POSITION: Ecological Reserves Land Steward

SCHEDULE: Part-time flexible, up to 28 hours/week

LOCATION: Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve (BCCER) and Butte Creek Ecological Preserve (BCEP). The expectation is the position will spend the majority of work time onsite at the BCCER.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS: Under the supervision of the Ecological Reserves Field Coordinator, responsibilities include both programmatic elements and maintenance.

- Programmatic Elements:
  - Acts as a host and facilitator for groups using the BCCER & BCEP including: faculty with field trips and research activities; students with research projects; coordinating (scheduling and leading) community hikes.
  - Assists with the hunt program for the BCCER by posting signage, mailing hunt information, assisting with lottery, and provides onsite support during hunts.
  - May supervise student employees or volunteers.
  - May assist with outdoor education field trips.

- Maintenance Elements:
  - Performs restoration field work including invasive plant eradication; fence repair; road and trail maintenance using a variety of hand and power tools.
  - Maintains vehicles and equipment.
  - Assists with broadcast and pile burns.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS: Requires one year experience performing duties similar to those described above. Bachelor’s degree in biology, environment science or related field preferred. Must possess an understanding of conservation of natural and open space resources. Successful candidate must be able to communicate well with a wide variety of constituents including volunteers, student staff and interns, visitors to the reserves, faculty and staff. Must be able to manage time and complete tasks independently. Knowledge of native and non-native plan species helpful, but not required. The successful candidate must possess a valid California driver’s license, and a good driving record. Fingerprinting and participation in the DMV Employer Pull Notice Program (driving record) will be required.

Additional Requirements: This position will involve a mixture of both sedentary and physical labor as well as exposure to weather extremes. An expectation for typical work day is 8 hours. Experience in backcountry settings is expected. The successful candidate will be able to operate a variety of hand and power tools including chain saws, brush cutters and other small equipment and will be required to pass certification/training in the use of such equipment if certification or proof of training is not already possessed. Must have an understanding in the operation of 4x4 vehicles equipped with a manual transmission. Must be able to lift/carry up to 50 pounds unassisted.

COMPENSATION: $14 per hour

The employer is the CSU, Chico Research Foundation, a non-profit corporation serving as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Chico. Employment is considered to be at-will.

APPLICATIONS: Applicants must submit a completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application, cover letter, current resume, and three references. Note: Incomplete application packages will not be considered. Application materials and job announcement can be obtained by contacting:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: Applicants must submit a completed CSU, Chico Research Foundation application materials to one of the above addresses by 5:00 pm, Friday, January 8, 2016. Applications received after this date will not be accepted for any reason. It is the applicant’s responsibility to allow adequate mail and delivery time.

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