

# Invasive Species Technician Seasonal Hourly Fort McCoy, Wisconsin



Center for  
Environmental  
Management  
**MILITARY LANDS**

Colorado State University

## POSITION

The Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML) at Colorado State University (CSU) will be hiring 4-6 seasonal Invasive Species Technicians to conduct fieldwork at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin. Employment will be from approximately May 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Positions could be extended up to nine months depending upon management needs and funding.

## ORGANIZATION

CEMML is a research, education and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. CEMML applies the latest and most appropriate science to promote the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on Department of Defense (DoD) and other public lands. To learn more about CEMML's contributions to land management, our mission, vision, values, and a complete listing of CEMML positions visit <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/>.

## LOCATION

Fort McCoy is a United States Army installation on 60,000 acres between Sparta and Tomah, Wisconsin in Monroe County. Located about 30 miles east of La Crosse, Wisconsin, this region contains a mix of rolling wooded hills, oak/jack pine savannas, and prairies. This ecological region, known as the Driftless Area, contains numerous rare species of both plants and animals and is truly a unique habitat.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- Employee will be part of a field crew that will perform the following tasks:
  - Majority of workload will be controlling invasive plant species by chemical, manual, and biological methods.
  - Operate backpack sprayers, utility terrain vehicles with broadcast/hand sprayers.
  - Preparation, transport, and maintenance of spraying equipment.
  - Conduct invasive and native plant species surveys.
  - Record data associated with treatments and surveys.
- Secondary tasks may include:
  - Habitat management projects for game, non-game and threatened and endangered species.
  - Database management and data entry corresponding to field activities.
  - Limited time may be spent conducting surveys for threatened and endangered species.
  - Limited opportunities for wildlife species population surveys and monitoring.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must be able walk over uneven terrain and work in inclement weather. The position will require bending, climbing, and lifting/carrying up to 30 pounds through the use of a 4-gallon backpack sprayer on a regular basis. Safe operation of UTVs for extended periods will be an integral part of this position.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High school diploma or higher level of education. Successful candidates must demonstrate U.S. employment eligibility; CEMML will not provide visa sponsorship for this position. Possession of a valid driver's license. Obtain or have the ability to obtain a Wisconsin Forestry or Right of Way herbicide applicator's license (CEMML will pay for study materials and exam to obtain this license). Aerial photo interpretation skills. Experience with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Access). Ability to work well alone and within a crew setting is extremely important to this position.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

State of Wisconsin Pesticide Applicator's License in either Forestry or Right-of-Way (preferred). Wisconsin wildlife species and native/non-native/invasive plant species identification skills. Compass navigation/orienteering skills. Experience using chainsaws and other power tools. Off-road UTV vehicle use.

## **WORK HOURS**

Applicants should expect to work up to 40 hours/week Monday-Friday. The possibility exists for a 40 hours/week Monday-Thursday schedule. Shortened work weeks due to inclement weather may be made up on weekends or on Fridays (if on Monday-Thursday schedule).

## **HOUSING**

Housing is not provided but may be available on Fort McCoy. Rentals are available in the nearby cities of Sparta, Tomah, West Salem, or La Crosse. For more information, contact Rikki Ratsch at (715) 650-7246.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK**

Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and working community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search, and motor vehicle history.

## **PAY RATE**

Pay ranges from \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour depending on experience and qualifications.

## **APPLICATION**

You are encouraged to apply by March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for full consideration, but applications will be accepted until all positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, as positions will be filled as qualified applications are received.

Submit a resume, copy of college transcripts if applicable, list of three references, and a brief cover letter to:

**Email:** [Rikki.Ratsch@colostate.edu](mailto:Rikki.Ratsch@colostate.edu)

**Or by Mail to:**

### **CEMML**

**Wisconsin Field Office**

**Attn: Rikki Ratsch**

**22988 State Hwy. 21**

**Tomah, WI 54660**

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Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the Department's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Beginning Monday, August 16, 2021, Colorado State University has mandated vaccinations against COVID-19. Faculty and staff are required to submit their vaccine status or declare an exemption. [More information about the vaccination mandate can be found on the CSU COVID-19 Information & Resources site here](#)