

Job Details:

Title: Biological Science Technician (Plants) **Hourly Rate:** GS-3/GS-4/GS-5/GS-6/GS-7
Series: GS- 0404 **Apply By Date:** 2/21/2011
Grade: GS-3/GS-4 (Student Temporary Employment Program [STEP] positions only) or GS-5, GS-6 or GS-7 competitive through AVUE. See section below "To Apply".
Duties: Selected employees will be placed in either "Botany Crew" or "Weed Crew". Forest Service housing is subject to availability. First-aid, CPR, and field safety training are provided.

Weed Control Crew

GS-3: Biological Science Aid (Natural Resources) (May fill up to three positions) will work on manual and chemical invasive plant control and eradication. Duties will also include surveillance for invasive plants and assist in database management.

GS-4/5: (May fill up to three positions) will work on manual and chemical invasive plant control and eradication. Duties will also include surveillance for invasive plants and database management.

GS-6/7: (May fill up to two positions) This is a crewleader position, overseeing and participating in field work that mainly includes manual invasive plant control and eradication as well as conduct botanical surveys for threatened, endangered & sensitive (TES) plants & noxious weeds in project areas. Duties will also include surveillance for invasive plants and database management. There is minimal chemical eradication. The crewleader will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of field crews such as ensuring crews submit timesheets and travel vouchers, managing crew schedules, following safety protocols, training crews in field protocol, managing data entry, compiling data, analyzing data, and writing reports.

Botany Surveys & Monitoring

GS-5: (May fill up to one position) Duties will include fen assessment and inventory, meadow monitoring, TES monitoring, and vegetation community monitoring. Duties may also include development of monitoring plans, data entry, and analysis.

GS-6/7: (May fill up to three positions) for conducting botanical surveys for threatened, endangered & sensitive (TES) plants & noxious weeds in project areas.

GS-6/7: (May fill up to two positions) Duties will include fen assessment and inventory, meadow monitoring, TES monitoring, and vegetation community monitoring. Duties may also include development of monitoring plans, data entry, and analysis.

General Information: (ALL positions)

All positions require a valid state drivers license prior to employment and a U. S. government motor vehicle operators license once employed. Work will include hiking, four-wheel driving, bending and lifting. Positions will be filled based on experience, training, and knowledge. Qualified applicants from this announcement will be reviewed and considered continually throughout the 2011 field season. Summer housing may be available. Applicants are encouraged to apply by February 21, 2010.

Applicants should have knowledge or experience using standardized field survey protocols and data entry. The work can be physically demanding and may involve extensive daily hiking often in steep and uneven terrain. Qualified applicants will need to endure cold weather, snow, sun, heat,

mosquitoes, and long-hours (10 hour work day). Applicants should be comfortable using Microsoft Word, Excel, and have experience with data entry and data management. Experience with GIS and ArcMap a huge plus!

Field Season Dates = mid-May through October or June through August. Start and end dates are slightly flexible.

TO APPLY

Formal application will take place on-line using AVUE Digital Services. Applicants should first visit the federal USAJOBS website ([URL: http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/)) to view the formal announcement (search for announcement numbers GS-3: **OCRT-404-3-GENERAL-DT**, GS-4: **OCRT-404-4-PLANT-DT**, GS-5: **OCRT-404-5-PLANT-DT**, GS-6: **OCRT-404-6-PLANT-DT**, GS-7: **OCRT-404-7-PLANT-DT**) then follow the link to the "Vacancy Summary" in AVUE by selecting "How to Apply" in USAJOBS. Applicants must apply for each announcement number to be considered at the different GS levels. When applying in AVUE, make sure to select **SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, CA** as a "Preferred Location" under the "Applicant Information" section of the application.

Student applicants (GS-3/GS-4) please contact supervisor directly (see contact information below).

Applications must be submitted by 2/21/2011!

Job Location:

Forest: Lake Tahoe Basin Mgt Unit

District: Not Applicable

Location Other: **The Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit** is organized and administered as a national forest, but without ranger districts. Located at 35 College Drive in South Lake Tahoe, California.

The primary mission of the LTBMU is to restore and preserve the legendary clarity of Lake Tahoe (one of the world's deepest mountain lakes, at an average depth of more than 1,000 feet!), while providing year-round recreational opportunities on National Forest System lands for millions of visitors annually.

The LTBMU is located in the Sierra-Nevada Mountain Range, at 6,225 feet above sea level. The Lake Tahoe Basin is comfortable in the summer, with daytime temperatures averaging 80 degrees Fahrenheit and evenings turning cool and crisp. Afternoon thunderstorms are common in the summer, though their durations are usually on the order of only minutes to a few hours and do nothing to dampen the spirits of boaters, hikers, mountain-bikers, and picnickers. During the autumn, the brilliant yellow color of aspen leaves provides a wonderful contrast to the deep green color of the pines. Winters are cold, but below-zero temperatures at night are rare. Winter snowfall averages about 6-feet to 10-feet per year adjacent to the lake and over 30 feet per year on the spectacular mountain peaks that bound the Basin. Exceptional alpine and downhill skiing, snowboarding, telemarking and Nordic/cross-country skiing are enjoyed from November through April. The sun shines on the Basin more than 330 days every year.

City/State/Zip: South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Location: See Location Other

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