



Invasive Species Outreach Assistant 2018

The Sandy River Watershed Council (SRWC) seeks a temporary, part-time Invasive Species Outreach Assistant. This person will work directly with our Community Stewardship Coordinator to build relationships with landowners and survey properties for invasive species primarily in the Salmon River Basin, ~20 miles east of the City of Sandy. The Invasive Species Outreach Assistant will contribute to restoration projects and increase community engagement to restore native vegetation in a high profile, socially diverse, regionally significant natural setting.

Position: Invasive Species Outreach Assistant

Hours: 16-20 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks, not to exceed 250 hours. Target field days are Wednesdays and Thursdays, with some flexibility

Compensation: \$15/hour

Application Deadline: Wednesday May 30th, 8:00 am

Desired start date: Wednesday June 6th.

Responsibilities

Internal Project Assistance

Coordinate field schedule with the Community Stewardship Coordinator and display a willingness to communicate with SRWC staff and project partners in a collaborative effort.

Invasive Species Surveys

Survey private properties with granted permission for 12 Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) invasive species as identified with project partner Clackamas County Soil and Water Conservation District. Collect field data with Community Stewardship Coordinator using GPS-enabled Fulcrum mobile app (all technology and training will be provided). Remove small patches of invasive species.

Landowner Outreach

Assist Community Stewardship Coordinator in contacting landowners in the Upper Sandy Basin to receive permission to survey and treat EDRR weeds on their properties. This may include direct door-to-door contact, on the phone, and tabling at events.

Skills & Qualifications

- Knowledge of plants, particularly northwest natives and invasives.
- Ability to identify plant species (training on target EDRR plants provided)
- Effective communication with landowners and colleagues
- Ability to record field data using the Fulcrum app
- Ability to be outdoors for long periods of time, including walking through brush in riparian areas on uneven ground.
- Positive attitude

Location & Work Conditions

Project sites are distributed throughout the Upper Sandy River basin, primarily focusing on the Salmon River, upstream of the confluence with the Sandy River. Summer conditions require physical labor in varying mountain weather, hot sun, and sometimes marshy, thicketed, buggy, riparian areas. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license, preferably access to a vehicle, though coordinating carpooling with SRWC staff to project sites may be possible. Mileage to/from project sites (excluding the SRWC office) are reimbursable.

Background

The Sandy River Watershed Council (SRWC) is an independent non-profit whose mission is to restore and protect the natural, cultural, and historical resources of the Sandy River basin. We engage landowners, volunteers, community members, and agencies in collaborative efforts to enhance the health and vitality of the Sandy and its tributaries through on-the-ground restoration projects, education and stewardship.

Additional information about the Council is available at www.sandyriver.org.

SRWC is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate against any employee or job applicant based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, veteran status, or marital status.

To Apply:

Please e-mail a resume and cover letter in a combined document (not to exceed 3 pages total, PDF or Word) to sara@sandyriver.org or hard copy applications can be mailed to:

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Applications must be received **by Tuesday May 30th at 8am.**