



## **Extension Range Specialist Faculty Position Available**

Extension Range Specialist, Assistant Professor

Starting Date: 1 July 2013

Minimum Salary: Competitive salary commensurate with experience and education, plus an excellent benefits package

Closing Date: Open until filled. Review of applications begins on 10 February 2013

The Department of Wildland Resources, Quinney College of Natural Resources at Utah State University (Logan campus; <http://www.cnr.usu.edu/wild>) seeks to fill a 12-month, full-time, tenure-track position for an Extension Range Specialist at the Assistant Professor level. Responsibilities will be approximately 70% Extension, 20% teaching, and 10% service. Anticipated start date is July 1, 2013.

We seek an individual who will conduct statewide Extension outreach education programs on current range management topics, conduct applied research in support of their Extension program, coordinate programs with Extension campus and county faculty (there are 29 counties in Utah), and collaborate with diverse stakeholders (private operators, government and non-government organizations, special interest groups). Examples of Extension and applied research topics include but are not limited to: livestock grazing, energy development and other activities impacting public and private rangelands, invasive plants, critical habitat for T&E and other wildlife species and competition with livestock, restoration of degraded rangelands, inventory and assessment methods, and collaborative and adaptive approaches to management. The ideal candidate should be able to communicate effectively with USU researchers and stakeholders, and their research and teaching efforts should complement existing departmental strengths. The successful applicant will teach one undergraduate or graduate course each year in the range-related curriculum. Potential courses include: Principles of Range Management, Vegetation and Habitat Management, and Wildland Plant Ecology and Identification. This individual is also expected to contribute to department, university, professional, and community service activities.

Minimum qualifications:

- An earned PhD in rangeland ecology/management or closely related field at the time of appointment.
- Ability to develop an effective Extension outreach informal education program.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct applied research.

Preferred qualifications:

- Post-doctoral experience.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in outreach or informal education in different settings, and to varied clientele.
- Knowledge of or experience with the Cooperative Extension system, and a strong desire to work in an Extension position.
- Experience in range management Extension education program design, implementation, and evaluation.
- Evidence of success in securing external funding.
- Knowledge of livestock production systems, and experience with livestock grazing on public and private rangelands in the western U.S.
- A background in plant ecology and identification/taxonomy.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team. Evidence of leadership and strengths in collaboration, cooperation, and coordination with others.
- Experience and/or training in conflict management.
- Experience using distance communications media and tools for education programs.
- Demonstrated skills in verbal, written, and interpersonal communication.
- Experience in teaching a range-related course in a university curriculum.
- Certified Professional in Range Management (through the Society for Range Management) or similar certification.

Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin 10 February 2013 and will continue until a suitable candidate is found. To apply, upload a maximum two-page cover letter addressing the required and preferred qualifications; a curriculum vitae; a one-page description of current and projected future extension (and applied research) program and goals; a one-page statement of teaching experience, interests, and ideas for fostering education in undergraduate and graduate students; and the names of four references with full contact information. Instructions for applying and uploading supporting documents are at the Job Opportunities link on the USU Human Resources homepage at <http://jobs.usu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=58315>. For further information, contact Chris Call, Search Committee Chair, at [chris.call@usu.edu](mailto:chris.call@usu.edu).

Additional Information: The Department of Wildland Resources at USU is one of three departments in the Quinney College of Natural Resources; others are the Watershed Sciences Department and the Environment and Society Department. The Department of Wildland Resources offers undergraduate degrees in Wildlife Science, Conservation and Restoration Ecology, Forestry, and Rangeland Resources, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Ecology, Wildlife Biology, Range Science, and Forestry. With approximately 180 undergraduate and 80 graduate students, the department has one of the largest

and most active education and graduate research programs at USU. The Department is widely recognized in both teaching and research addressing natural resource management and conservation for Utah, the Intermountain West, and national and international communities. Research and teaching sites near campus include a wide range of terrestrial biomes ranging from semi-desert steppe to alpine coniferous forest.

The Department of Wildland Resources is associated with the USU Ecology Center and the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, and enjoys strong collaborative links across the Logan campus with the Departments of Watershed Sciences, Environment and Society, Biology, Mathematics and Statistics, and Plants, Soils and Climate, among others. The Department also has active collaborations with Utah's USGS Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit (housed in the College), USDA National Wildlife Research Center Predator Research Field Station (housed in the Department), Jack H. Berryman Institute (housed in the department), Utah Divisions of Wildlife Resources and Forestry, Fire & State Lands, USDA Agricultural Research Service, and Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station laboratories. Additional information about the Department and the College can be found at <http://www.cnr.usu.edu/wild/>.

Founded in 1888 as Utah's land-grant university, USU's main campus in Logan has eight colleges and boasts a friendly, supportive faculty and campus environment. In addition to the Logan campus, USU provides academic resources and support to multiple regional campuses and education centers located throughout the state. Currently, the University hosts an enrollment of about 25,000 students, including 3,400 graduate students. Logan is a valley community of about 125,000 people nestled between the Wellsville Mountains and the Wasatch Range in northeastern Utah. In addition to providing access to extraordinary ecosystems for teaching and research programs, the many ski resorts, lakes, rivers, and mountains in the area make it one of the finest outdoor recreation environments in the nation. The city of Logan boasts a very low crime rate, low cost of living, fine restaurants, a farmer's market, summer arts festivals, and nationally known events, such as the annual Utah Festival Opera. The campus is 90 miles north of Salt Lake City. With views of a natural area reserve from campus, the pristine natural environment of the area makes Logan one of America's most desirable and affordable university towns (<http://www.tourcachevalley.com/>).

Utah State University is a Carnegie doctoral-extensive (Research I) institution, and an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The university is dedicated to recruiting outstanding candidates from a diverse pool including women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities. USU offers competitive salaries and outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (see <http://www.usu.edu/hr> for details).