

FONTENELLE FOREST

Land Steward

Position Type: Full-time, Non-exempt

Salary: Starts at \$11.00/hour DOE

Benefits: Health, life & long-term disability insurance, paid time off (vacation, sick, holidays), membership privileges, and 403(b)

The Land Steward will be part of the Stewardship team and will provide assistance to Rangers and Restoration Biologists with Land Management and restoration activities. We are seeking someone who is an enthusiastic learner with a desire to gain Land Management experience. Acts as pro-tem Ranger when full-time Rangers are off duty.

This is a full-time position partially funded by a grant which expires March 31, 2021. The position will be re-evaluated for continuation at the end of the grant period.

Primary Duties:

- Assist with resource monitoring and surveying: plant and animal inventories and research
- Assist with habitat restoration activities such as selective thinning and brush mowing
- Prepare firebreaks and assist with prescribed burns
- Help prepare and implement prescriptions to remove exotic, invasive and nuisance plants
- Conduct trail repair and maintenance, including mowing and trimming
- Patrol properties and interact with guests and members
- Assist with coordinating volunteer and intern project work
- Conduct grounds maintenance

Additional Duties:

- Computer entry and e-mail correspondence and help maintain calendar and scheduling, write simple reports in Word software.
- Perform other duties related to Land Management
- Perform other tasks and responsibilities as assigned
- Attend NWCG interagency prescribed fire training when available
- Will occasionally be asked to work evening and weekend hours

Qualifications:

- Skill in safe operation and accurate maintenance of tractors, skid steers, chainsaws, trimmers, mowers, vehicles, and other power tools preferred
- Ability to plan, organize and supervise the work of temporary employees, interns and volunteers
- Experience recognizing plant and animal species and working knowledge of the ecology of the terrestrial communities in eastern Nebraska and ecological principles in general
- Ability to communicate effectively and politely with visitors, staff and volunteers



- Ability to work alone responsibly, safely and efficiently
- Able to occasionally work weekends and evenings, particularly during aforementioned dormant-season prescribed fire times
- Possession of a valid driver's license
- Ability to pass a criminal background check
- Valid pesticide applicator license or ability to obtain license within 3 months of hire

Education and Experience:

- Some post-secondary education in Natural Resources, Environmental Science, or related field of study
- Minimum 1 year experience in Land Management
- Completion of NWCG S130/190, or desire to take training required
- Knowledge of Fontenelle Forest land parcels, locations, access points and trails desired but not required

Physical Demands:

- Ability to lift and carry a minimum of 50 pounds repetitively
- Ability to hike on very steep, wet, muddy, rough, and/or uneven surfaces and sustain rigorous physical activity for the work day; position requires physical exertions, such as, bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, or similar activities.
- Excessive amount of time spent outdoors in extreme weather conditions

To Apply: Please send cover letter and resume to info@fontenelleforest.org with the title "Land Steward Position".

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