Natural Resources Technician
Temporary Hourly
Alaska

POSITION
Seasonal Natural Resources Technician(s) (Temporary Hourly) positions are available with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML). This position is located in Alaska at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Position will last 4 months, depending on funding.

ORGANIZATION
CEMML is a research, education and service unit within the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University (CSU). CEMML applies the latest and most appropriate science to promote the sustainable management of natural and cultural resources on Department of Defense (DoD) and other public lands. We provide technical support, conduct applied research, and offer career development and learning opportunities to support resource stewardship. We collaborate with our sponsors and within CSU to resolve complex environmental issues, leaving a legacy of science-based decisions that sustain our resources for future generations.

To learn more about CEMML’s contributions to land management, our mission, vision, and values, visit http://www.cemml.colostate.edu/.

LOCATION
In October 2010, the Air Force’s Elmendorf Air Force Base and the Army’s Fort Richardson joined to become Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER). The installation is over 84,000 acres, stretching from northern Anchorage to Palmer, Alaska. JBER is located near Anchorage, Alaska, which has a population of nearly 300,000. Its proximity to JBER provides access to an urban center as well as excellent recreation and wildlife opportunities. For more information about Anchorage, visit http://www.anchoragechamber.org.

RESPONSIBILITIES
Natural Resource Technician(s) will be hired to assist the JBER Ecologist in conducting ecological field studies including, but not limited to ground truthing wetland functional assessments, performing wetland delineations, vegetation sampling, and ecological monitoring on JBER. Activities may require application of a standardized methodology using GIS, aerial photographs, online mapping reference tools, and other hard copy and/or electronic resources, as well and field tools, digital data collection devices, etc. to assess functional values of wetlands including, but not limited to, wildlife habitat, plant habitat, flood attenuation, water quality, stream and lake buffers, and public values. Technician may also assist JBER Natural Resource Staff with other natural resource monitoring and management projects as needed, including forest stand thinning, hazard tree removal, trail clearing or construction, handling of small mammals, avian surveys, or other work conducted in the field. Some tasks may require heavy lifting, use of power or hand tools, or other physically exerting tasks. Technician will gain valuable experience with variety of natural resource sampling techniques and equipment, plant taxonomy, wetland and watershed dynamics, wildlife monitoring, silviculture and forest stand management, as well as experience with GPS, GIS, electronic data-collection, and map and compass navigation. Overnight camping trips and travel by small aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, and/or river boat may be required to access remote sites.
PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
This position is expected to involve extensive field work with a smaller proportion of the duties pertaining to office work. The ability to walk long distances in adverse terrain and weather conditions and the ability to work well with others is essential.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
The successful candidate must demonstrate U.S. employment eligibility; CEMML will not provide visa sponsorship for this position. BS/BA in ecology, natural resource management, botany, forestry or related field is required. Otherwise well qualified candidates who’ve nearly completed such coursework may be considered. Candidates with course work and/or experience in plant taxonomy, natural resource sampling and monitoring techniques are preferred. Applicants should also have experience navigating with maps, compasses, and GPS. Successful candidate must have or be able to obtain valid driving license.

HOUSING AND DURATION
Housing is not provided, however, rental housing is available in the adjacent communities. Positions will be approximately 4 months starting in May/June, though data management and analysis work may be available during the fall; employment not to exceed nine months.

BACKGROUND CHECK
Colorado State University is committed to providing a safe and productive learning and living community. To achieve that goal, we conduct background investigations for all final candidates being considered for employment. Background checks may include, but are not limited to, criminal history, national sex offender search and motor vehicle history.

PAY RATE
Pay rate is commensurate with experience and qualifications. The range is $16.00-18.00 per hour. The duration of this position is dependent on funding from the sponsor.

APPLICATION
To apply, please e-mail the following:

(1) A letter of application, including acknowledgement of the work location
(2) Resume
(3) Unofficial copy of college transcripts (please remove sensitive personal information including social security number or date of birth)
(4) Name and daytime phone number for three references including one current or former supervisor to:

Charlene Johnson
Charlene.johnson@colostate.edu

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
All materials must be received by March 1st, 2016
For more information about this position, contact Charlene Johnson at 907-552-0310 or email at Charlene.johnson@colostate.edu.

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Reflecting departmental and institutional values, candidates are expected to have the ability to advance the Department's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

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