Riparian Restoration Ecology Field Assistant

The field assistant will aid with vegetation field data collection in forests along the Sacramento River from Red Bluff to Princeton, California, under direction of graduate student Brook Constantz. The research aims to evaluate the recovery of restored floodplains 17-31 years after planting by building upon previous data collection between 2003-2012. The assistant will record measurements in the field, will aid with carrying supplies to field sites, and may also help with taking forest inventory measurements, taking photos of and identifying plant specimens, and recording locations using a handheld GPS unit. This work will require long days in the field and some hiking through dense foliage (including patches of blackberry brambles and poison oak, and in areas with a high tick presence).

The project will span a ~6 week period between early April and early June. The person selected should have a flexible schedule and expect to work on both weekdays and weekends. The person will need to use their own vehicle to travel to field sites and arrange for their own housing near Chico, CA.

Time period and salary:
$19 per hour, up to 30 days total (maximum 240 hours)

Qualifications and abilities
- Undergraduate coursework in ecology or botany
- Ability to accommodate a varying workweek and weekend schedule
- Demonstrated ability to hike and work up to 8-hours per day outside in humid and warm conditions
- Vehicle to drive self to field sites and own housing accommodations in the Chico area
- Good oral communication skills
- Organized, with attention to detail
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Positive attitude towards working outdoors

Prior experience in plant identification preferred.

For full consideration, send a cover letter, resume, and names and contacts for at least two references to Brook Constantz (bmconsta@ucsc.edu) by February 5th. Applications will be considered after this date if the position is not filled.