



## Weekly Announcements for September 14-20, 2008

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### Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

**Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, September 16, 2008**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68** in room **SPA 315** at **noon**.

### Seminars

**Dr. Linda DeVeaux**, ISU, will present her Tenure seminar, "Never Give Up, Never Surrender: Persistence, Resistance, and Radiation," **Thursday, September 18, 2008**, at **4:00 PM** in the **Lecture Center Room 10**.

### Graduate Student Opportunities

**PhD and MS graduate student assistantships** in ecology of invasive plant species. Available at Utah State University, Logan to study plant-soil feedbacks following cheatgrass invasion of big sagebrush ecosystems. The research will use a combination of long-term (25-y-old) field plots, greenhouse and laboratory approaches to examine the role of plant-soil feedbacks related to nutrient cycling, allelopathy and shifts in microbial community structure in promoting stable cheatgrass communities. As part of the project, molecular tools will be used to examine shifts in community structure of mycorrhizal fungi, nitrifying bacteria, and other microbial populations. Stable isotope techniques will be used to examine biogeochemical changes following cheatgrass invasion. Degree programs available in Biology, Soil Science or Ecology, depending on student background and interests. Support includes a generous stipend, health insurance, and tuition waivers (for PhD programs). For more information contact Dr. John Stark ([jstark@biology.usu.edu](mailto:jstark@biology.usu.edu)) or Dr. Jeanette Norton ([jennyn@cc.usu.edu](mailto:jennyn@cc.usu.edu)).

### Job Opportunities

The **Coconino National Forest** will soon be advertising a **GS-0454-5/7/9, Rangeland Management Specialist**, with responsibilities on the Peaks and Mormon Lake Ranger Districts. This position is a permanent, full time position and is located in Flagstaff, Arizona. Anyone interested in further information should contact Gary Hase, Jr., at 928-527-8262 or [ghase@fs.fed.us](mailto:ghase@fs.fed.us).