



Vacancy Announcement

Biological Restoration Technician(s)

Application Due Date: July 19th, 2024



The Longleaf Alliance is seeking 1-2 team members for the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership (GCPEP) AMBBIS Restoration Team, or A.R.T. The team consists of four members (three biological restoration technicians and one crew leader) supporting the lead biologist and biological technician. The A.R.T. was developed to support restoration of reticulated flatwoods salamander (RFS) breeding wetlands on Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area (EPWMA). EPWMA borders the western edge of Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida panhandle. The WMA conserves nearly 5000 acres of unique habitat and contains more than 13 different natural communities. EPWMA provides lots of exciting opportunities to encounter many different rare and threatened species. Priority work by the team will center on habitat restoration of RFS breeding wetlands using chainsaws, brush cutters, and herbicide application. Restoration methods include mechanical removal of overgrown over/midstory species from wetlands, dragging material from wetland basins, applying herbicide to cut stumps to prevent regrowth, and prescribed fire. The team will also support the RFS monitoring and head-starting program. Team members will be working closely with the Wildlife Biologist and will need to provide frequent progress updates. They may also need to communicate daily with the FWC site biologist and local state employees. Schedules and on-site work locations can change often during a work week. The position is full-time (40 hours per week) and funded for up to 5 years pending additional funding opportunities.

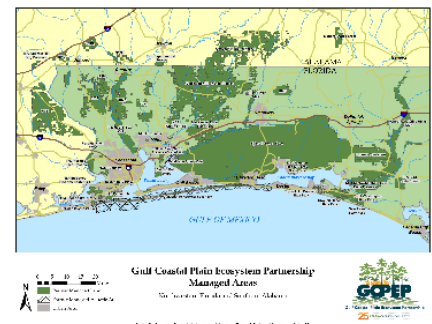
Duties: The Team Members are primarily responsible for assisting the restoration of priority RFS breeding wetlands on EPWMA using chainsaws, brush cutters, and herbicide application. Team Members will also assist the Biologist and Technicians in RFS breeding season occupancy surveys (egg searching, drift fencing, dip-netting, and nighttime spotlighting surveys), conducting the cattle tank head-starting program, other imperiled species surveys, and supporting the prescribed fire efforts of FWC and other GCPEP partners.

Qualifications: Applicants must have at a minimum, an AA or BS in biology, ecology, natural resources management, or related field and one year of related work experience or related experience in land management. A valid driver's license is also required. In addition, it is preferred the applicant have basic NWCG wildland firefighter and sawyer qualifications of S130, S190, and S212, as well as experience controlling invasive species with herbicide application. Applicants should also be in good physical condition and comfortable walking long distances on difficult terrain or wading in shallow water while carrying heavy equipment for short distances, and hauling cut debris out of wetlands, as well as occasional night-time work. They should be familiar with UTV operation and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Additional preferred qualifications include experience working closely with a small team under very adverse conditions (insects/snakes, extreme heat, wet conditions). Positive attitude is a must.

Full-time positions would start at \$16.75/hour (negotiable based on experience) for team members as well as a benefits package. Housing is not provided. A resume, cover letter, and three references must be received no later than July 19th, 2024 to:

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Final candidates will be notified by July 24th, 2024 for interviews.
Position start date is August 26th, 2024, however we can be flexible.



About The Longleaf Alliance: The Longleaf Alliance is a non-profit organization focused on ensuring the sustainable future of the longleaf pine ecosystem. Since 1995, The Longleaf Alliance has served diverse communities of landowners, managers, policy makers, partners, educators, students and more, across the natural longleaf range and beyond. Just as every tract of land and habitat is unique, so are our staff and the people we serve.

Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership

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