Wildlife Technician (Sage-grouse) - Oregon

Opening for a wildlife technician to study season long horse grazing on sage-grouse habitat beginning March 4th and ending the end of June. The experiment is a collaborative research project between Roaring Springs Ranch, Oregon State University and USDA-ARS. The study uses a case study approach to determine the impacts of season long (8 months per year) horse grazing on 1. Sage-grouse nesting habitat structure and composition and 2. Behavioral interactions between nesting sage-grouse and grazing horses within active nesting habitat located near a water source.

The work will involve living and working at a cattle ranch located near the Steens Mountains and will include assisting with capturing, radio-collaring and tracking grouse using VHF technology with the ranch biologist and staff in the early spring, and likely some habitat vegetation measurements and fencing work later in the spring/summer. Vegetation work will likely include some of the following: line point intercept, line intercept, visual obscurity using robe pole, daubenmire plots and belt transect. Plant IDis a plus, but most ID will likely be to functional group and training can be provided. Work might include other duties associated with the research project/ranch.

1. Courses/experience in natural resources, wildlife, botany, plant science, or related field.
2. Avian experience preferred
3. Experience with vegetation monitoring methods
4. Experience working with telemetry
5. Experience living or working in rural/remote locations
6. General knowledge of computers and skills for use of word processing and data entry.
7. Ability to carry out tasks independently and part of a team.
8. Experience with driving 4WD vehicles and GPS units.
9. Experience/ability to perform strenuous work in extreme environments

Position Duties

This will primarily be a field based job involving irregular work hours and/or days. Work will consist of roughly 85% data/sample collection and processing in the field and 15% data entry and summarization. Ranch housing will be provided.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to Vanessa.schroeder@oregonstate.edu with Sage-Grouse Technician in the subject line by February 1, 2019 for full consideration. Applications accepted through February 22, 2019. Start date will be March 4th and end June 30th.