



Central Klickitat Conservation District

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Central Klickitat Conservation District Seeking Resource Technician II

The Central Klickitat Conservation District is seeking a qualified individual to fill a temporary Resource Technician II position. This is a grant funded position focused on the conservation planning and implementing conservation practices and then using that knowledge (under the guidance of experienced staff) to provide sound technical assistance to landowners and land managers. The position begins immediately and is currently funded through July 1, 2019 with the expectation of continued funding through multiple grant funding resources. This position maybe filled as a part-time or full-time position depending on qualifications and availability.

The Resource Tech II position is part of a team of resource professionals working to implement the vision of the Central Klickitat Conservation District. Our vision is to be recognized by all private landowners as a source of financial, technical and educational assistance in Klickitat County; and by local, state and federal authorities as the organization of choice to implement on-the-ground stewardship activities. We serve the citizens of our community (county, state, country) to ensure the long-term use of natural resources in an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable manner using non-regulatory, voluntary approaches.

How to apply:

- Review the attached Position Description.
- Complete the CKCD Job Application Form.
- Attach a current resume (not to exceed 2 pages)
- Complete a cover letter (not to exceed 1 page) describing your interest in the position and highlighting your skills and abilities.

Submit your completed Job Application form, resume and cover letter via US Mail or in person to:

**Loren Meagher, District Manager
Central Klickitat Conservation District
1107 South Columbus Avenue
Goldendale, WA 98620**

Electronic submissions are acceptable to the e-mail address below, however individuals submitting via e-mail are solely responsible to ensure that their completed application, resume and cover letter are received timely. Fax submissions are not acceptable.

LM@CKCD.org

Position is open until filled.

Title: Resource Technician II

Introduction

The person in this position works proactively to assist private landowners and land managers to develop and implement conservation practices on the landscape and oversee implementation of projects. This position also includes assisting with project administrative duties as needed, conducting educational and outreach activities related to the improvement of natural resources on private lands, and assisting with general agency operations.

Primary Job Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Resource Technician II is to provide conservation planning assistance to private landowners beginning with an initial evaluation of natural resource concerns and concluding with implementation of conservation practices. Duties include the following:

- Assist with or lead the planning and implementation of natural resource related measuring and monitoring programs (e.g. stream flow monitoring, fish passage barrier assessments and inventories, etc.), including field work, data entry and reporting.
- Provide sound technical services, advice and information to landowners and cooperators to improve natural resource conditions in a voluntary manner through proven best management practices
- Independently and as a team, plan, organize and coordinate the implementation of projects with and for landowners and land managers
- Assist field crews with on the ground implementation of conservation projects including: fencing, planting, weed control, and procuring additional supplies. This may require remote site work and 40-hour weeks of physical project implementation.
- Assist with report writing, including status and final grant reports for assigned projects
- Work with CKCD staff to develop, implement, maintain and revise conservation plans that address natural resource concerns on their property.
- Conduct environmental monitoring to support CKCD's conservation easement and water quality monitoring program as needed.
- Assist with project identification, development and grant applications.
- Learn and implement the basics conservation planning with the assistance of CKCD staff.
- Learn and understand the basics of common local conservation practices (e.g., stock water systems, irrigation systems, grazing systems, tree planting, etc.)
- Perform all other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

Candidate must be a US citizen. This position requires an individual with natural resource management-based knowledge and experience, in combination with a desire to assist landowners in reaching their stewardship goals. The desired candidate must also have the ability to work on multiple projects and adjust priorities as necessary based on program needs; must be self-directed and motivated with an aptitude for troubleshooting and problem solving; and must have the ability to work closely, cooperatively, and in a non-confrontational manner with others in a public office environment. Candidates should have:

- A bachelor’s degree with academic training and/or experience in natural resource sciences and/or agricultural or related fields (e.g. natural resource ecology, soil science, crop science, plant science, animal science, field crop management, agricultural engineering, etc.) and at least two years of experience in a similar working environment. **Significant job experience may be accepted in lieu of a degree.**
- Ability to collect, manage, and analyze natural resource field data including planning, implementing and reporting components.
- Proficiency in written and oral communication techniques to prepare and explain conservation plans, prepare informational articles, and to prepare summary work reports.
- Advanced computer software skills. Ability to use Microsoft Word and Excel in an efficient and effective manner to write reports, keep track of work progress, prepare educational and informational materials and record field data. Ability to ArcGIS to compile data, create maps and conduct novice level analyses.
- Ability to effectively use a variety of tools (e.g. tablet, GPS, stream flow meter, camera, etc.) to collect, disseminate, and record natural resource data.
- Ability to work closely and collaboratively with others in a public office environment.
- Ability to organize and plan own schedule of activities.
- Ability to maintain accurate records regarding time-keeping and authorized expenses.
- Service-oriented attitude and constructive problem-solving skills.
- Ability to safely operate a motor vehicle in varied conditions.

Physical Requirements and Working Conditions

Office and outdoor environment with regular travel to a variety of locations to conduct work and may be exposed to typical hazards encountered at such work sites. Field visits and field work at project sites requires ability to safely traverse uneven ground in varied weather conditions; occasionally carrying up to 50 pounds of equipment and/or materials and the ability to conduct overhead work. This is a full-time, non-exempt position consisting of 40 hours/week. Position will require some occasional work after regularly scheduled work hours.

Licenses, Certificates & Other Requirements

- Valid Washington State Driver’s License at time of hiring and throughout employment.

Compensation & Benefits

This position’s starting wage range is \$15-\$20/hour (\$31,200 to \$41,600 annually) DOQ. This position receives annual leave, family/medical leave, holidays, and a \$500 stipend for health insurance. Part-time employees receive prorated benefits based on scheduled hours and personnel policy. Terms of compensation and benefits are set by the District Manager and Board of Supervisors and may be amended at any time. This is a temporary grant-funded position. The position is also subject to an “employee at will” doctrine. The omission of specific statements of duties and responsibilities does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.

Preferred Knowledge & Skills

- Conservation Planner I certification through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or have the ability to achieve this certification within 18 months of hire date. Or certification as a Farm Planner and/or Riparian Planner or have the ability to achieve this certification through the Center for Technical Development (www.wactd.org) within 18 months of hire date.
- Ability and desire to motivate individuals to adopt and implement resource management practices on their property through public speaking at groups, organizations, or clubs, as well as one on one interaction
- Knowledge of environmental permits required for planning on-the-ground projects (particularly as related to instream projects)
- Good understanding of mapping software, e.g. Arc GIS, to develop maps and other graphical depictions of conservation values and plans
- Basic understanding of surveying and identifying soils, hydrologic processes, and wetland components and function