

Weed Technician Job Description

Full Time-Temporary Employee

Approximately 20 weeks between late May and September

Wage Range \$13.50-\$15.00/hour depending on experience

Overtime may be available

OBJECTIVES: To perform field tasks and technical duties in noxious weed management to meet the goals of the County Weed Management Plan.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Weed Coordinator and the Prairie County Weed Board

KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS:

- The ability to communicate effectively.
- Working knowledge of weed identification.
- Interpret aerial photographs and topographic maps.
- Ability to operate a GPS unit.
- Knowledge of weed management methods including herbicides, biological methods, and cultural methods.
- Working knowledge of sprayer equipment operation and calibration; be able to perform light maintenance of equipment.
- Must have a valid Montana driver's license.
- Understand pesticide safety and handling.
- Ability to drive a one-ton pick-up truck and an ATV.

EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE:

The above knowledge and skills are typically acquired through a combination of education and work experience. Minimum requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age and possess a current Montana Driver's license.
- Additional classes in agriculture, plant biology, herbicide safety and handling, and related fields preferred.
- Training in pesticide safety and handling.
- Pass (with an 80% or better score) the Basic Pesticide Exam administered by the Prairie County Extension Agent.

JOB DUTIES and REQUIREMENTS:

- Work as a part of a team with other Weed District employees on conducting weed management activities.
- Complete tasks assigned by immediate supervisor.
- Operate application equipment, two-way radio, GPS, hand and vehicle mounted sprayers.
 - Physical requirements include controlling electronic switches, grasping and depressing handgun to release herbicide solution, unrolling and dragging hose in rough terrain, walking in rough terrain occasionally carrying a backpack sprayer, operating a hose reel, driving pick-up trucks and ATV's equipped with spray tanks on roads and in rough terrain for several hours daily.

Weed Technician Questions

1. Are you at least 18 years old? Yes No

2. Do you have a valid Montana Driver's License? Yes No

3. Describe your experience in applying pesticides.

4. Describe your experience driving a 4-wheel drive pick-up.

5. Describe your experience operating a 4-wheeler carrying a water tank.

6. Describe your experience operating a GPS, reading topographic maps, and/or land ownership maps.

7. Are you familiar with identification of range plants, including noxious weeds?

8. How do you feel about working long hours and being flexible due to weather and work load?
