

YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Vegetation Technician IV
Wildlife Resources Management
Department of Natural Resources
Hourly Wage: \$16.86/Temporary/Full-Time

As a Tech IV, this position will require work as one of the senior members of a vegetation sampling crew. The technician will work as a member of a vegetation sampling team collecting plant and habitat data. The technician will navigate to and from remote sites in rugged terrain, collect plant species and habitat data, download and manipulate GIS data, complete data entry, and conduct quality control of data. The technician will identify unknown plant species using dichotomous plant taxonomy keys in order to complete surveys. Crew tasks may require operation and maintenance of agricultural equipment, heavy machinery and hand tools. The position will be involved in activities that require coordination with Yakama Nation and BIA programs, private contractors and the general public.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of East Cascades/Columbia basin plants and habitats.
- Knowledge of forest region and forest vegetation.
- Knowledge in identifying plants to species using taxonomic keys.
- Knowledge of fire/fuels level vegetation and sampling procedures.
- Knowledge of using digital camera, GPS unit and hand-held data devices to collect habitat and vegetation data.
- Ability to use topographic maps to navigate to remote sites.
- Ability to learn and complete complex habitat and vegetation sampling techniques.
- Ability to drive a 4wd vehicle in rugged terrain is desirable.
- Ability to work long hours and walk long distances in rugged terrain in difficult weather conditions.
- Ability to work well in a team.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to maintain accurate records and data pertinent to the field surveys.
- Experience in conducting a variety of habitat and vegetation surveys.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must have a minimum of one year college coursework in botany, plant biology natural resources program or related field
- Must have a minimum of one college course in plant taxonomy, plant identification of the equivalent course.
- Six months experience conducting vegetation surveys
- Six months relevant work experience in East Cascades/Columbia basin habitats.
- Required to pass pre-employment drug test.
- Enrolled Yakama Preference, but all qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.
- Must possess a valid Washington State Driver's License with the ability to obtain a Yakama Nation Driving Permit.
- Three years experience as a Vegetation Technician III.
- Candidate will be required to demonstrate ability to successfully identify plants to species with taxonomic key prior to hiring.