TITLE: Field Botany Technician (invasive plants)

DEPARTMENT: Conservation

STATUS: Full time hourly (1 year)

REPORTS TO: Field Crew Lead and Director of Conservation Programs

Position Overview:
In collaboration with the Angeles National Forest, work in a team to assist the Field Crew Lead and Director of Conservation Programs with invasive plant management on the Angeles National Forest. Duties include hand removal of invasive plant species, herbicide application, rugged backcountry hiking, and some GPS mapping of plant populations. Must approach all tasks with respect for natural, cultural and fiscal resources, co-workers, volunteers, partner agencies, and organizations. This is a full time temporary position (40 hours a week for 1 year, with possibility of extension, starting in July or as soon as positions are filled).

Duties and Responsibilities:

● Under cooperative agreements between RSABG, the Angeles National Forest, and National Forest Foundation assists in the execution of invasive plant species removal.

● Manual removal of invasive plant species

● Herbicide application

● Drive and navigate to field sites

● Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

● A working knowledge of basic taxonomic principles and characteristics of major plant families and California flora desired.

● Ability to perform difficult physical labor such as pulling up plants.

● Ability to use GPS equipment and read/navigate with topographic maps.

● Ability to properly use hazardous equipment; ability to operate 4WD vehicle and/or power tools such as chainsaw desired.

● Demonstrated interest in conservation

● Valid driver's license.

Physical demands

● Ability to conduct fieldwork under a variety of environmental conditions is required.

● The physical ability to hike several miles a day for 10 hours a day, carrying a pack through strenuous terrain in adverse weather conditions.

● Must have physical strength and endurance sufficient to carry field equipment and supplies

Location

● Duty location varies. Primary reporting location is in Santa Clarita.

Qualified candidates please send cover letter and resume to:
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