

# Rangeland & Habitat Technicians 2024



**Organization:** USDA-ARS  
**Job title:** Biological Science Aid  
**Series/Grade:** GS-0404-03/04/05  
**Start Date:** May 6 - May 20, 2024  
**End Date:** August or September 2024  
**Location:** Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center, Burns, OR  
**Number of Positions:** 4



**Job Description:** Assist Dr. Kirk Davies conducting vegetation ecology research in sagebrush steppe in the northern Great Basin. Projects include: determining interactions between livestock grazing and fire risk, investigating the effects of prescribed burning on wildlife habitat, evaluating the impacts of invasive plant infestations on sage-grouse habitat, determining landscape-scale vegetation patterns, investigating management and climate influence on vegetation characteristics and sage-grouse habitat, evaluating methods to contain and prevent invasive plant infestations, and investigating methods to shift succession to desired plant communities. Duties include vegetation and environmental data collection, processing vegetation and soil samples, establishment and maintenance of research plots, and data entry. Duties may also include assisting in some laboratory work. The workweek is typically 40 hours, Monday-Thursday. Travel and camping throughout Oregon and Nevada is required.

**Requirements:** Undergraduates in biology, range, soils, wildlife, or other natural resource fields. Must be able to lift objects that weigh up to 40 pounds and kneel/squat for extended periods to collect plant cover and density data. Must have a valid state motor vehicle operator's license and be able to operate motor vehicles. Must be able to work and camp in adverse weather conditions and have the gear to do so. Must be able to hike over rugged and steep terrain for at least an hour. Needs to be at least 16 years of age and a citizen of the United States of America.

GS level will be determined by education and experience.

GS-03 Lower-level college student with NO experience

GS-04 Upper-level college student/college graduate with NO experience

GS-05 4-year degree (bachelor's degree) WITH experience or courses related to position

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**Salary and Housing:** \$14.66-\$18.42/hr depending on experience and/or education. Housing may be provided, depending on availability. When staying overnight in the field, a per-diem will be provided for food.

**To Apply:** Email resume, unofficial college transcripts, and contact information for three references to **Christie Guetling** by **January 20, 2024**



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