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Sage-Grouse Initiative

Range and Wildlife Conservationist

Application Deadline: September 30, 2011

Location: Lander, Wyoming -- Anticipated Start Date: November 1, 2011

Overview: This position is part of a collaborative effort among the Popo Agie Conservation District (PACD), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Partners for Fish and Wildlife, and The Nature Conservancy to further the delivery of the NRCS Sage-Grouse Initiative. This position provides rangeland, biological/wildlife technical assistance for the Sage-Grouse Initiative and associated Farm Bill conservation programs to agriculture producers and landowners. This position will be an employee of the PACD with daily instruction and leadership provided by the NRCS District Conservationist. This is a three-year term position.

Duties:

- Provide technical assistance (range conservation and wildlife biology focus) and guidance to landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and others. Training will be provided by NRCS, IWJV, PACD and other local and state agencies.
- Coordinate the implementation and application of biological sciences within the conservation programs in cooperation with the local NRCS District Conservationist and others.
- Complete conservation plans and maps, contracts, applications and other required documentation for Farm Bill conservation programs (i.e., EQIP, WHIP, FRPP, GRP, CRP and WRP) requiring biological and rangeland science expertise in cooperation with the partners.
- Identify and develop training, seminars, and information/education outreach programs.
- Communicate program requirements, complete site visits to determine eligibility, and develop contracts/plans for applicants enrolling in USDA conservation programs or other state and local conservation programs for the protection, restoration and enhancement of sage-grouse habitat.
- Coordinate and participate in field work activities for sage-grouse habitat project implementation and work with agricultural producers.
- Provide quarterly updates to partners on progress and accomplishments.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with landowners and partner agencies.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse clientele.
- Knowledge of range science and wildlife ecology, including the knowledge and ability to develop prescribed grazing plans that include wildlife habitat management objectives.
- Able to obtain USDA Security Clearance and NRCS Conservation Planning certification.
- Excellent verbal/written communication and organizational skills.
- Valid driver's license.
- A general qualification guideline for this position is a Bachelor of Science degree in Rangeland Science and/or Wildlife Biology/Management from an accredited university with an emphasis on developing prescribed grazing systems and course work and/or experience on integrating wildlife management principles into the management systems.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel and Access, as well as GIS mapping software.
- Physical ability to: stand and walk for extended periods of time over rough terrain; lift and move material weighing up to 50 pounds; and work in all types of weather conditions.

Training and Experience Guideline: Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the applicant to possess the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Salary: \$49,672 per year + leave, health, and retirement benefits.

To Apply: Send a resume and three professional references with contact information.

Email: Send application materials to jerit@wyoming.com by September 30, 2011.