

Rangeland Ecophysiology & Carbon Team 2024



Agency: USDA- Agricultural Research Service

Job title: Biological Science Technician

Grade/Pay: GS-03/04/05 (\$14.66-\$18.42)
depending on education and experience

Location: Eastern Oregon Agricultural
Research Center, Burns, Oregon

Start date: May 6th or May 20th 2024

End date: August or September 2024

Number of positions: 2



Duties:

Assist Dr. Rory O'Connor in sagebrush steppe carbon research that evaluates (1) how plants store and move carbon within their tissues, (2) how different sagebrush steppe plant communities store and secure carbon, and (3) monitor carbon fluxes in sagebrush rangelands when cattle are absent and present. The technicians will gain experience collecting both plant community and plant ecophysiological data, as well as sampling and processing soil data. The workweek is typically 40 hours, Monday-Thursday. The technicians will also have the opportunity to assist other researchers at the [Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center](#).

Qualifications:

- Ideally an undergraduate student or college graduate studying biology, range, soils, wildlife, or other natural resource or environmental science field
 - Minimum requirement is a high school diploma or GED
- Must be able to lift objects weighing up to 40lbs
- Must be able to kneel and/or squat for extended periods of time
- Must be able to hike over rugged and steep terrain
- Must be at least 16 years of age at time of employment and a citizen of the United States of America

Benefits:

- Eligible for Federal Employee Health Benefits
 - Including dental and vision
- Four hours of paid vacation time and four hours of sick leave accrue each biweekly pay period
- Free shared housing available at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center provided, depending on availability
- Per Diem provided when staying in the field overnight

To Apply:

submit a resume, unofficial college transcripts, and contact information for three references to Daav Sannerud at daav.sannerud@usda.gov by January 12th

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