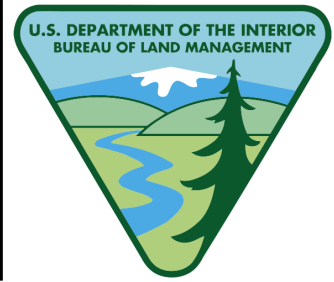


2024 Summer Stream Survey Positions with the BLM

Corvallis, OR



The Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program (AREMP) tracks trends in watershed condition over time, and reports on the Forest Service's Northwest Forest Plan and the Bureau of Land Management's Western Oregon Resource Management Plan. Every summer we hire field crews to travel all over the Pacific Northwest from Northern Washington to Northern California to collect stream habitat data.

Why work for AREMP?

- Gain valuable on the ground field experience in a variety of stream survey methods over a broad diversity of stream types. The survey involves camping in crews of three or four while day hiking (small percentage of sites accessed via backpacking) and bushwhacking (hiking with no trails) through steep forested terrain. The survey involves collecting macroinvertebrates, measuring stream substrate, bankfull width, large wood, pools, and water chemistry.
- We provide all employees with a wide range of training activities including: stream survey techniques, Wilderness First Aid, and CPR.
- A work schedule with 6 days off between each 8-day work period allows plenty of time to get out and see new things or just rest, relax and recuperate.



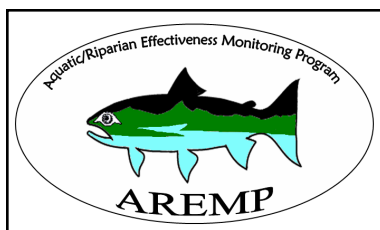
Crew Leaders (up to 4 positions) — Seasonal GS-0404-06 Biological Technician (Fisheries). Starts on 4/22/24 (non negotiable)

- Physically fit to reach off trail stream survey sites bushwhacking in steep forested terrain.
- Fosters and promotes a team based environment utilizing skills from a variety of crew members with different backgrounds, communication styles, work styles and experience levels.
- Distributes workload among employees and checks status and progress of work. Assesses work conditions and ensures work is done safely and efficiently. Monitors performance and resolves disciplinary problems and simple informal complaints of employees.
- Uses commonly accepted fisheries and hydrologic techniques to collect a variety of field data concerning watershed health.
- Organizes, reviews and analyzes data using android tablets.



Crew Members (up to 12 positions) — Seasonal GS-0404-05 Biological Technician (Fisheries). Starts on 5/20/24 (non negotiable)

- Physically fit to reach off trail stream survey sites bushwhacking in steep forested terrain.
- Collects a variety of field data concerning fish and watershed health conditions including, but not limited to: collecting macroinvertebrates, measuring stream substrate, bankfull width, large wood, pools, and water chemistry.
- Actively participates in promoting a team based work environment with a variety of crew members with different backgrounds, communication styles, work styles and experience levels.



FAQ's on next page!

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the job last?

Crew leaders typically work from mid-April to September and field crew members work from mid-May to September.

Where will I be working?

Crews will sample streams in selected watersheds “west of the Cascades” from Northern Washington to Central California on Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service lands. Work is very strenuous and physically demanding because of the steep terrain and remote access of sampling sites.

What’s the typical work schedule?

All crews are stationed out of Corvallis, Oregon. After a two week training period, each crew will spend 8 days camping on location and surveying streams, followed by 6 days off. Camping is often in campgrounds or primitive, dispersed campsites without restrooms and running water. Unfortunately, we do not have government housing in Corvallis.

How do I apply for a job?

- 1) Apply for our **Biological Science Technician (fisheries)** positions with the **Bureau of Land Management**. These positions will be open for applications on USA Jobs sometime in October. Positions will be advertised as GS-0404 Biological Science Technician (fisheries) positions for all BLM locations, so be sure to select Corvallis, Oregon as a duty station.

How do I qualify for a GS-0404-06 Biological Technician (Fisheries)?

There are two components to qualifying, one is the question portion of the application (must be answered at the highest level) and the other is the experience level based on one year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the next lower grade level (GS-5).

Examples of specialized experience include: Assisted in the development of fisheries project and study plans as well as guidelines for projects such as preparing maps of survey areas, selecting applicable methods, determining equipment needs, and assessing measurements outside the normal tolerance. Performed program support work for fisheries related projects such as planning daily activities, calibrating and operating a variety of complex equipment, collecting samples and recording data.

Experience refers to paid and unpaid experience, including volunteer work done through National Service programs (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps) and other organizations (e.g., professional; philanthropic; religious; spiritual; community, student, social). Volunteer work helps build critical competencies, knowledge, and skills and can provide valuable training and experience that translates directly to paid employment. You will receive credit for all qualifying experience, including volunteer experience.

How do I qualify for a GS-0404-05 Biological Technician (Fisheries)?

GS-05: A bachelor's degree or 4 years of successfully completed education above high school (120 semester/180 quarter hours) with major study or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics and at least 6 semester hours of courses must be directly related to the position to be filled. The education must have been obtained in an accredited business, secretarial or technical school, junior college, college or university.

Interested in learning more including when positions are posted on USA Jobs?

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