

Habitat Restoration Technician

3 Month 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 up to six seasonal Habitat Restoration Technicians to conduct fieldwork at Fort McCoy Military Installation, Wisconsin. Position duration is approximately end of May through end of August 2025. Positions could be extended beyond projected dates pending hire availability and funding. Starting dates are flexible.

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 be involved with habitat restoration management projects:

- Invasive plant species control by chemical, manual, mechanical, and biological methods.
- Operate backpack sprayers and 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.
- Limited habitat management for game, non-game, and threatened and endangered species.
- Limited time may be spent conducting surveys for threatened and endangered species.

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). 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. Wildlife species and native/non-native/invasive plant species identification skills. Experience working with ArcGIS Field Maps or similar software. Compass navigation/orienteering and aerial photo interpretation skills. Off-road truck and UTV 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 conducts background checks on all final candidates.

Language and details can be accessed on [Human Resources' background check](#) webpage.

PAY RATE

Starting pay at \$17.00 per hour.

APPLICATION

Applications will be accepted until 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

Or by Mail to:

CEMML
Wisconsin Field Office
Attn: Rikki Ratsch
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