LAB TECHNICIAN POSITIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE FISH & WILDLIFE RESEARCH UNIT TO WORK AT NORTHERN PRAIRIE WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER - JAMESTOWN, NORTH DAKOTA

3 Term Lab Positions – Beginning January 2012

Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center is looking for current or recently graduated students to fill three lab technician positions processing invertebrate samples from the Cottonwood Lake Study Area (www.npwrc.usgs.gov/clsa). Duration of employment will be approximately 15 weeks. The Cottonwood Lake Study Area is the site of a long-term research effort being conducted by biologists from the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. Bird, amphibian, invertebrate, and plant communities are monitored annually at the site to further our understanding of wetland community responses to environmental change resulting from climate fluctuations and cycles.

Type of Services Required:
The primary duties of individuals selected will be sorting invertebrates to order or family, weighing invertebrates for biomass measurements, data recording, and maintenance of laboratory equipment. Other duties may include assisting the lab supervisor with more focused invertebrate identification.

Level of Academic Education, Knowledge, Skills, and Expertise Required:
Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of 2 years of college education in a program leading to a BS degree in wildlife biology, fisheries biology, environmental science, conservation science, zoology, biology, or a closely related subject area. While experience identifying aquatic invertebrates is desirable, it is not a requirement of this position as selected students will receive on the job training as needed.

Description of Working Environment Conditions:
All work will be performed in Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center’s aquatic laboratory. The lab is climate controlled and properly ventilated. Students will be
expected to conduct laboratory duties in a safe, orderly manner so as not to endanger self, fellow workers, or property with which they are entrusted.

**Principal Duty Station:**
U.S. Geological Survey  
Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center  
8711 37th Street SE  
Jamestown, North Dakota, 58401

**Compensation Rate:**
Each position will be filled through Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation. Students will be employees of HSUSPF for all legal and tax purposes. Compensation will be at the rate of $13.00 per hour. **Working hours are flexible and will be set to accommodate selected students’ class schedules.**

Dormitory housing will be provided at the Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center. Meals and other living expenses incurred while working at the principal duty station located in Jamestown, ND, will not be provided.

**Application Procedure:** To apply, please send a résumé, an up-to-date college transcript (unofficial copies acceptable), and the names, phone numbers and/or email addresses of at least 2 references by mail or as an email attachment to Dr. Walter Duffy.

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**Application materials must be received by January 6, 2012**

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