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Rydell and Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuges **Exotic Species Monitoring and Control Project**

Introduced non-native invasive plants are an increasing threat to the diversity of National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS) ecosystems around the country due to their aggressive nature and adaptability to a variety of environments. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is searching for 2 motivated individuals to work on the 2008 Exotic Species Monitoring and Control Project covering the Rydell and Glacial Ridge NWR's. Anyone interested in expanding their horizons with valuable work experience with dedicated Refuge staff in the beautiful setting of Northwest Minnesota is strongly encouraged to apply.

Description of Internship: Primary duties will include: locating and mapping infestations of exotic species; controlling the infestations with a combination of mechanical and chemical methods; attending training courses concerning data management, mapping, herbicide application and incorporating information into a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. Secondary duties include assisting with biological monitoring and collections, and aiding Refuge staff as needed.

Qualifications: Basic knowledge of biology and biological concepts. A familiarity with GPS, Arcview or ArcGIS programs is preferred, but not necessary. An enthusiasm for working with diverse groups of natural resource professionals, volunteers and youth workers is a must.

This is a Student Temporary Experience Program position with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled at least half-time at an accredited institution and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Applicants must have completed at least 2 years of coursework, which include at least 12 hours of scientific or technical courses (e.g. biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics), of which 6 hours must be directly related to the position.

Salary: \$13.18 per hour, free onsite housing may be available.

Tour of Duty: Starting on or about June 9 and extending 12 weeks. Workweek usually consists of eight-hour days, Monday-Friday from 8:00-4:30pm.

Deadline: March 30, 2009

Any inquiries and questions, or to send a resume, Contact:

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