

# Summer Stream Survey Positions with the BLM

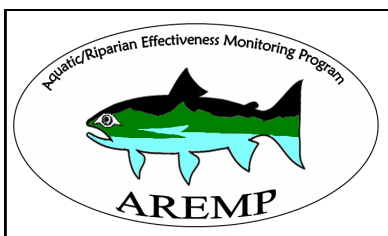
based in Corvallis, OR



The Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program (AREMP) determines watershed condition based on upslope, riparian, and in-channel attributes, tracks trends in watershed condition over time, and reports on the Forest Service Northwest Forest Plan and the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan effectiveness across the region. Every summer we hire field crews to travel all over the Northwest Forest Plan area to collect stream habitat, channel mapping and macroinvertebrate data.

## Why work for AREMP?

- Gain valuable field experience using state of the art technology and stream survey methods.
- Establish contacts with scientists in the field of natural resources.
- Spend the summer outdoors, exploring the great Pacific Northwest from Northern Washington to Central California.
- A work schedule with 6 days off between each 8-day work period allows plenty of time to get out and see new things or just rest, relax and recuperate.
- We provide all employees with a wide range of training activities including: stream survey techniques, Wilderness First Aid, CPR, navigation, GPS skills, vehicle safety, and lots of practice working as a team.
- You will see some incredible scenery, witness beautiful sunrises and sunsets and experience some amazing places where most people never set foot.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## What kind of work is involved?

Hiking and bushwhacking through mountain streams all summer to collect channel profiles, physical and biological stream data. The watersheds we work in are remote and beautiful!

## How long does the job last?

Crew leaders typically work from mid-April to September and field crew members work from mid-May to September.

## Where will I be working?

Crews will sample streams in selected watersheds “west of the Cascades” from Northern Washington to Central California on Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service lands. Work is very strenuous and physically demanding because of the steep terrain and remote access of sampling sites.

## What’s the typical work schedule?

All crews are stationed out of Corvallis, Oregon. After a three week training period, each crew will spend 8 days camping on location and surveying streams, followed by 6 days off. Camping is often in primitive, dispersed campsites without restrooms and running water. Unfortunately, we do not have government housing in Corvallis, so you will need to find housing or a nice place to camp during your off time.

## How do I apply for a job?

There are two ways:

- 1) Apply for our **Biological Science Technician (fisheries)** positions with the **Bureau of Land Management**. These positions will be open for applications on USA Jobs from October 1-15, 2021. Positions will be advertised as GS-0404 Biological Science Technician (fisheries) positions for all BLM locations, so be sure to select Corvallis, Oregon as a duty station. If you are interested in crew leader positions apply as a GS-6 and crew members are GS-5s (you can apply for both). Below is a brief summary of available positions:

### **Crew Leaders (up to 4 positions) — Seasonal GS-0404-06 Biological Technician (Fisheries)**

- Distributes workload among employees and checks status and progress of work. Assesses work conditions and ensures work is done safely and efficiently. Monitors performance and resolves disciplinary problems and simple informal complaints of employees.
- Uses commonly accepted fisheries and hydrologic techniques to collect a variety of field data concerning watershed health.
- Organizes, reviews and analyzes data using field data recorders.

### **Crew Members (up to 12 positions) — Seasonal GS-0404-05 Biological Technician (Fisheries)**

- Collects a variety of field data concerning fish and watershed health conditions including, but not limited to: surveying channel profiles, tallying wood occurrences, measuring substrate dimensions and collecting biological samples.
- Records collected data into field data recorders.

### **Temperature Monitoring Crew Leader — Seasonal GS-0404-06 Biological Technician (Fisheries)**

- Calibrate, program, deploy and recover water and air temperature monitoring sensors in approximately 100 watersheds each field season in western Oregon and Washington.
- Identify and map routes to watersheds and report relevant information to crew leaders. Locate campsites and other necessities, such as radio contacts, water supplies, gas stations, hospitals and potential hazards for the convenience and safety of field crews.

- 2) Apply for an **EPIC internship** position with the **American Conservation Experience**, we will hire four interns for the 2022 field season. These positions generally open in December or January and can be found here: <http://www.usaconservation.org/apply/application/>.