**Field Coordinator – Woodland Draw Vegetation Sampling**

The Spatial Analysis Lab at University of Montana is recruiting for a dedicated individual to lead a field data collection effort to validate and categorize woodland draw habitat on BLM lands in eastern Montana and parts of the Dakotas. The selected applicant will be responsible for coordination and conduct of fieldwork, supervision of up to 3 other field technicians, and ensuring quality handling and reporting of GPS surveys, vegetation identification, and site characterizations/descriptions. The coordinator will synthesize data in check-ins with SAL staff and contribute to the preparation of a final progress report for the BLM. The Field Coordinator may interact with private landowners or other agency professionals during the regular course of field work and must be comfortable with this.

Crews of two-four people work eight-day hitches: 10-hours/day, with a six-day break between hitches. All positions are field-based and require working and camping in isolated regions. We ask seasonal staff to commit to the entire field season, practice safety awareness (including vehicle and COVID-19 safety procedures), and contribute to building a healthy, productive and enjoyable work environment.

**Job Length:** Full-time seasonal support is available for the upcoming field season, which is weather dependent, but scheduled for late May through August.

**Compensation:** $18-19 per hour, plus $41 pier diem. *Lodging is not provided during the field season*. Transportation is provided from Missoula or Glasgow, MT to field site locations.

**Required Qualifications**

- Bachelor’s degree in Botany, ecology or a related natural resources field
- Willingness and ability to maintain a positive attitude in field conditions that include exposure to inclement weather, hot or cold weather (20°F–110°F), rugged terrain, mosquitos, poisonous snakes, bears, lightning, wildfire, etc., all while maintaining a strong commitment to team safety
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Attention to detail and ability to accurately identify vegetation
- Ability to carry up to 50 lbs across uneven ground
- Previous field research experience, preferably in rangeland ecosystems
- Valid driver’s license with a good driving record
- Ability to prioritize tasks and work efficiently in the field
- Current first aid / CPR certification

**Preferred Qualifications**

- Previous supervisory experience
- Prior experience identifying rangeland vegetation
- Prior experience with field techniques, including GPS operations, transect sampling, vegetation cover estimation, and ESRI Survey123/Field Maps/Collector/AGOL
- Prior experience with remote sensing, GIS, and programming with Python or R may be helpful

If you do not have current First Aid/CPR certification, you must become certified before arriving to begin work. The work schedule is subject to the weather, which may cause unpredictable days off—**applicants must be willing to work when needed and take days off when the opportunity arises.** Applicants must enjoy working and living in a remote rural area with a diverse group of people including private landowners and livestock producers. The rewards include the endless vistas of Eastern Montana, abundant recreation opportunities within a short (1-2 hour) drive, phenomenal wildlife viewing, and field research experience. A strong work ethic, good physical condition, and sense of humor are a must. The position will require hiking up to several miles each day through sagebrush, over uneven terrain, and in very hot temperatures to reach some sampling sites; and driving a few hours each day in trucks over low maintenance roads.

**Applications are due March 1st, 2022.** To apply, please send a current resume and names and contact information for three references to Melissa Hart (melissa.hart@mso.umt.edu), Ethan Shafron (Ethan.Shafron@mso.umt.edu), and Ryan Rock (Ryan.Rock@mso.umt.edu) with the subject line “Field Coordinator – Woody Draws.”