responsibilities.

Assists with Daily Field Work Schedules

- Assist in planning daily schedule for conducting wetland assessments.
- Ensure all field forms and equipment are prepared for daily work.
- Contact private landowners day before confirming access to properties
- May also guide field technicians to assist this position with these responsibilities.

This position is temporary and is expected to work from mid May through early October.

In your cover letter, please describe how your knowledge, skills, and abilities with Montana flora have prepared you for working in this position.

Qualifications

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (Behaviors):
- Knowledge of Central and Eastern Montana flora.
- Ability to use Geographic Information Systems software for map making.
- Ability to interpretation aerial photography and topographic maps.
- Ability to navigate using GPS in the field.
- Ability to communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to operate a personal computer and general office equipment as necessary to complete the essential functions, including using spreadsheets, word processing, database, email and other computer programs.

Preferred:
- Knowledge of soil sampling and soil taxonomy.

Education and Experience:
- Bachelor’s degree (advanced preferred) in Botany, Biology, Aquatic Ecology, Ecology, or a closely related field.
- Three field seasons of job related experience in conducting field assessments with at least one as a crew lead.
- Experience with botanical species identification and sampling techniques.
- Experience working in wetlands and knowledge of wetland ecology.
- Other combinations of job related education and experience may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
This position is required to travel extensively (at least 15 days per month) from the beginning of June through the middle of September. Field work involves long hours hiking on uneven ground, steep slopes, and wading in wetlands and streams in waders or hip boots to gather samples and to carry heavy equipment and samples in these conditions.

Applicant Pool Statement: If another department vacancy occurs in this job title within six months, the same applicant pool may be used for the selection. Training Assignment: Not Applicable
Job: Environmental Sciences
Salary: $13.48 - 17.00 Hourly
Benefits Package Eligibility: Paid Leave & Holidays, Retirement Plan
Number of Openings: 1
Employee Status: Temp (less than 6 mos)
Schedule: Full-Time
Shift: Day
Job Travel: Yes, 75% of the Time
Primary Location: Helena

Agency: Department of Environmental Quality
Union: 000 - None
Bargaining Unit: 000 - None
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Closing Date: Apr 21, 2015, 12:59:00 AM
Additional Application Materials Required to Apply: Cover Letter, Resume
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