



Job Title: Natural Areas Technician
Hourly Wage: \$13.00 – \$15.00 Based on Experience
Position Type: Seasonal (May - November)
Organization: High Plains Environmental Center
Location: Loveland, CO (Centerra)

Job Overview:

- **Employment is contingent upon the results of a background and motor vehicle record check. COVID-19 safety protocols are in place, including mask-wearing, distance requirements, minimizing the number of staff in the visitor's center, and keeping our visitor's center closed to the public until further notice.**
- **Work Schedule:** Work schedule is full-time from May through the end of the season (hours and end of season dependent on weather). Daily schedule varies between the hours of 7:00am - 5:00pm.
- **Job Description:** The High Plains Environmental Center is providing a unique and rewarding seasonal employment opportunity, approximately May through November 2021, for individuals willing to conduct invasive species management, native plant management, landscape maintenance, as well as other duties as needed. This position will be primarily focused on vegetation management, but may include park maintenance and visitor management as well. This position will occasionally work with other seasonal staff on other HPEC projects (landscaping, nursery, etc.). Some of the work will take place on the High Plains Environmental Center's 275 acre open space and 130 acres of managed areas within Centerra. The ideal candidate will possess knowledge pertaining to native and non-native plants, initiative to work unsupervised, desire to work outdoors, and is physically fit.

Job Specific Details:

- Identify noxious weeds.
- Keep accurate and thorough records.
- Operate and repair spray equipment.
- Read and understand herbicide product labels.
- Mix, load, and apply herbicides in full accordance with label.
- Operate mowing, weed whacking, and other landscape equipment.
- Record new noxious weed infestations.
- Interact with park visitors and private property owners.
- Perform duties safely and conscientiously in high-traffic recreational areas.
- Perform other duties as appropriate or necessary for performance of the job.

Skills/ Qualifications: (Not required but beneficial)

- Knowledge of basic ecology and plant life cycles.
- Knowledge of noxious weeds and IPM control methods.
- Rules, regulations, and laws pertaining to Colorado Noxious Weed Law and herbicide application.
- Procedures necessary to repair and maintain equipment used in vegetation management.
- Natural resources management concepts and principals.
- Identify rangeland vegetation, including noxious weed species during different stages of growth.
- Operate a truck, trailer, tractor, UTV, and spray equipment skillfully and safely.
- Measure and mix herbicides.
- Communicate effectively.
- Walk several miles while carrying a backpack weighing up to 40 pounds.
- Work alone and unsupervised.
- Perform arduous physical labor outdoors, during inclement weather, and for extended periods of time.
- Coursework in biology or physical sciences is a plus.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, Commercial Applicators herbicide license.
- Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate State Driver's License.

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