



Weekly Announcements for February 15-21, 2009

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

There will NOT be a Biological Sciences Faculty meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Seminars

J. Ryan Bellmore, PhD graduate student with Dr. Colden Baxter, will present his Dissertation Proposal seminar, "The Functional Importance and Restoration of River-Floodplain Systems: Implications for the Recovery of Pacific Salmon," **Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 9:00 AM in Lecture Center 15/17.**

Kevin Donner, MS graduate student with Dr. Colden Baxter, will present his Thesis Proposal seminar, "Diets and Movement of Fish in the Grand Canyon: Assessing Potential Interactions between Native and Non-Native Species," **Wednesday, February 18, 2009, at 2:00 PM in Lecture Center 15/17.**

Heidi Albano, MS graduate student with Dr. Nancy Huntly, will present her Proposal seminar, "Relationship of *Bromus tectorum* to Soil Nitrogen and Plant Community Structure at Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve," **Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 12:00 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Kevin Buffington, MS graduate student with Dr. Rosemary Smith, will present his Proposal seminar, "Predicting Climate-Induced Shifts in Burying Beetle Distributions," **Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 12:00 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Dr. Emma Rosi-Marshall, Loyola University, will present her seminar, "Toxins in transgenic crop byproducts may affect headwater stream ecosystems?" **Thursday, February 19, 2009, at 4:00 PM in Lecture Center 10.**

Masaru Takahashi, PhD graduate student with Dr. Nancy Huntly, will present his Proposal seminar, "Determination of the Ecological Roles and Dynamics of Arthropod Foodwebs of Big Sagebrush," **Friday, February 20, 2009, at 12:00 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Publications

Ogden, T. H., J. Osborne, L. Jacobus, and M. F. Whiting. 2009. Combined morphological and molecular phylogeny of Ephemerellidae (Ephemeroptera). *Zootaxa* 1991:28-42.

Upcoming Events

7th Annual Idaho WWAMI Mini Medical School – 2009

The **Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program** in partnership with University of Washington School of Medicine's physician faculty from Seattle and Idaho will present a series of lectures over a five week period beginning **February 19th one night a week, every Thursday from 7:00pm - 9:00pm through March 19th.** This year the series of talks will focus on "Women's Health". Through LIVE interactive videoconferencing from Boise, and facilitated by local physicians, this series is presented at a level of

understanding suitable for the general population. Topics will include: How medical school works in Idaho; the anatomy and physiology of the female body; breast cancer epidemiology; detection; surgical and chemotherapy treatments; dysfunctional uterine bleeding; contraception; infertility; cervical cancer; uterine cancer; ovarian cancer; preventative health; osteoporosis and menopause. **The non-refundable registration fee for all 5 nights is \$35.00.** There are a limited number of scholarships available. You must call the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program for scholarship consideration. Paid registrants may register online via <http://www.uidaho.edu/boise/wwami.aspx>. If you have questions, please call the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program Office at (208) 327-0641.

Scholarships Available

The Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) announces scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students in their pursuit of degrees specializing in the fields of Environmental Science. WALPA will award one \$1000 scholarship and one \$750 scholarship in May 2009. Scholarship funds may be used by recipients to cover the costs associated with education and/or research expenses. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as a part or full time, undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university and be completing course work or research related to biology, hydrology, ecology and management or restoration of lakes and watersheds in Washington or Idaho. Both scholarship recipients will also receive a one-year membership in WALPA and a waiver of registration fees for the 2009 conference. Scholarship recipients will also be invited to give a presentation on their research at the 2009 conference.

Applicants must provide a statement of interests, including: research interests and explain why their research is of importance to the field of limnology and/or watershed management, career goals, and intended use of scholarship funds (one-page limit); a one-page resume; and recent transcripts of all college/university course work. A recommendation from someone in the applicant's field of study is encouraged, but not required. All application materials should be sent to the WALPA Scholarship Program Committee by **April 15, 2009**; email submission of the application as a PDF file is preferred. The scholarship recipients will be contacted by the Scholarship Program Committee in May 2009, and announced at the 2009 WALPA conference in Spokane, WA, September 22-23. Please send the completed application packet/file to: Frank M. Wilhelm, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, P. O. BOX 441136, Moscow, ID 83844-1136. Email: fwillhelm@uidaho.edu

Job Opportunities

USGS Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, Corvallis, Oregon

Seeking three highly-motivated ornithologists to participate in large-scale experimental study investigating response of avian communities to woodland invasions in sagebrush ecosystems. Intensive study sites located in Utah, Nevada, and Oregon. Sampling protocol consists of point counts, territory mapping, behavioral observation, nest searching and monitoring, target-netting and color-banding. Vegetation sampling will follow bird monitoring efforts at surveyed nest and point count locations. Experience creating and manipulating Microsoft Excel documents and using GIS for navigation and territory delineation purposes is highly desirable. Positions are full-time, temporary employment, at the following locations: 60 miles south of Salt Lake City, UT; 60 miles southwest of Elko, NV; and 60 miles southeast of Burns, OR. Due to varying weather conditions and phenology at these sites, start and end dates will be staggered. Crews at the Utah site will start on March 30th; at the Nevada site, on April 14th; and at the Oregon site, on May 4th. All positions will extend to August 30th, with possible extension to mid-September based on crew availability and site phenology.

Positions will be filled at either the GG-6 level (\$15.88/hour plus \$18 field per diem) or the GG-5 level (\$14.74/hour plus \$18 field per diem) dependent on applicant experience and education. To qualify for the GG-5 position, applicants need either: 1) three years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled (equivalent to 90 semester/135 quarter hrs) plus 3 months of field work experience, or 2) 9 months of field survey experience. In addition, all GG-5 applicants must have at least 1 month of

songbird monitoring experience. To qualify for the GG-6 position, applicants need either: 1) 4 years of college with courses related to the work of the position to be filled, or 2) 1 year and 9 months of field experience. In addition, all GG-6 applicants must have at least 3 months of songbird monitoring experience. For inquiries related to the positions, please contact **Jane Van Gunst** (208 426-5212, kvangunst@usgs.gov).

To apply, please send: 1) cover letter indicating desired field location and field season availability, 2) resume including professional experience (PLEASE indicate starting and ending dates with hours per week worked for each position), 3) three references, and 4) copies of academic transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). Applications can be sent via mail or email to **Michelle Schatz** (Address: USGS Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, 777 NW 9th Street, Suite 400, Corvallis, Oregon 97330-6169, Phone: (541) 750-1040, Email: michelle_schatz@usgs.gov). **Applications must be received by February 20, 2009.**

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition and National Park Service are partnering to offer a great opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, or recent graduates interested in wildlife biology, interpretation and/or park management. Applications are sought to fill two paid internship positions in Grand Teton National Park. Successful applicants will assist National Park Service staff in providing a safe wildlife viewing environment for visitors and wildlife along park roads, in developed areas and on popular trails. Individuals selected for these paid, full-time summer positions will gain significant knowledge related to animal behavior, bear management, natural history, and park and recreation management.

DETAILS: Twelve-week internship completed between May and September 2009. Required to display pleasant, helpful, and professional attitudes. Work in close proximity to bears, moose, and other large, potentially dangerous mammals. Compensation is \$12/hour. Must possess valid driver's license. Work performed mostly outside. Students may use internship to satisfy academic requirements.

APPLICATION: Interested candidates should submit following materials: cover letter addressing individual's interest in internship and relevant experience, resume outlining applicant's experience and education, including contact information for three references (include at least one previous work supervisor). Email applications (subject line "Grand Teton Internship") to amy@greateryellowstone.org.

Applications are due by midnight (MST) on March 11, 2009. Before hiring, a background check may be required. Questions directed to Amy McNamara at 406-586-1593 or to the above email address.

Watershed Assessments Field Crew Member in Eastern Nevada

DUTIES: Field crew members will be responsible for collecting vegetation data in semi-desert and Mojave Desert ecosystems. The data will be collected with PDA's from randomly located sampling plots using variety of vegetation monitoring techniques. Crew members will also be responsible for the collection of unknown plant specimens for future identification.

CONDITIONS: Candidates must be able and willing to hike long distances carrying a 30-lb pack over rugged terrain and work long hours in extreme conditions, including rain and 100+ F° heat, in remote areas. Crew members will be required to provide their own housing and personal field gear.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Strong applicants will either be currently enrolled in or graduated from a program in natural resources or a related field. Experience in taxonomic keys and field botany is essential. A working knowledge of the flora of the Great Basin desert is preferred but not required. Applicants must be experienced with 4WD, GPS, backcountry navigation, and a clean driving record for the past 3 years. Backcountry camping will be required for certain study areas

SALARY: \$14-16/hour, depending on experience (plus per Diem when camping)

DURATION: Positions will begin May 18, 2009, and last three months or longer, depending upon availability of work.

LOCATION: The crews will be based out of the Coalition's office in Ely, NV, and will be working in southern White Pine County, NV, and Lincoln County, NV.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 15, 2009

TO APPLY: Please send a cover letter, resume, and a list of three (3) references (names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and relation to applicant) via e-mail to: Moira Ilg, Milg_enlc@sbcglobal.net. Include

'WA Field Crew Member' in the subject line of the email. Phone interviews will be scheduled following the application deadline. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Moira Ilg at Milg_enlc@sbcglobal.net or 775-289-7974 ext. 7#.

ALL applicants must be citizens of the United States. Please note these positions are part of a separate project from our vegetation technician positions. For more information regarding our other positions, please visit our web site at www.envlc.org.

Detroit Ranger District, Detroit, Oregon

Chris Wagner, District Botanist (phone: 503-854-3890; email: clwagner@fs.fed.us) will be hiring 1 or 2 Botanist this summer to do surveys. He is looking for students that plan on going back to school in the fall. They only need to express their interest and send the listed documents. He will gladly take an email version of a resume while rest of documents is in transit. If anyone is interested in the other resource positions (wildlife, hydrology and fisheries), they need to contact Rich Hatfield, Natural Resources Staff Officer, Detroit Ranger District, Detroit, OR (phone: 503-854-4219; email: hatfield@fs.fed.us)

Application Process: In order to apply for Student Temporary Jobs on the Willamette National Forest, the following paperwork needs to be filled out and given to a supervisor that is interested in hiring you. The forms you need are: OF-612 Optional Application; OF-306 Declaration for Federal Employment; Copy of most Recent Transcripts; Letter of intent on school letterhead concerning status of student. If you have any questions about completing the forms or have any questions concerning the STEP program, please contact Human Resources at 1-877-372-7248.

Please apply by March 28, 2008: Information on the Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/step.html>.

Payroll Information

Our next pay period ends **February 21**. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, February 23 at 12 NOON**. This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by February 24** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them. In the past late time cards were accepted, but with the new system they are not. If you have **questions about Web Time Entry**, go to the following link for answers.

<http://www.isu.edu/tigeri/training/bengalweb/FAQs.shtml#WebTimeEntry>.

Darwin Day Celebration

