



Now Hiring: Missouri Prairie Foundation Prairie Stewardship Assistant

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position that does not report to an office. Position located in southwestern Missouri, including in any of the following counties: Lawrence, Dade, Benton, St. Clair, Barton, Vernon, Polk, Hickory, Pettis, Greene, Jasper, Newton, or Cedar Counties.

Duties and Responsibilities

Works with and under the supervision of MPF Director of Prairie Management to carry out the following work:

- Identification, tracking, and treatment of non-native, invasive herbaceous plants with targeted, careful use of specific herbicides
- Identification, tracking, and treatment of invasive woody growth, with herbicide and mechanical means
- Prescribed burning, including fire line preparation
- Occasionally, perform flora and fauna surveys and inventories
- Install, maintain, and repair area signage and infrastructure as needed
- Maintain work log including mileage documentation, hours worked, herbicide mixed/used, and acreage covered
- Utilize a purchasing card and maintain accurate records of purchasing and receipts



Salary range \$35,000-\$45,000/year based on experience and education. MPF will provide work truck, computer, cell phone, PPE/field apparel, and other items necessary to perform work.

Benefits:

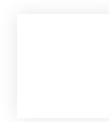
\$3,000 a year health care stipend (cash); maximum two weeks pay for jury duty; 10 paid holidays; 5 hours paid vacation accrued every two-week pay period (vacation hours increase with seniority); 64 hours of sick/personal time per year available 30 days after date of employment; and, after one year, eligibility to participate in MPF's SIMPLE IRA with an MPF 3% match. Opportunity to attend a continuing education conference or training at least once annually.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree in natural resources, wildlife management, ecology, biology, botany, or related field or high school diploma with at least two years experience in invasive plant control, prescribed burning, or natural resources management.

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

The following set of skills, knowledge, and abilities are



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- Operation of a motor vehicle
 - Work out-of-doors in extreme hot or cold temperatures
 - Ability to lift and carry backpack sprayers, and occasionally lift and carry bags of seed and other equipment of at least 40 pounds
 - Walk in rough terrain and participate on the ground with prescribed burns
 - Express oneself clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing
 - Work an occasional evening or weekend
 - Starting work early and/or ending late in the day may be required, with ability to flex hours
 - Travel and stay overnight occasionally
 - Carry out other related tasks as assigned

Preferred but not required:

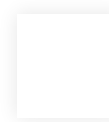
- Knowledge of prairie ecosystems, particularly prairie biota
- Experience in prairie, natural resource, or land management

Core Competencies and Special Ability Requirements

Ability to:

Accept all responsibilities of the job and assigned tasks.

Accept change, new information, and carry out agreed-upon plans.



willingness to communicate concerns.

Demonstrate technical proficiency in areas of responsibility.

Create and sustain an atmosphere in which timely, quality information flows between self and others, and express facts and ideas in a convincing manner whether one-on-one or within or before groups.

Take a long-term view of the MPF's direction and articulate a vision that integrates key program goals, priorities, values, and other factors.

Demonstrate regular and predictable attendance.

To apply for this position, please send resume, at least three references, and summary of education and work experience so it is received by April 12, 2024, to

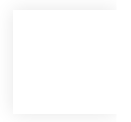
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Questions welcomed. Questions may be directed to Jerod.huebner@gmail.com or 417-414-4700.

About the Missouri Prairie Foundation:

The Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF) is a 58-year-old land trust that owns and manages 35 properties around the state



hunting.

MPF organizes many events throughout the year to educate and inform about Missouri's prairie legacy. MPF also runs the 24-year-old Grow Native! native plant marketing and education program and administers the Missouri Invasive Plant Council (MoIP).

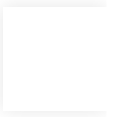
Missouri Prairie Foundation Vision:

For the benefit of present and future generations, we envision original prairie protected forever, an abundance of prairie plantings, native plants in widespread use in developed landscapes, and systematic control of invasive plants.

Missouri Prairie Foundation Mission:

The mission of the Missouri Prairie Foundation is to protect and restore prairie and other native grassland communities through land acquisition, management, education, and research; to promote the use of native plants through its Grow Native! program; and to support the control of invasive plants through its administration of the Missouri Invasive Plant Council.

Photo above by Paul Cox.



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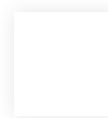


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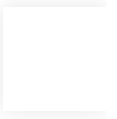
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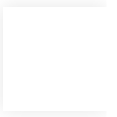
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