



Whitman Conservation District
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Conservation Technician

The Whitman Conservation District (WCD) is recruiting to fill a Full time or Part time Conservation Technician position. This position is anticipated to start Fall 2023. The position is dependent on continued grant funding. The work is based out of Colfax WA at job sites throughout Whitman County. The conservation technician must have strong project management skills; field and data management skills; the ability to work independently and as part of a team; and the ability to clearly communicate with District staff and with project partners. The position will help plan, organize, and coordinate crew members, complete fieldwork, and assist other staff in carrying out miscellaneous grant or contract-related tasks as part of the districts goals. Wages will be \$16-\$22/hr. depending on experience. Full Time positions are eligible for benefits.

Main Duties

The following are examples of typical work duties but are not a comprehensive list.

- Planting native riparian trees and shrubs at restoration projects on private and public lands
- Maintenance/irrigation of native riparian tree and shrub plantings
- Mechanical/chemical treatment of invasive plant species
- Installation of woody hand-built in-stream restoration structures such as beaver dam analogues or post assisted log structures or Installation of livestock exclusion fences
- Collection of field data on plant survival, invasive plant treatment effectiveness, and in-stream restoration effectiveness
- Also implements and coordinates other field projects activities as assigned by district manager.

Other work such as conducting basic forest inventory, habitat surveys, fish barrier assessment surveys, and collecting topographic survey data may be assigned as needed.

Working Conditions

The following are examples of typical working conditions, but are not a comprehensive list:

- Work in inclement weather including rain, wind, and direct sun.
- During planting days, there will be repetitive digging, bending, and load carrying.
- Wade in river and stream water of varying depths and speeds
- Work in remote areas, sometimes miles away from a road
- Use of equipment such as brush cutters, hydraulic post pounders, and pesticide sprayers
- Carry heavy loads over 45 lbs. for long distances.
- Drive long distances in district owned vehicles.
- Work along busy roadways including state highways and county roads.
- Lead various groups of volunteers including minors.

Qualifications

- Technical Degree (AS/AA) in Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences, or a closely related field. Qualifying experience may substitute year-for-year for the education requirement. • One (1) or more years of previous experience working as a field crew member.
- Valid driver's license
- Strong attention to detail, communication, and organization skills.
- Experience using small power tools including mowers, chainsaws, trimmers, etc.

Applications are available on our website and please include a cover letter and resume to the WCD District Manager Josh Larsen at jlarsen@whitmancd.org. Position will be open until filled and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.