Resource Foreman – Forest Health
Temporary Classification

Department of Lands

Open for Recruitment: Feb 1, 2022 – Feb 21, 2022

Salary Range: $15.00 - $17.00 Hourly Plus Competitive Benefits!

Location: Coeur d'Alene

Job Type: Full-Time, Temporary

The Idaho Department of Lands Forest Health Program is seeking a full time seasonal moth trapper for the 2022 field season. This person will deploy and retrieve thousands of pheromone-baited sticky traps for Lymantria dispar moth (formerly known as gypsy moth) and Douglas-fir tussock moth across northern Idaho. Trapping for these programs is critical for predicting insect damage to forests and for protecting Idaho forests from invasive insects. Trap sites will primarily be reached by vehicle with some off-trail hiking necessary. This is a benefitted 6-month position running from approximately mid-April through mid-October and requires a commitment for the full duration of the field season. This recruitment will be used to fill this current opening only.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- **Lymantria dispar moth trapping** - make traps, use ArcGIS Collector/Field Maps to navigate and enter data. Deploy, check, and collect traps. Mostly urban sites across the northern half of the state. Most trap sites are located close to roads.
- **Douglas-fir tussock moth trapping** - make traps, deploy and pick up traps. Use ArcGIS Collector/Field Maps to navigate and enter data. Conduct larval (caterpillar) surveys, cocoon surveys, and egg mass surveys. Identify and count moths in traps, record data and communicate with supervisor.
- Other trapping or survey efforts as needed, may have to travel to check other types of insect traps or survey damaged areas.
- Communicate with landowners to obtain trapping access.
- Organize, clean, maintain archive room, lab equipment, and field vehicles.
- Inventory and manage field supplies.
- Assist with field days and trainings, organize and prepare samples and materials.
- Ground check aerial survey damage area polygons.
- Data entry and proofing.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Valid driver’s license.
- Ability to commit to duration of field season (mid-April through mid-October).
- Ability to work alone, some hiking in steep terrain is likely.
- Ability to work effectively without daily direction, think critically, and troubleshoot in the field.
- Ability to independently prepare for field work and manage your own schedule.
DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- One season of field experience or 2 years of college education in a natural resources-related field.
- Ability to use GIS programs like Arc Collector or Field Maps on tablets/phone to navigate and record data.
- Learn to identify different insects and document and report findings.
- 4 wheel driving experience.

Additional Information:

This position will be based out of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho but will travel throughout northern Idaho. When overnight travel is required, a daily per diem will be provided and hotel expenses will be covered. Local housing in Coeur d'Alene is not provided. Medical, Dental, Vision, and Retirement benefits are included with this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Email your resume and a cover letter to Erika Eidson, Forest Health Specialist, at eeidson@idl.idaho.gov, or mail application materials to Idaho Department of Lands, 3284 W. Industrial Loop, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815, Attn: Erika Eidson. Please include your dates of availability in your application.