SW Oregon Field Technician
Ashland, OR
Term position ending 6/28/19

Are you an emerging conservation professional looking to strengthen your skills in the areas of stewardship and monitoring for forest, grassland and vernal pool projects? Does working in a small-town community to help enhance partnerships and collaborative efforts that will help meet our ambitious conservation goals interest you? You could be our next SW Oregon Field Technician for The Nature Conservancy in Oregon!

We’re looking for someone to coordinate with partners to implement the multi-party monitoring programs of the Ashland Forest All-Lands Restoration and Applegate Fuel Demonstration forest restoration projects and provide field support for developing projects under the Rogue Basin Cohesive Forest Restoration Strategy. The Technician will also support wetland mitigation performance monitoring and vernal pool habitat restoration at the Conservancy’s Whetstone Savanna Preserve and adjacent Oregon Department of Transportation properties. Monitoring activities will be across disciplines focused on vegetation, water quality, air quality, wildlife, and the effects of thinning and prescribed fire. Data collection and management will be core responsibilities, including collection on a hand-held computer, incorporation into geodatabases, quality assurance, data summaries, and documentation of methods.

In case you’re not familiar, The Nature Conservancy is the leading conservation organization working to make a positive impact around the world in more than 72 countries, all 50 United States, and your neighborhood. Here in Oregon, our team of scientists and problem solvers directly protects the iconic landscapes and inspiring locations that define our great state. From working to reduce the severity of fires in our forests and designing our clean water future to developing innovative technologies with fisherman and ranchers that sustainably protect both nature and livelihoods, The Nature Conservancy is building a future where people and nature thrive together.

The ideal candidate will have a background and track record that includes:

- Associates Degree in natural resources; environmental studies or equivalent combination of education and 6-months experience.
- Experience managing and prioritizing tasks from multiple sources.
- Experience with common software applications (Word, Excel, Web browsers)
- Experience with GPS and GIS (ArcMap) for interpreting and managing spatial information.
- Experience recognizing plant and animal species.
- Experience working in a team environment.
- Must have a valid driver’s license and must be able to obtain related licenses or certifications as required. (e.g. First Aid, CPR).

Preferred knowledge, skills and experience that would be helpful:

- Experience working with or knowledge of natural systems, including fire ecology.
- Familiarity identifying plant species in Oregon/N. California.
- Cross cultural and multilingual skills appreciated
- Ability to work cooperatively with a number of staff, volunteers and external parties, sometimes under pressure, in order to complete project goals in a timely manner.

The SW Oregon Field Technician is a full-time, 35 hour per week term position ending on 6/28/2019. Our preferred hiring range is $18.37-$19.52 per hour.

If you are interested in working to save the planet, want to work in a collaborative environment, and like a great benefits package, review our full position description here or please visit www.nature.org/careers and search for job ID 46394 in the keyword search. Submit your application by 8:59 PM PST on April 24, 2018 to be considered.

The Nature Conservancy is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Our commitment to diversity includes the recognition that our conservation mission is best advanced by the leadership and contributions of diverse people of all genders, backgrounds, beliefs and culture. Recruiting and mentoring staff to create an inclusive organization that reflects our global character is a priority and we encourage applicants from all cultures, races, colors, religions, sexes, national or regional origins, ages, disability status, sexual orientations, gender identities, military or veteran status or other status protected by law.