

NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
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PUBLIC VACANCY NOTICE
(AMENDED)

Posting Date: June 16, 2009

Deadline Date: Open Until Filled

Position: Director of NM Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute

Department: Forest & Watershed

Rate: Salary to Commensurate with Experience

Job Type: 12 months/Full-Time

FLSA: Exempt

Reports To: President

Summary: The Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute (FWRI) at New Mexico Highlands University was established by Congress to develop, monitor, conduct research on, and transfer information about restoration-based fuel-reduction treatments in dry forests and woodlands of New Mexico. FWRI has an important role in New Mexico in implementation of the State's innovative Forest and Watershed Health Plan. The Institute is a partner in the Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI), with the Ecological Restoration Institute at Northern Arizona University and the Forest Restoration Institute at Colorado State University. FWRI is seeking a permanent Director for its operations.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Supervise a team of professionals dedicated to restoration of New Mexico's forests and watersheds.
- Work with federal, state, and tribal land management agencies to provide tools and information on restoration-based fuel-reduction treatments in woodlands and forests.
- Work with the US Congressional Delegation and NM Legislators on policies and legislation concerning forest restoration and FWRI funding.
- Acquire other funding for institute activities from federal, state, and private sources.
- Develop public awareness of the importance of fire in forest ecosystems and restoration.
- Develop innovative annual work plans based on the needs of on-the-ground land managers, rural communities, and other stakeholders.
- Engage other institutions of higher education and research for accomplishment of FWRI's mission.
- Contribute to the technical approaches and completion of projects.
- Work with an advisory board which oversees the FWRI.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Ability to work collaboratively with people of diverse backgrounds on natural resources issues.
- Ability to communicate effectively to diverse professional and public audiences.
- Ability to Lead a group of professionals working on multiple technical and outreach projects.
- Ability to acquire federal and state grants, contracts, and other forms of funding.
- Knowledge and experience in forests and woodlands of the Southwest.

Minimum Qualifications:

- **Education:** A Doctorate Degree in Forestry, Ecology, Conservation, or a closely related natural resources management field.
- **Experience:** Five (5) years experience directly related to the above listed duties and responsibilities.
- A Masters or Bachelors Degree in Forestry, Ecology, Conservation, or a closely related natural resources management field with 15 years of experience in a natural resources management agency **will only substitute for the required degree.** The five (5) additional years of experience will be required.

Application Packet: Interested applicants must submit: a completed application for employment at New Mexico Highlands University (www.nmhu.edu/jobs); a letter of interest and professional intent; curriculum vitae; copies of all college/university transcripts; and names/addresses/ telephone numbers of 3 professional references. Candidates who are invited for interview will be required to submit official transcripts; references will be contacted in conjunction with interviews. Submit materials to:

**New Mexico Highlands University
Human Resources Department
Forest & Watershed Search
Box 9000
Las Vegas, NM 87701**

E-Mail applications will be accepted: djgallegos@nmhu.edu

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