



OUTREACH NOTICE
FIELD ASSISTANT POSITION
TEMPORARY, NOT TO EXCEED 180 DAYS
Biological Science Technician

The purpose of this outreach notice is to notify eligible candidates of upcoming opportunities. The United States Geological Survey (USGS), Western Ecological Research Center will soon be filling a few 180 Day Field Assistant, Biological Science Technician positions with a **starting salary of \$44,368 PA, or ~21.26 / hour.**

This position is located Dixon, CA and Point Reyes, CA

About The Position

Technical work in a field environment in support of professional or technical employees engaged in data collection activities. Performs one or more of the following duties:

- Two field projects: The reptile field project and the amphibian field project, applicants will be selected for one or the other (not both).
 - Collects biological, botany, fisheries, or wildlife data from study files or monitoring stations.
- Reptile positions involve aquatic trapping to capture giant gartersnakes for demographic and occupancy studies along with habitat and vegetation surveys.
- Amphibian positions involve visual encounter and eDNA surveys for western spadefoot toads and other species for occupancy and demographic studies.
 - Operates a government motor vehicle as an incidental driver.

These positions will be open to applicants who meet all the requirements of the position, to include availability during the field season period:

03/13/2023 - 06/02/2023 for the amphibian project, and
04/03/2023 - 8/31/2023 for the reptile project

Work Schedule: Full Time/Maxi flex

Housing: Not provided

Questions About the Field Projects? Send Questions to:

Reptile Project: Anna Jordan (916-539-3122, ajordan@usgs.gov)

Amphibian Project: Patrick Kleeman (415-243-6146, pkleeman@usgs.gov)

Do not send application materials to these email addresses.



Desirable skills and knowledge include:

- Recording and maintaining data in field notebooks and electronic databases (iPhone)
- Ability to diligently follow field protocols and collect data with great attention to detail
- Must be reliable, self-motivated, in good physical condition
 - Able to maintain a positive attitude under sometimes challenging field and urban conditions that can include dense vegetation, daytime temperatures over 100 degrees F, rattlesnakes, biting and stinging insects, seasonal wildfire smoke and encounters with private citizens
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team while maintaining good communication with the field supervisor
- Must possess a valid driver's license (experience driving large trucks a plus)
- Previous experience conducting field work on reptiles and/or amphibians preferred

How to Apply: This outreach notice does not constitute an open announcement.

Individuals will need to send application documents to werchr@usgs.gov, between **8am PST 12/05/22 and 4pm PST 12/09/22**

- Cover letter describing interest and qualifications, including which field project (Reptile, Amphibian, or Both) you are interested in. Note that candidates will only be selected for one field project.
- Unofficial Transcripts
- Resume with related experience, full start and finish dates xx/xx/xx, hours worked per week per position, ie 40 hours per week, please do not provide a range (20-40). Use your best judgement to estimate hours worked per week. Your complete and up to date contact information.
- Include announcement number 15-23-01 (GG-0404-05 Reptiles)
- Include announcement number 15-23-02 (GG-0404-05 Amphibians)

Resumes for federal positions are uniquely formatted, for further information on how to format your resume please go to

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/faq/application/documents/resume/what-to-include/>

The Field Assistant Authority

The Field Assistant hiring authority is a special excepted service appointing authority specifically granted to the Department of the Interior to fill technician positions performing work in the field or in a laboratory setting to meet temporary or seasonal workload needs. This authority is a great way to fill positions involving short-term field work. This authority cannot be used to fill positions such as those in the trades, crafts, or clerical fields. Employment under this authority may not exceed 180 working days in a service year. Here are some key provisions of the Field Assistant Authority.

Please view link below for additional information and fact sheet about the Field Assistants authority:

<https://d9-wret.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/assets/palladium/production/s3fs-public/atoms/files/FactSheetFieldAsstAppt.pdf>