



United States Department of the Interior NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Theodore Roosevelt National Park
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Medora, North Dakota 58645



LOOKING FOR:

FEDERAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(STEP) Student Temporary Employment Program

Location: Theodore Roosevelt National Park- Medora, ND 58645

Biological Science Technician - GS-0404-05

DUTIES:

The primary duties of the employee will be to conduct vegetation sampling as part of a research project designed to link vegetation features with elk activity. Successful applicants will work as the team leader of a two-person sampling team (the employee and an intern) that will conduct intensive vegetation sampling between ~mid-June to late July (dictated by plant phenology). More specifically, employees will navigate (using GPS) to pre-determined locations (based on varying levels of use by elk) and establish sampling sites using established parameters. Data collection will include standardized frame sampling (using Daubenmire classes), shrub transects, and topographical measurements to describe the physical characteristics of the area. When not sampling vegetation for this project, employees will be involved with other aspects of the project such as proofing of data, data entry, and field logistics. Other duties may include weekly monitoring of marked elk, mapping of prairie dog towns, and sampling vegetation for other range monitoring projects. Employees will gain valuable experience in vegetation sampling protocols, study design considerations, data management skills, introduction to GIS, and other skills commonly associated with ecological research. Employees will be expected to routinely hike in rough terrain ~5-10 miles each day when in the field under varying climatic conditions. During the intensive field sampling period, the workweek will consist of four 10-hour days followed by 3 days off. Because of the strenuous nature of this work, applicants should be in excellent physical condition.

1. A complete **resume** that shows work experience. Include for each job the name, address, and phone number of your supervisor, the dates that you worked, your salary, and detailed description of work. All of this information helps determine your qualification and pay rate, so it is important to be thorough in providing the information. Include all volunteer experience!!! Volunteer experience counts as work experience.
2. A **transcript** from each institution of higher learning you have attended since graduating high school.
3. A **letter from the Dean** or head of department at your current college or university (on school letterhead) that states that you are enrolled in a degree seeking program for the upcoming year, in good standing, and what your anticipated graduation date will be.

Once employed, we will need a copy of your social security card (or a certified copy of your birth certificate) and your driver's license. You will be required to undergo a background investigation and fingerprint check as a Federal Employee. Housing in the park or area may be available.

Please submit your resume, transcripts, and letter from the Dean before February 28, 2009 to the address listed above with Attention: Human Resources at Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

****The National Park Service is an equal opportunity employer seeking a diverse workforce.****

General Park and area information may be found at www.nps.gov/thro. For more information about this job at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, contact Mike Oehler at 701-623-4730 x 3433.