



Taos Soil and Water Conservation District

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August 19, 2020

Forest Monitoring Crew Supervisor (temporary position)

WORK PERIOD: September 8, 2020 to October 16, 2020. Approximately 20 hours per week with flexible work days and times after initial training period.

JOB DESCRIPTION: The forest monitoring crew supervisor will become familiar with the NMFWRI monitoring protocols to lead a team of students in assessing the ecological changes as a result of forest thinning treatments on the Rio Lucero Watershed Restoration Project (near Arroyo Seco, NM). The supervisor will receive on the job training and can expect to work an average of 20 hours per week.

Students will work in teams of 2-4 people, along with a supervisor, to measure pre-treatment ecological conditions on 1/10 acre plots. The monitoring plots will include:

- General plot description and vegetation survey
- tree stand assessment (Common Stand Exam), fuels (Brown's transect),
- data recording, data entry, and basic data analysis

QUALIFICATIONS: Taos Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking qualified individuals (18+ years old) with demonstrated interest in natural resources, forestry, or wildland firefighting careers. Preference will be given to those that have experience coordinating a team and a current FirstAid/CPR certification.

Applicants must have the ability to work outdoors in all types of weather conditions on all types of terrain. Applicants must have the ability to establish and maintain a working relationship with public and co-workers, communicate effectively, work efficiently as a team and exercise sound judgment and discretion. Prior field or forestry experience is not necessary.

Given the COVID pandemic conditions, applicants will need to wear a mask during monitoring teamwork and arrange their own transportation to and from designated project site approximately 25 minutes driving from Taos. Four-wheel drive vehicles or vehicles with off-road clearance are highly recommended.

COMPENSATION: \$15/hr (equivalent to \$550/every 2 weeks after FICA withholding)

TO APPLY: Email a letter of interest to David Gilroy at dgilroy@tswcd.org and include your educational status, career or study goals, and your ability to meet the requirements described above. For more information, call 575-770-8898.

Application deadline: Thursday, **September 3, 2020 by 5 pm**

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