Job Title: Wildlife Field Technician (6 positions)
Agency: Purdue University – Dept. of Forestry & Natural Resources
Closing Date: March 1, 2016 or until filled
Start Date: May 12, 2016
End Date: Flexible, but approximately August 15, 2016
Compensation: $10.00-11.00/hour and housing*

Wildlife Field Technicians help carry out research on the effects of silvicultural treatments on the ecology of managed forests as part of the Hardwood Ecosystem Experiment (HEE). Primary duties of these position(s) are to conduct aural bird surveys (May-June) and small mammal trapping or vegetation surveys (July-August). Bird surveys are also conducted on sites in the Hoosier National Forest between the HEE and Tell City, IN. Additional duties are common and may include nighttime owl surveys, insect sampling, clearing sampling lines of obstructing vegetation, and other maintenance activities. Field work will be conducted at Morgan-Monroe and Yellowwood State Forests near Martinsville, IN and Bloomington, IN (respectively).

Qualifications:
Required
• Demonstrated experience with bird surveys
• Valid driver’s license with a good driving record
• Willingness to work in extreme conditions, including traversing rugged terrain through dense, thorny shrubs and working in high temperatures and high humidity

Preferred
• Demonstrated experience with small mammal trapping
• Experience with plant identification in the Midwest
• Experience with hand-held GPS units, maps and compass

Each work week will generally consist of five 8-hour days. Work will not exceed 40 hours in a week. Current students and recent B.S. graduates are encouraged to apply. Applicants may indicate preference for either bird/small mammal sampling positions or bird/vegetation sampling positions on the application form. Please contact Jeff Riegel (jriegel@purdue.edu) for specific questions related to bird surveys or Dana Nelson (nelsondl@purdue.edu) for specific questions related to small mammal trapping. All other questions may also be directed to Dr. Mike Saunders (msaunder@purdue.edu).

To apply, please complete the attached HEE field crew application, also available for download at https://ag.purdue.edu/hee/Pages/Jobs.aspx. Send this application along with a brief letter of interest by email to:

Charlotte Freeman
HEE Interim Project Coordinator
freemac@purdue.edu
Phone: 765-494-1472

The successful applicant(s) may be subjected to a comprehensive background check managed by Purdue University’s Human Resources department. The final hire is contingent upon clearance of this background check.

*Bunkhouse/camp style field housing is provided. Residents will be required to pay a $300 refundable security deposit prior to beginning work in addition to a $20 non-refundable cleaning fee. Residents will also be required to help with regular cleaning and general upkeep of the facility.

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