

Position Available: Botanist

Habitat Restoration & Wildlife Protection Services, LLC (HRWP) is a full service environmental consulting company specializing in restoration and management of native plant communities and wildlife habitats, including relocation of threatened or endangered species. HRWP provides a variety of services related to habitat restoration and management that involve application of herbicides to control exotic species, manual control of exotics using chainsaws and other mechanical and/or hand tools, clearing firelines, application of prescribed fire, collecting native plant seed, planting native plants, and other important tasks that help our clients achieve their restoration goals.

We are currently seeking a motivated individual for our Botanist/Licensed Herbicide Applicator position to serve the central Florida region in and around Orange and Lake Counties. The Botanist/Licensed Herbicide Applicator will be responsible for conducting and overseeing various projects where non-restricted use herbicides will be applied within natural habitats. Applicants should have a knowledge of native and exotic plant species in Florida and hold a current Florida Department of Agriculture Commercial Applicator License in Aquatic Pest Control and Natural Areas Weed Management.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Conduct and/or oversee herbicide application projects including dispensing herbicides utilizing a backpack sprayer or tank spraying from an All Terrain Vehicle or Tractor
- Drive an All Terrain Vehicle and use a pressure sprayer to treat assigned sites
- Inspect the treatment areas and correctly identify target species
- Perform cleaning and daily inspections of vehicle and equipment to verify working condition and communicate any issues to supervisor
- Conduct and oversee other field operations as necessary to meet our client's restoration needs including, but not limited to, brush clearing, chainsaw work, seed collection, planting, watering, etc.
- Track and communicate daily work activities to supervisor to ensure proper documentation and completion of client contracts
- Responsible for making sure safe work practices and procedures are followed at all times

Successful Candidate Must:

- Carry a valid USDA Florida Certified Herbicide Applicators License for Aquatic and Natural Areas Application
- Possess a BS degree or equivalent years of experience identifying native and exotic of the SE United States
- Communicate effectively in English in both written and verbal forms. Bilingual skills preferred.
- Have a valid Drivers License with an excellent driving record and be able to drive to different project locations in and around the central Florida area
- Must be physically able to lift and/or carry heavy objects (backpack sprayers) and work under harsh weather conditions (e.g. summer heat)

Other Requirements:

- Must be available to work a minimum of a 40 hour work schedule per week at least 8 hours per day. Must be willing work flexible hours when wet weather conditions affect work schedule.
- Candidate must be comfortable performing assigned duties outdoors while walking through various and challenging terrain, including but not limited to water, heavy vegetation and uneven land, throughout natural areas, and some urban areas where environmental conditions are affected by weather. HRWPS supplies all required field gear.
- Must be able to read and follow maps of project areas as well as roads
- Must have good physical dexterity
- Ability to effectively partner with cross functional teams to meet performance objectives and to support mission and vision of HRWPS
- Ability to travel to multiple site locations to meet the needs of the business

Pay Range: \$28,080.00 - \$57,200.00

**Interested candidates should send resumes to ronconcoby@earthlink.net