Forestry Technician
Temporary Hourly
Alaska

POSITION
Seasonal Forestry Technician(s) positions are available with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML). This position is located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. Position will last approximately 4 months, depending on funding. One or more positions are under consideration.

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
Forestry Technician(s) will be hired to conduct forest resource management activities, long term vegetation and ecological monitoring activities (LTVM/LTEM), and data management activities in support of the Natural Resources Management Program at JBER, Alaska. Forestry Technician(s) will assist the JBER Ecologist and other Natural Resources (NR) and Land Rehabilitation and Maintenance (LRAM) field crews with various assigned field projects. Forestry tasks include forest thinning, hazard tree removal, trail clearing and other duties as assigned with chainsaws and other hand tools that are provided. LTVM/LTEM activities include field data collection and sampling vegetation in remote field sites throughout JBER. Sampling vegetation requires knowledge of local species and/or the skills to identify unknown forbs, grasses, trees, and shrubs, calculate relative abundance, execute standard silviculture measurements in forest plots, and compile data into electronic data forms. Technician will gain valuable experience with silviculture practices, natural resource sampling techniques and equipment, 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
The ability to walk long distances in adverse terrain and weather conditions and the ability to work well with others is essential all while conducting arduous and physically demanding work which may include operation of chainsaws, wood splitters, axes, and other motorized equipment or non-motorized hand tools.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS
The successful candidate must demonstrate U.S. employment eligibility; CEMML will not provide visa sponsorship for this position. Experience with running and maintaining chainsaws/hand tools and experience with topographic maps and aerial photo interpretation are a plus. Preference will be given to applicants who have already completed a chainsaw training course prior to the start date. Experience or education in forestry or similar discipline is desired. Applicants must have experience navigating with maps, GPS, and compasses. Successful candidate must have or be able to obtain valid driving license. Exceptional candidates will have leadership experience managing small forestry crews, being responsible for the maintenance and basic repair of chainsaws and other forestry tools, and conducting timber stand evaluations for the purpose of prioritizing forest management activities.

HOUSING AND DURATION
Housing is not provided, however, rental housing is available in the adjacent communities. Positions will be approximately three to four months starting in May/June; 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 $16.00-19.00 per hour. Continuation of these positions is dependent on the receipt of funding from the sponsor for these positions.

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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