Job Description

Job Title: Forest Restoration Coordinator
Job ID: 28637
Project Name: Pacific Coop Studies Unit
Full/Part Time: Full-Time
Regular/Temporary: Regular

Job Summary

Regular, Full-Time, RCUH Non-Civil Service position with the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit (PCSU), Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, located in Hilo, Hawaii. Continuation of employment is dependent upon program/operational needs, satisfactory work performance, and availability of funds.

MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY: $2,705-$4,801/month

DUTIES: Leads staff and volunteers in restoring and monitoring native vegetation, and conducting other management activities on Mauna Kea Volcano, often in remote areas with extreme weather, to benefit the Palila and other native species, including predator control and fence inspections. Restoration activities will be conducted in an experimental framework to facilitate their evaluation and must be integrated with fire management plans. Incumbent will establish restoration goals in collaboration with a working group comprised of restoration and bird experts, staff and partners. Controlling invasive weeds and other threats to Palila and their habitat also will be done in an experimental framework to facilitate the evaluation of various methods. This project will restore degraded habitat and improve existing mamane habitat for endangered and native forest birds and will improve watershed capacity and ecological function on Mauna Kea. This project also will contribute to the science and application of restoration ecology; dry forest management and build community support for activities that promote forest restoration and improvement. Duties include collaboratively developing restoration goals and plans, developing and implementing techniques to restore and manage native vegetation, developing and implementing techniques to control non-native species; organizing work crews and schedules, managing paperwork; grant writing; and building appreciation for natural resources and ecological processes within the local community through public participation in restoration activities.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS: EDUCATION: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four (4) year college or university in Biology, Botany, Horticulture, Forestry, Wildlife Biology, or similar field.
EXPERIENCE: Two to four (2-4) years of experience in reforestation, wild land vegetation management, or ecological restoration. Experience working with grade school or university, or community groups or with groups in foreign countries. One (1) year of supervisory experience.
ABIL/KNOW/SKILLS: Working knowledge of the principles and techniques of restoration ecology, horticulture, weed biology and control, wildlife fire, predator control, ungulate management, and basic bird biology. Knowledge of Big Island communities is helpful. Knowledge of Hawaiian cultural practices or Hawaiian studies. Knowledge of herbicide mixing, use, and safety. Requires high level of organization and attention to detail, familiarity with Hawaiian plants and dry forest ecosystems. Ability to keep records and prepare reports. Incumbent must be willing to participate in Hawaiian cultural activities. Ability to organize work and lead and train others, including community groups and...
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volunteers. Good communication and public speaking skills. Ability to obtain certified herbicide applicators license. Ability to use or learn to use GPS and GIS. Able to drive 4-wheel drive and off-road vehicles and use basic forestry and agriculture equipment and machinery. Must be proficient in Wilderness First-Aid or take appropriate training. Ability to use or learn to use firearms. Must be able to complete Wilderness First-Aid training and Restricted Pesticide Applicators license within twelve (12) months of hire. PHYSICAL/MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Ability to hike and camp in remote areas and rugged terrain under inclement weather conditions for up to four (4) days at a time, often in areas where hunters are present. Some weekend work may be required to facilitate community involvement. Able to backpack and lift and carry forty (40) pounds.

SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree from an accredited university in Biology, Botany, Horticulture, Forestry, Wildlife Biology, or similar field. Experience working in remote areas a plus as would experience with birds, predator control, ungulate management, fencing projects and firearms. Extensive knowledge of Hawaiian dry forests and Hawaiian cultural practices. Certified herbicide applicators license.

INQUIRIES: David Leonard 587-4158 (Oahu).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on "Employment" and navigate to "Job Announcements/Apply for a Job." However, if you do not have access to the Internet, you may apply by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax (808) 956-5022 or mail to Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. If you have questions on the application process and/or need assistance, please call (808)956-3100.

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Please apply before: 12/19/2008