



Invasive Plant Management Technician (Elko)

The Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) is hiring six (6) invasive plant field techs to work in the Elko District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). This project is funded through a cooperative agreement between the Elko District BLM and ENLC. The field techs will conduct noxious weed inventorying, monitoring, and chemical treatment (herbicide) activities. The crew will be based out of the Elko BLM Office and will work throughout the district. Much of the work will take place in remote locations in variable weather conditions. Some camping may be required but would be the exception. Housing for this position is not provided, however a housing stipend will be provided. The field techs will have to successfully pass the Nevada Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's certification.

Field Tech DUTIES

- Technicians will work with an experienced Crew Lead, assisting in inventory and management of invasive plants on public lands.
 - **Inventory** duties include correctly identifying invasive plant species and infestations, surveying and mapping found infestations utilizing GPS devices and mapping software, taking photo points, and managing data after returning from the field.
 - **Monitoring** duties include utilizing the protocols laid out in the national BLM's AIM (Assessment, Inventory, and Monitoring) program.
 - **Invasive Plant Control** duties will consist of herbicide application utilizing backpack sprayers and motorized equipment; manual control will consist of hand pulling and utilizing hand tools.
- Regular communication with BLM federal Employees
- Towing trailers with UTVs
- Occasional truck camping in the backcountry for up to 4 days at a time
- Development of knowledge and identification of invasive and noxious plants
- Ability to follow safety protocols such as:
 - Wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by the BLM (i.e. chemical resistant gloves and protective eyeglasses) when working with chemicals
 - Safely operating vehicles (i.e. UTVs and 4x4 federally owned vehicles) and equipment on rough two-track roads
 - Wearing helmets, required and provided by the BLM, when operating UTVs
 - Providing and wearing closed-toed shoes, long pants, and long sleeve shirts for all field work

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Experience and/or education is not required for these entry-level positions; however, applicants must be deemed responsible, willing to learn, and willing to perform physical labor under arduous conditions including long hours, summer heat, difficult terrain, and long drives to remote work sites. Experience with GPS units, 4WD vehicles, UTVs, and trailer towing is recommended. Applicants must pass a federal background check. Experience and/ or comfortability with extensive hiking while carrying a 40 lb. backpack sprayer over rough and steep terrain.

SALARY: \$18/ hour, \$75/week housing stipend, \$40/day per diem when camping

SCHEDULE: This position will run early May through late September or October, depending on weather. The crew will work 40-hour work weeks, 10 hours per day, Monday – Thursday with available overtime. Crew members are responsible for their own housing while working on this project.

About ENLC and the Elko, NV Area: The ENLC is headquartered in Ely, NV. We are a non-profit environmental conservation organization comprised of public, private, and non-profit partners dedicated to the restoration of the arid and semi-arid West through cooperative teamwork.

Elko is in the northeastern corner of Nevada and home to the Ruby Mountains. The area is nestled within the sagebrush steppes surrounded by other mountain ranges filled with alpine lakes, hot springs, and old stories of the West, providing great opportunities for hiking, backpacking, climbing, fishing, camping, and other recreational activities. The city of Elko also has a lively downtown area that hosts events throughout the summer including the International Basque Festival, the Ruby Mountain Balloon Festival, the Ruby Mountain Relay, and rodeos.

APPLICATION: Applicants should email a cover letter, resume and the contact information of three references under a single PDF file to Griffin Manzo at gmanzo@envlc.org with “**Invasive Plant Management Field Technician**” in the subject line. This position is open until filled and the applicant review and interview process will begin immediately. Visit <http://www.envlc.org/> for more information.