OUTREACH NOTICE
FIELD ASSISTANT POSITION
TEMPORARY, NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS
Biological Science Technician

The purpose of this outreach notice is to notify eligible candidates of upcoming opportunities.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS), Western Ecological Research Center will soon be filling a few 180 Day Field Assistant, Biological Science Technician positions with a starting salary of $36,118 PA.

Details about the Field Assistant position can be found below. This position is located Arcata, CA.

About the Position

Technical work in a laboratory or field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities or analysis of biological data collection activities or analysis of biological samples. Performs one or more of the following duties:

- Collects biological, botany, fisheries, or wildlife data from study files or monitoring stations.
- Performs laboratory analysis of biological samples to determine specific chemical, biological, or physical characteristics.
- Operates a government motor vehicle as an incidental driver.

These positions will be open to applicants who meet all the requirements of the position.

Work Schedule: Full Time/Maxi flex

Desirable skills and knowledge include:

- Collect field data for long term forest research projects in Redwood National Park, with some travel to other parks in northern California and southern Oregon
- Measure forest trees, including tree mapping
- Gain knowledge and experience in ecological research, identifying trees, forest pathology, and mapping trees
- Assist with a diversity of related research projects, including fire effects
- If you enjoy working/camping outdoors, are pursuing work in a botany or plant ecology research profession, and desire to be part of a research group providing science for conservation and land management in a rapidly changing ecoregion, please apply!
• Must poses a valid driver’s license

The Field Assistant Authority

The Field Assistant hiring authority is a special excepted service appointing authority specifically granted to the Department of the Interior to fill technician positions performing work in the field or in a laboratory setting to meet temporary or seasonal workload needs. This authority is a great way to fill positions involving short-term field work. This authority cannot be used to fill positions such as those in the trades, crafts, or clerical fields. Employment under this authority may not exceed 180 working days in a service year. Here are some key provisions of the Field Assistant Authority.

Please view link below for additional information and fact sheet about the Field Assistants authority: https://d9-wret.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/assets/palladium/production/s3fs-public/atoms/files/FactSheetFieldAsstAppt.pdf

How to Apply: This outreach notice does not constitute an open announcement.

Individuals will need to send application documents to werchr@usgs.gov, between 8am PST 12/19/22 and 4pm PST 12/30/22

• Cover letter describing interest and qualifications
• Resume with related experience, full start and finish dates ie xx/xx/xx, hours worked per week per position, ie 40 hours per week, please do not provide a range (20-40). Use your best judgement to estimate hours worked per week. Your complete and up to date contact information
• Unofficial Transcripts
• Include announcement number 41-23-01 GG-0404-05

For further information on how to format your resume please go to https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/faq/application/documents/resume/what-to-include/