

JOB TITLE: Watershed Field Technician I
JOB CLASS: \$18.00 to \$21.00 per hour, 10-19 week term



About the Watershed Research and Training Center

The Watershed Research and Training Center (The Watershed Center) sustains healthy lands and healthy communities. What started in the early 1990s as a local project to re-train displaced loggers and mill workers in Trinity County, CA is now a vibrant nonprofit organization working locally, statewide and nationally on a host of landscape conservation and community development issues.

Position Description

The Watershed Field Technician will be responsible for supporting a variety of watershed and fisheries restoration and monitoring projects in the Trinity and South Fork Trinity River watersheds of Northern California. We work extensively with the US Forest Service, state, tribal, private and other federal agencies to plan and implement a wide range of monitoring and restoration strategies on both public and private lands. Responsibilities will include supporting managers, partners and contractors in a variety of capacities including: aquatic habitat data collection, participation in watershed restoration implementation, and landowner engagement. The Field Technician may also work on a limited basis with affiliated WRTC programs focused on youth education, forestry and outdoor recreation.

Job Duties and Core Responsibilities

- Conducts field surveys, identifies aquatic habitats, and records field information;
- Records data on a computer tablet, datasheets, or in a notebook;
- Takes photographs with a camera or other imaging device;
- Uses a computer to enter data and store photographs;
- Maintains tools and equipment;
- Performs other related responsibilities as needed.

Qualifications, Skills and Competencies

- Candidate must be hard working, good-natured, and capable of working with others, communicating with co-workers and supervisors, and following direction from project managers and supervisors.
- Possess a general understanding or interest in fisheries, aquatic ecosystems, or hydrology;
- Ability to navigate off-trail using a compass, GPS and USGS topographic maps;
- Attention to organization, detail and accuracy;
- Ability to maintain regular attendance and be punctual.

Physical Requirements and Work Environment

- Ability to hike across uneven terrain for up to 8 miles while carrying a pack and gear;
- Ability to navigate, walk, and swim in rivers including swift or deep water conditions;
- Tolerance for working in a wide range of weather conditions including heat, rain, and wind;
- Ability to perform bending, kneeling, standing, and lifting and carrying objects weighing 35 lbs.;
- Ability to use a variety of hand tools, including loppers, shovels, and pick-axe.

Minimum Qualifications

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Valid Driver's License

Preferred Qualifications

- Field experience, personal or professional
- Passion for natural resources

Compensation

Compensation for this position will be based on experience, within the range of \$18.00 to \$21.00/hour. This is a seasonal position with work occurring June 1, 2024 to approximately October 30, 2024 (August 15, 2024 for college students).

Other Details

This position comes with a regular work schedule of Monday through Thursday, 6:00 am to 4:30 pm (Four 10-hour days schedule). While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to use a computer/phone.