

Fallon County Job Description

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Job Title: Weed Crew Hand	Department: Weed
Reports to: Weed Control Coordinator	Job Status: Seasonal, Non-exempt
Location: Baker, Montana	Probationary Period: Six (6) months

Job Overview

This position uses a variety chemical spray equipment to control identified noxious weeds in Fallon County; this requires extensive outside manual labor in a variety of weather conditions. Participates in regular maintenance of equipment and cleaning of the facility.

This position requires a motor vehicle background check.

Essential Functions

Chemical Spraying – Identifies noxious weeds. Using established procedures and equipment including but limited to 4x4 trucks, ATV/UTV’s, GPS, pumps, small engines and Personal Protective Equipment, sprays weeds with approved chemicals. Ensures spraying procedures adhere to weed control rules and regulations by maintaining communication with the Coordinator and other crew hands via training and established written materials. Spray procedures include extensive walking and/or driving.

Equipment Maintenance and Facility Cleaning – Performs regular maintenance on equipment, including checking and/or changing oil, tire pressure. Cleans equipment including washing vehicles. Cleans and organizes shop.

Competencies

Adaptability, Attention to Detail, Customer Service, Flexibility, Initiative, Map Reading, Mechanical, Oral & Written Expression, and Record Keeping:

This position requires significant attention to detail in the identification of noxious weeds and subsequent spraying of chemicals. Read, understand and utilize maps, aerial photos and GPS equipment. Knowledge of basic tools including purpose, repair and maintenance. Maintain accurate and neat records of daily chemical applications, as required by State law.

Possess excellent customer service and interpersonal skills to resolve questions and concerns using good judgment and discretion. Effectively interact with variety of personalities and demands of the public. Resolve questions or concerns with courtesy and respect. Willingness to work beyond routine and scheduled hours. Work independently. Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences. Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand.

Safety

Safety is a primary duty and a personal responsibility. County employees are responsible for reading, understanding and following safety rules and procedures as identified within County Policy, our Safety Program as well as at each department/work location/JSA. This position is responsible for wearing PPE as identified in the JSA or when working in areas where there is danger of injury. PPE may include but is not limited to hard hats, protective eye wear, ear protection and/or helmets. Responsible for wearing suitable work clothes as determined by the Weed Control Coordinator. Reports all injuries, hazards and/or near misses utilizing established reporting forms and procedures. Knows the location of first aid kits, fire extinguishers and other safety devices. Attends all safety meetings including annual training. This position will not perform potentially hazardous tasks or use any hazardous material until properly trained.

Supervisory Responsibility

This position has no supervisory responsibilities.

Work Environment

This position performs work throughout Fallon County in outdoor settings and in a variety of weather conditions including but not limited to heat, sun, wind and rain. Exposed to a variety of grasses, weeds, trees, shrubs, flowers and other sources of pollen.

Required Education and Experience

Must be a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.

Preferred Education and Experience

Seventeen (17) year of age and older is preferred. Experience in using a side-by-side and manual transmission is preferred. Knowledge of the identification of noxious weeds and herbicides used in their control is a plus; however, extensive on the job training is provided in both areas.

Employees are encouraged but not required to obtain a governmental applicator license. The Weed Board will cover the expenses to obtain the license and attend training classes. Prior Weed Board approval is required to attend training sessions.

Additional Eligibility Qualifications

Must possess a valid Driver License.

Salary Schedule

The starting wage for this position is \$12.50 per hour. Experienced and returning seasonal weed crew hands will be paid on the following schedule:

- 2nd Year: \$13.00 per hour
- 3rd Year: \$13.50 per hour
- 4th Year: \$14.00 per hour
- 5th Year: \$14.50 per hour
- 6th Year: \$15.00 per hour
- 7th Year: \$15.50 per hour
- 8th Year: \$16.00 per hour

**Fallon County Weed Department Endorsement is an additional \$1.00 per hour at any level. Pay increases for obtaining the license will be awarded on the day the test is passed. Experience levels will be determined by the Coordinator.

Position Type/Hours of Work:

This seasonal position typically works during the summer months; shifts may be up to twelve (12) hours. Schedule is often dependent upon the weather; the needs of the department may result in overtime (in excess of forty (40) hours per week in accordance with Fallon County policy) and will be compensated at time and a half.

Physical and Environmental Demands

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to speak or hear. The employee is frequently required to stand, walk on uneven surfaces, sit, bend, and reach with hands and arms. May be required to climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. May be required to lift up to fifty (50) pounds. Specific vision abilities include close and distant vision. Will work in a variety of weather conditions.

The specific statements shown in each section of this description are not intended to be all inclusive. They represent typical elements and criteria considered necessary to perform the job successfully; employees are routinely required to address emerging employer requirements in alignment with individual work units and assignments of jobs which may result in additional or a change in duties/functions not identified. This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee; it is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer change.

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