

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE TECHNICIAN – Weed Technician

LOCATION: North Dakota State Park System, North Dakota (HQ – Bismarck, ND)

STARTING/ENDING DATES: May 4 – September 11, 2009 (flexible)

STATUS: 2 - Seasonal – fulltime positions available

COMPENSATION: \$15.00 per hour plus travel per-diem and lodging

CLOSING DATE: Postmarked by April 30, 2009

DESCRIPTION: The biological technician will be responsible for performing tasks associated with the maintenance of state parks natural resources to include but not limited to noxious weed and invasive species control, tree/shrub planting and maintenance, and noxious weed and invasive plant surveys.

DUTIES: Duties and responsibilities include but not limited to calibration of herbicide application equipment, safely applying herbicide spray mixtures to targeted vegetation, operating ATV's, pickups, tractors with spray delivery systems, backpack sprayers, operating chainsaws, and use of small hand tools for mechanical removal of noxious and invasive plant species. Technician will be required to attend training and safety sessions. Maintain detailed daily activity records and pesticide application records.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Working environments vary considerably in this occupation. Technicians will work in the outdoors in all weather conditions. Position requires travel to several state parks during the field season with overnight stays. Lifting requirements generally range up to 50 pounds but some types of work are more physically demanding. Hours of work also vary with no weekend work.

QUALIFICATIONS: Either be enrolled in college or have a degree in one of the following fields: natural resource management, wildlife biology, ecology, forestry, agriculture or related field of study. Relevant experience may be considered in place of education. ***Must have or the ability to obtain a commercial applicator's pesticide certification.***

REQUIREMENTS: Self-motivated with the ability to effectively apply knowledge and common sense to solve problems and or achieve work objectives. Knowledge of plant identification preferable. Ability to follow written and oral instructions. Ability to work without supervision on a daily basis. Ability to work outdoors in extreme hot, cold, rainy, and windy weather conditions. ***Must possess a valid Driver's License.*** Willingness to travel – with overnight stays.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Please include a resume or brief summary of work experience and submit with state application form #10950. <http://www.nd.gov/hrms/jobs/appforms.html>
Applicants claiming veteran preference must submit Form DD214 with the completed application and those applicants needing accommodation with the application and/or interview process should call ND Parks & Recreation at (701) 328-5370 or the North Dakota Job Service TDD 1-800-438-2513.

SEND APPLICATIONS via Email, Fax or mail to:

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