Seasonal Invasive Plant Species Technician

POSITION
An Invasive Plant Species Technician position is available with Colorado State University (CSU) and the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML), and will be located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), Washington. The Technician will supply noxious and invasive weed support by providing technical expertise in surveying and controlling invasive species on JBLM. Weed control and survey will consist of 1,500 acres of wetland and 7,000 acres of upland areas. Control methods include the application of herbicides and mechanical removal. This is a six-month temporary position.

ORGANIZATION
CEMML is a research, education and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES
This position will be responsible for a variety of duties such as mixing and applying pesticides; documenting pesticide activities; operating equipment and tools for mechanical removal; and following established protocols for individual species. During employment, part of the training of this position will be to utilize State of Washington materials for obtaining a pesticide certificate/license and to test for pesticide certificate/license.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
- Sophomore or higher college student
- Able to follow directions and safety requirements
- Willing to obtain Washington State Pesticide certificate/license, and able to follow safety requirements provided with pesticide licensing/certification
- Able to walk five miles or more a day on uneven ground, work in cool/cold and wet to hot environments, and able to carry up to 40 pounds of materials over uneven ground
- Experience and ability to drive a 4x4 vehicle
- Ability to identify Puget Sound plant species
- Familiar with various methods of mechanical removal (e.g., weed whacker, mowing, chainsaw, etc.)
- The successful candidate must be eligible to work in the United States by proposed start date. CEMML will not provide visa sponsorship for this position.
- Must have a valid driver’s license or the ability to obtain a driver’s license by the employment start date. Must maintain a valid driver’s license and meet CSU standards for driving throughout the course of employment.
- CSU conducts a background check on all final candidates. Position is contingent upon successful completion of background check.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS
- BA/BS degree or greater
- Current Washington State Pesticide certificate

PAY RATE and DURATION
Starting pay rate is $20.00, and duration is up to 6 months. Start date is dependent on selected hire’s availability (preferably as soon as possible). Housing, per diem and moving expenses are not provided. This position is contingent upon funding.

APPLICATION
Email a cover letter and resume to Jessica.Horvath@colostate.edu. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. EO/EA/EE employer. More information about CEMML can be found at https://cemml.colostate.edu/.

Beginning Monday, August 16, 2021, CSU 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 at: https://covid.colostate.edu/.