

# Karner Blue Butterfly Survey Technician Temporary Hourly Fort McCoy, Wisconsin



Center for  
Environmental  
Management

MILITARY LANDS

Colorado State University

## POSITION

The Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands at Colorado State University is hiring up to two seasonal Threatened and Endangered Species Technicians to conduct Karner Blue Butterfly (KBB) presence/absence surveys at Fort McCoy Military Installation, Wisconsin from approximately May 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 19, 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 (CSU). 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. We provide technical support, conduct applied research, and offer career development and learning opportunities to support resource stewardship. We collaborate with our sponsors and within CSU to resolve complex environmental issues, leaving a legacy of science-based decisions that sustain our resources for future generations.

To learn more about CEMML's contributions to land management, our mission, vision, and values, and a complete listing of CEMML positions, visit <http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/>.

## LOCATION

Fort McCoy is a United States Military 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 hardwood ridges, 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

- Conduct Karner blue butterfly adult and larvae presence/absence surveys within host plant (wild lupine) populations found on Fort McCoy and lands leased by Fort McCoy.
- Identify native and invasive plant species.
- Occasionally conduct threatened and endangered species telemetry surveys.
- Conduct KBB habitat management brush removal.
- Data recording and entry.

## PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Successful candidates must be able walk over uneven terrain on a regular basis and work in inclement weather.

## 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. Valid driver's license. Knowledge of central Wisconsin flora. Aerial photo interpretation skills and the ability to navigate using topographical map. Experience with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel). Ability to work well alone and within a crew setting is extremely important.

## **WORK HOURS**

Applicants should expect to work up to 40 hrs./week Monday-Friday. The possibility exists for shortened work weeks due to inclement weather. Work may be made up on weekends if shortened Monday–Friday.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE**

Wild lupine identification skills. Karner blue butterfly, larvae and egg identification skills. Wisconsin Lepidoptera identification skills. Wildlife species and native/non-native/invasive plant species identification skills. Ability to navigate using a compass. Ability to capture and handle wildlife species including turtles and non-venomous snakes. Experience using chainsaws and other power tools. Truck and off-road vehicle use. Excel database skills. ArcGIS/ESRI applications knowledge.

## **HOUSING AND DURATION**

Housing is not provided but may be available on Fort McCoy. Rentals are also available in the nearby Sparta, Tomah, Bangor, West Salem or La Crosse area. For more information, contact Jessica Hinz at (715) 316-1088.

## **BACKGROUND CHECK**

Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living 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 rate starting at \$14.00 - \$16.00 per hour depending on qualifications.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

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

**Email:** Jessica.Hinz@colostate.edu

**Or by Mail to:**

### **CEMML**

**Wisconsin Field Office**

**Attn: Jessica Hinz**

**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](#)