



Contract Opportunity: Land Management Technician (Short term)

Organization Description

Eastern Sierra Land Trust is a nationally accredited, regional land trust based in Bishop, California, that celebrated ten years of preserving land in early 2011. Working with private and public landowners we have completed 12 land protection projects encompassing over 6,321 acres of Eastern Sierra lands. Our work has attracted state, federal and foundation funding for our projects and for the operational capacity of our organization. We have focused our land project work on agricultural lands, wildlife habitats and scenic areas, with about 2000 acres currently in process for preservation. Through strategic partnerships with landowners, agencies, foundations and our 700 members, ESLT is making a major difference in preserving the character and beauty of one of the most spectacular regions in the United States.

Contractor Position Description

Eastern Sierra Land Trust seeks two hard working individuals with experience performing physically demanding manual labor in challenging environmental conditions and an interest in habitat restoration and conservation science. Specifically, these positions will be responsible for conducting hand removal of an undesirable aquatic plant species, hardstem bulrush, using hand tools and mechanical means as part of a larger project designed to improve habitat for fish and wildlife species. Other tasks may include land management activities such as invasive plant removal, brush thinning, planting of desirable species, etc. Applicants should enjoy working as part of a team, but also be capable of occasional self directed efforts with minimal supervision. These positions will require working outside in cold temperatures and wet and muddy conditions.

This contract is temporary and will not exceed 176 hours or approximately 22 days of work. The primary work period will be in late October and November although opportunities for work may extend as late as March 2012. These positions are entirely field based. Travel to and from the work site in Old Benton, California is the employees' responsibility, opportunities for carpooling may be available.

Specific Duties

- Working under the leadership of an experienced lead land management technician to perform vegetation management activities.
- Removal of hardstem bulrush from a shallow pond using hand tools and mechanical equipment.
- Planting of desirable native plant species.
- Other tasks as assigned

Desired Qualifications

- Experience performing manual labor in an outdoor setting
- Basic understanding of conservation biology, land management practices, and threatened/endangered/sensitive species
- Self starter and able to work independently or as part of a team

Compensation

Compensation for this position will be \$17.63/hr. This rate of pay is based on the U.S. Department of Labor wage determinations for “Forestry and Land Management Services” for the State of California and is structured to include fringe benefits.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit: resume, expected availability October through March, and contact information to: aaron@eslt.org

Position posted September 30, 2011, projected start date October 18, 2011

Contact information

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