

2017 SEASONAL INVASIVE PLANT TECHNICIANS JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) is currently seeking one (1) invasive plant technician to complete a 5 person crew for work in the Elko, NV District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Located in Ely, Nevada, ENLC is a non-profit conservation organization comprised of public, private, and non-profit partners dedicated to the restoration of the Western ecosystems through collaborative teamwork.

Elko is located in the remote, northeastern corner of Nevada. The area has a unique blend of Northern Basin and Range and sage brush steppe attributes including beautiful expanses of sagebrush flats and many mountain ranges available for exploring and recreating. The rugged Ruby Mountains lie 20 miles to the southeast of Elko and offer unique hiking, backpacking, climbing, fishing and camping experiences. The city of Elko has a lively downtown area and hosts cultural events throughout the summer (including the International Basque festival, rodeos and the Ruby Mountain Relay).

INVASIVE PLANT TECHNICIAN DUTIES: Field crews will work with an experienced crew lead while assisting in inventory and management of invasive plants on public lands. Inventory duties include correctly identifying invasive plant species and infestations, surveying, recording and managing data. Invasive plant control will predominantly consist of herbicide application and manual control (hand pulling/hand tools). All technicians will be responsible for driving large, federal pick-ups (often towing trailers), operating ATVs and UTVs and hiking to treatment/inventory sites. Technicians are also required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Some PPE (neoprene gloves, etc) will be provided by the BLM, but closed-toed shoes and long pants must be provided by applicant. Technicians must be comfortable with truck camping in the backcountry for up to 4 days at a time and **MUST** be physically able to hike while wearing a 40 lb. backpack sprayer over rough and steep terrain.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Qualified applicants should have experience and/or education in invasive plant management, biological sciences, natural resources, plant identification or general plant taxonomy and the ability to follow directions and safety protocols. Applicants must be experienced with 4WD vehicles and should have a clean driving record for the past 3 years. Experience with utilizing GPS units and programs (Trimble units and ArcPad) and ATVs/UTVs is a plus. Preference is also given to applicants with mechanical skills and experience.

SALARY: \$14-16/hour, depending on experience (plus \$34/day per diem when camping)

SCHEDULE: Positions run from May 1st through the end of September and follow a 10-hour day/four-day work week. Crews will generally return to Elko in the evenings, though camping near a project site for 4 days at a time will be required for up to two pay periods.

Applicants should email a cover letter, resume, and the contact information for at least three references to Steph Frederick <mailto:sfrederick@envlc.org>. Materials will be accepted until position is filled. For more information, please visit our website (<http://www.envlc.org>) or email Steph. Please include "Invasive Plant Technician" in the email subject line.