

National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Inc.  
**Job Description**

Position: **Wildlife Biologist I (two positions available)**  
Reports to: Plant Ecology - Associate Scientist  
Work Week: Exempt position; 40+ hours per week to meet work demands  
Revised: February 2, 2018  
Duty Station: NW Oregon and SW Washington (work is mostly within 2 hrs. drive of Portland, OR)  
Duration: May 30, 2018 – August 31, 2018  
Salary Range: \$ 2,200 - \$ 2,400 per month, positions do **not** qualify for benefits, nor housing

**Project Description:**

This research examines differences between forest patches left after harvest and the surrounding clearcut area. The objectives of the study include examining differences in vegetation community and structure between patches and adjacent harvest areas, as well as examining edge effects of the patches on vegetation. While technicians will be based out of the Portland, OR area, study sites are located from southwest Washington to the mid-Oregon coast range. Lodging will be provided as necessary for long-distance field work, some camping may be required. Technicians will collect data on vegetation species cover in retained patches and surrounding clearcuts. Technicians should have a working knowledge of Pacific Northwest plants, including tree, shrub, and forb species, and have experience identifying plants using field guides such as Pojar and MacKinnon (2004), and taxonomic keys like Hitchcock and Cronquist (1973). Ideally, technicians will have previous field work experience in the Pacific Northwest, and are comfortable navigating terrain, conducting field work in the woods, and working outdoors in inclement weather.

**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Collect data on vegetation species cover in retained patches and surrounding clearcuts
2. Position will require working outdoors in inclement weather, often in recently harvested forest stands. Must be able to get to and work from remote locations, drive forest roads, read maps, navigate through a forested landscape, and relate well with the public.
3. Gather and analyze data and related information.
4. Willingness to have a flexible work schedule.
5. Demonstrate an ability to work effectively with others toward meeting the goals of the National Council.
6. Develop a familiarity with NCASI's mission, policies, practices, and procedures.
7. Become acquainted with the environmental issues of the forest products industry.
8. Read, absorb, process, and communicate complex information. Assist the supervisor in responding to technical queries by NCASI clients and others in a competent and timely manner.
9. Possess ability to carry-out associated field work that may involve prolonged (multi-day) exposure to inclement conditions and a necessity to hike carrying equipment (20 pounds or more) over rough terrain (for 2 miles or more).

**Additional Responsibilities:**

1. Undertakes additional activities as assigned by Supervisor.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

1. A Bachelor's degree in a biological sciences discipline or related environmental field and knowledge of plant identification.
2. Must have driving record which can be approved by Federal Agencies to drive government vehicles.
3. Basic data entry experience (Microsoft Excel).

**Additional Qualifications:**

1. Knowledge of local plant communities (west of the Cascades in Oregon or Washington).

Please send cover letter, resume, and 3 references with phone numbers and e-mail addresses to: Jake Verschuyt, NCASI, P.O. Box 1259, Anacortes, WA 98221. The positions will remain open until filled. Materials may be submitted electronically to: [jverschuyt@ncasi.org](mailto:jverschuyt@ncasi.org). NCASI is an equal opportunity employer.