

Biological Science Aide

Job title: Biological Science Aide
Series/Grade: GS-0404-03/04
Start Date: 29 March 2020
Position Length: 6 months
Location: Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
Number of Positions: three



Duties:

Aide will work with Ecologists and Range Technicians. Fieldwork is based in ecological studies with emphasis on revegetation of sagebrush steppe plant communities. Topics of study include: determining attributes of high quality seed, studying the long-term effects of grazing, using buds as a restoration technology and reducing early herbivory of seedlings. Responsibilities are to assist in the collection of field and laboratory data. Fieldwork takes up about 75% of the position responsibilities. Laboratory work consists of biomass separation and weighing, insect identification, seed quality assessment, data entry and photographic analysis.

Requirements: Undergraduate studies in range, soils, wildlife, or other natural resource fields preferred; those with related experience or education will be considered. Must be able to lift objects that weigh up to 50 pounds and kneel/squat for extended periods of time for sample collection. Must have a valid state motor vehicle operator's license and be able to operate motor vehicles. Must be able to work in adverse weather conditions (both heat and cold). Must be able to hike over rugged and steep terrain. Must be at least 16 years of age. Must be a citizen of the United States of America.

GS-3: 6 months of general experience, which demonstrates the ability to perform the work of the position; OR Successful completion of 1 year of post-high school study that included at least 6 semester hours in any combination of scientific or technical courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics.

GS-4: 6 months of general AND 6 months of specialized experience; OR successful completion of 2 years of post-high school study that included at least 12 semester hours in any combination of courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture or mathematics of which 6 semester hours of courses relate directly to the duties of the position (plant biology, range/ecology, or natural resource management).

General experience: must have demonstrated the ability to perform the work of the position or provided a familiarity with the subject matter.

Specialized experience: must have been at least equivalent to the GS-03 grade level in the Federal Service.

Salary: \$13.32 to \$14.95 per hour depending on experience and/or education. Workweek is typically 40 hours but some longer weeks will be expected. Housing potentially provided.



To Apply: Send an email with "Biological Science Aide" in the title to elsie.denton@usda.gov by 22 Jan 2020. Email should include: cover letter, one page resume, and college transcripts. List any pertinent classes in rangeland science, botany, soils, wildlife, natural resources, etc.

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