

Tamarisk Coalition Field Technician Position Opening

The Tamarisk Coalition (TC) is a non-profit organization providing education and technical assistance to restore riparian lands in the West. Located in Grand Junction, Colorado, the Coalition is seeking creative and self motivated individual(s) to work in the dynamic field of riparian restoration.

Description: The candidate for this position will work in conjunction with the TC staff and other partners to monitor the tamarisk biological control agent, the tamarisk leaf beetle throughout the Colorado River Basin. More information on this program is located at www.tamariskcoalition.org/tamariskcoalition/BeetleMonitoring.html

The candidate may be assisting with TC restoration planning and other projects.

Hours: Full-time, temporary (1 to 2 months), hourly position, starting July 18 through August 31 or as field and data management needs require.

Wages and Benefits: \$14.50/hour plus a health insurance stipend.

Responsibilities: Aspects of the job may include:

- Conducting and planning fieldwork with other TC staff, often in remote locations
 - Conduct monitoring surveys via vehicle and raft (*note: schedule at this time is 6 weeks vehicle monitoring with 2 days rafting and working some weekends*).
 - Ability to adhere to data collection and monitoring protocols
 - Skills in vegetation identification and knowledge of common riparian species
- Utilize GIS/GPS functions in a field protocol and data management setting
- Data entry and management (familiar with Microsoft excel and ESRI Arc-View)
- Communication and coordination with natural resource managers including providing and organizing public presentations
- Follow established safety and risk management protocols
- Practice Leave no Trace ethics
- Coordinating, editing or drafting technical papers

Qualifications/Experience: Applicant must have a Bachelor degree, preferably in a biological science, environmental science, or related field; basic knowledge of riparian restoration principles and practices; excellent verbal and written communication skills; hike, backpack, safe backcountry travel techniques (whitewater rafting experience is not required but a benefit); computer (Word, Excel, ESRI ArcGIS, etc.); communication skills and ability to work in a team environment is essential.

Special Job Requirements: Dependable car and valid driver's license, registration, and insurance for travel throughout Colorado, eastern Utah, and other western states; ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends as needed; ability to self motivate and stay on task for long periods of time in tiring conditions; ability to travel for extended periods in remote areas (1 week or more); Wilderness First Aid or Responder Certification required prior to start date.

Email **resumes and cover letter** to: Rusty Lloyd, Program Director rlloyd@tamariskcoalition.org
Application deadline is July 6, at NOON mountain time.