

Habitat Monitoring Technicians (2): southwestern Montana

The University of Montana Bird Ecology Lab (UMBEL) is hiring two experienced field technicians to work mid-May to August on a project assessing ecological response to habitat treatments in high elevation sagebrush communities of southwestern Montana. Technicians navigate to established monitoring locations on public and private lands to measure habitat using plot and line sampling and identify plants. The project is located near Dillon, MT in some of the wildest and most scenic montane landscapes in the region, and is an exciting opportunity to contribute to a large multi-partner sagebrush conservation initiative.

Salary range is \$13-15 per hour DOE. Shared housing will be available, but some primitive camping without phone service or facilities required. Technicians will be responsible for daily field logistics and scheduling, field safety, and management of field data in paper and electronic forms. This is physically demanding work that requires hiking in steep terrain, working in remote areas, and excellent navigational skills.

Required Qualifications:

- Field experience collecting scientific data.
- Enrolled or completed bachelor's degree in Wildlife, Forestry, Natural Resources, Botany, Rangeland, or related field, or equivalent experience.
- A valid driver's license.
- Experience using hand-held GPS units and topographic maps for navigation.
- Ability to hike 2-10 miles a day in varying conditions.
- Ability to communicate clearly with public and various agency personnel about work activities.
- Ability to work in teams and independently with minimal supervision.

Desired Qualifications

- Experience with vegetation data sampling and plant identification skills, especially in rangeland habitats.
- Experience driving 4WD vehicles on rough two-track roads.
- Camping/backpacking experience.

To Apply:

Please email an application as a single document/file (word or pdf) that includes a cover letter addressing qualifications specific to this position, a resume, and contact information for 3 references. Applications should be sent to Anna Noson at: umbirdecologylab@gmail.com with "Habitat Tech" in the subject line. If you are applying for more than one job with UMBEL, please submit a separate application for each position.