



Seasonal Invasive Plant Technician (Elko, Nevada) Hiring (6) weed techs Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition and Elko District Bureau of Land Management

Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition (ENLC) is a non-profit conservation organization dedicated to restoring the dynamic, diverse, resilient landscapes of the arid and semi-arid West for present and future generations through education, research, advocacy, partnerships, and the implementation of on-the-ground projects.

ENLC has been in business for over a decade and is proud to include several experts on the arid and semi-arid West. Experts include full-time ecologists, botanists, range scientists and wildlife biologists with GIS and backcountry skills, all of whom envision a future where communities of plants and animals thrive in their Great Basin environment.

ENLC's central office based in Ely, Nevada is comprised of public, private, and non-profit partners dedicated to the restoration of the Western ecosystems through collaborative teamwork.

Elko, Nevada

Elko is in the remote, northeastern corner of Nevada. The area has a unique blend of Northern Basin and Range and sagebrush steppe attributes including beautiful expanses of sagebrush flats and many mountain ranges available for exploring and recreational activities. The rugged Ruby Mountains lie 20 miles to the southeast of Elko and offer unique hiking, backpacking, climbing, fishing, and camping experiences. The city of Elko has a lively downtown area and hosts cultural events throughout the summer including the International Basque festival, rodeos, and the Ruby Mountain Relay.

Emerging Professionals

In accordance with Nevada's noxious weed regulations emerging professionals will effectively coordinate with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) federal employees to drive efforts toward proactive prevention, control and management of noxious and invasive weed species in Nevada to benefit all land uses in the state. Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition is dedicated to providing college graduates and emerging professionals with hands on survey, inventory, treatment, and management of diverse landscapes.

Invasive Plant Technician Description

Field crews will work with an experienced BLM crew leads while assisting in inventory and management of invasive plants on public lands. Inventory duties include correctly identifying invasive plant species and infestations, surveying, recording, and managing data. Invasive plant control will predominantly consist of herbicide application utilizing backpack sprayers and motorized equipment and manual control consisting of hand pulling and hand tools.

Field work will include:

- Responsible for driving large federally owned trucks
- Towing trailers
- Responsible driving on rough two track roads



- Operating Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)
- Extensive hiking to treatment and inventory sites
- Use of a 40 lb. backpack sprayer over rough and steep terrain
- Occasional truck camping in the backcountry for up to 4 days at a time

Safety responsibilities:

- Required to wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by the BLM (i.e. chemical resistant gloves and protective eyeglasses for chemical application)
- Closed-toed shoes, long pants, and long sleeve shirts are required and provided by applicant

Additional duties include:

- Regular communication with BLM federal employees
- Participation in ENLC and BLM trainings
- Development of knowledge and identification of invasive and noxious plant species

Location Timeline and Schedule:

- Based out of Elko, Nevada
- Duration early or mid-May through end of September
- 10-hour day/four-day work week
- Crews will generally return to Elko in evenings
- Camping near a project site for 4 days at a time will be required for up to two pay periods

Compensation:

- \$15 per hour, depending on experience (Hiring 6 crew techs)
- \$34/night per diem when camping

Education and Experience:

Must complete the federal BLM background check and clearance. Qualified applicants should have experience, entry level accepted training on the job and /or education in invasive plant management, biological sciences, natural resources, plant identification or general plant taxonomy and the ability to follow directions and safety protocols. Applicants must be experienced with 4WD vehicles and should have a clean driving record for the past 3 years. Experience utilizing GPS units, UTVs, and trailer towing is recommended.

How to Apply:

Email a cover letter, resume and the contact information for at least three references to:

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Please apply by Monday, February 28, 2022. Please indicate your availability when applying. Application review will begin in February and continue until mid-March until all positions are filled. We encourage applying early. Only qualified candidates will be contacted.

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