

## **Outreach Notice – 180 Day Seasonal Biological Science Technician Positions**

**GG-404-5 Field Technicians** Salary: \$16.90 per hour **Vacancy # SRFS-21-005 ASPEN Project**

**Duration of job:** June 21st through approximately August 28th

**Type of appointment:** Temporary - Fulltime, with possible periods of PT or Intermittent work.

**Duty Station:** Boise, ID

**Must have 9 months of field survey experience OR 3 years Sub-professional work OR 3 years of college with courses related to the field of work plus 3 months of field or lab experience.** Desired candidate will have experience in all of the following: 1) using vegetation sampling methods and protocols; 2) identifying aspen and sagebrush community grasses, forbs, and shrubs to the species level; 3) using maps and GPS to navigate to remote field locations; 5) using technical equipment (including GPS, GIS, personal computer, and digital camera); and 6) field-related organization and communication skills. The ideal candidate will also have at least three months sampling plant communities, preferably with experience sampling plant species in aspen and/or sagebrush ecosystems.

**DUTIES (specific): As a Biological Science Technician Field Assistant with the U.S. Geological Survey, some of your specific duties will include:**

Under the oversight of a crew lead, technician will follow a sampling protocol to collect vegetation data using several methods; Identifying aspen and sagebrush community plants to species and collecting fuels/biomass samples; Measuring tree characteristics (e.g. height, diameter, disturbance) and sagebrush characteristics (e.g., canopy cover, height and density); Recording environmental data and GPS points; Managing data entry and associated quality control; Driving on poor and sometimes muddy 4WD roads. **Physical Demands:** Work is physically demanding and includes walking, bending, standing, and lifting of equipment up to 40 pounds when in the field, sometimes during adverse conditions. **Work Environment:** The work is part of a USGS project that is investigating the vulnerability of low elevation aspen forests to climate change, altered fire regimes, and non-native species invasion across the northern Great Basin. The technician will serve in a 2-4 person field crew, and field work will involve moderate or sometimes extreme exposure to the discomforts of rain and cold/hot temperatures. Field trips will often require extensive driving, and may include extended periods of backcountry camping with extensive stays (up to 7 nights per trip) in remote locations. Some amount of laboratory time may also be required. Travel expenses will be paid by the project at camp rate per diem. If selected, you will be required to complete a pre-employment physical and either have current First Aid/CPR certifications or be willing to become certified prior to employment.

**Taking and passing a Pre-Employment physical and background check at government expense is required for this job.**

All applicants must apply by following the instructions in the job announcement at the following website **OR** you may apply directly to the USGS contact information below. Make sure to indicate the Job # in your application.

**Opens** 02/01/2021 **Closes** 02/12/2021

**IDAHO WORKS:** [https://idahoworks.gov/ada/r/job\\_seeker](https://idahoworks.gov/ada/r/job_seeker)

**Posting #** 1420072

**Agency Job #** SRFS-21-005

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For more information please contact: Doug Shinneman, Research Fire Ecologist, 208-426-5206, [dshinneman@usgs.gov](mailto:dshinneman@usgs.gov)

For application questions and to submit applications directly

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