

Vacancy Announcement for Iowa Department of Natural Resources-Maintenance Worker 1

Job Title: Maintenance Worker 1

Location: Prairie Lakes-Ingham Wildlife Unit
2203 Ingham Lake Rd.
Wallingford, IA. 51365

Department: 542-Natural Resources

Start Date: May 1, 2024. (Date is flexible)

End Date: August 31, 2024. (Date is flexible)

Salary: \$15.00 per hour. Off-site low cost housing is available.

Job Description: The primary responsibilities of the Maintenance Worker 1 will be to assist the team with the day to day activities at the Prairie Lakes-Ingham Wildlife Management Unit, implementing wildlife and habitat management plans on a four county (Emmet, Palo Alto, Kossuth and Humboldt) area in northern Iowa.

Job Duties:

- Prairie management: plant and establish new prairie seedings. Assist with prescribed fire operations; this includes fire-break preparations, ignition and suppression. Implement tree removal by mechanical and chemical means. Monitor and control noxious weeds such as Canada thistle, Leafy spurge and Sericea lespedeza. This requires the ability to operate farm machinery such as tractors, seeders, mowers, chainsaws and prescribed fire equipment.
- Wetland management: monitor and maintain water control structures, dikes and levees and fish barriers. Manipulate water levels for desirable aquatic vegetation.
- Oak savanna management: Monitor and control invasive species such as honey suckle and buckthorn in the understory. Assist with prescribed fire. Monitor and maintain fence during grazing projects.
- Wildlife surveys and monitoring: dove, goose and duck banding; population surveys for deer and pheasants; and disease monitoring for chronic wasting disease and avian influenza.
- Facility and infrastructure maintenance: include mowing, sign posting, garbage pickup, fence building and fence removal. These activities require the ability to use hand tools and power equipment; such as drills, saws, chainsaws, trimmers, leaf blowers and mowers etc.
- Plant wildlife food plots: this requires the ability to operate farm machinery such as tractors, seeders, sprayers and mowers.
- Assist staff with equipment maintenance.

Minimum
Qualifications:

- Graduated from or currently enrolled in or on break between semesters of college, or about to enter first semester of college from high school.
- Major must be in Wildlife Biology, Animal Ecology or another closely related Natural Resource Field.
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- Must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
- Able to work alone, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Able to withstand physically demanding work, including lifting, bending, and hauling.
- Work with minimal supervision, demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers.
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Works and communicates with internal and external clients and customers to meet their needs in a polite, courteous and cooperative manner.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.
- Aligns behavior with needs, priorities, and goals of the organization.

Preferred Qualifications:

- S-130/190 Firefighter Training
- S212 chainsaw training
- Pesticide Applicator License

Application

Deadline: Open until filled

To Apply: To receive full consideration, you must:

Email a cover letter, resume, and three professional references to alex.fosado@dnr.iowa.gov

Or mail above listed items to:

Attn: Alex Fosado
Iowa DNR – Prairie Lakes-Ingham Wildlife Unit
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Please direct questions to Alex Fosado at (712)-330-5723

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