

## **Wilderness and Recreation Technician** **Great Basin Institute / BLM Tonopah field Office**

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### Description:

The Great Basin Institute, in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Office, is hiring a Wilderness and Recreation Technician to assist current GBI field staff to assess the current condition of Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) and continue work on an on-going route inventory, including those routes and other developments adjacent to and entering WSAs. WSA and route inventory results will determine the level of change to the resource, if any, since designation in 1980. More specifically, the Wilderness and Recreation Technician will utilize a Trimble GeoExplorer XH GPS unit to gather linear and attribute data on routes associated with WSA and route inventories. In addition, the Technician will download and correct data using Pathfinder Office GPS and store it on the district's GIS data base. ArcGIS 9 will be utilized for map making and planning efforts. The Technician will enhance and develop skills related to data collection, management, consolidation, storage, as well as methods for presenting easily understandable data.

The Battle Mountain BLM District consists of 10.2 million acres of the Great Basin in central Nevada, encompassing extreme diversity in topography, habitat and ecosystems. There will be some flexibility in choosing a work schedule, but likely will work 8 10-hour days (Wednesday – Wednesday), and then have six days off (Thursday – Tuesday). Seasonal office work may require alteration of this schedule. The technician will be expected to spend several nights a week field camping during the field season.

### Compensation:

- Rate of Pay: \$17.30/hr
- Health and dental benefits
- Field per diem

### Timeline:

- April 2008 (or upon availability) through fall 2008
- Full time, no overtime

### Location:

Tonopah, NV



Conducting WSA Inventory in Central Nevada

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Science degree (or related coursework) in Natural Resources or related field (with interest in recreation/wilderness management);
  - Experience collecting field data and/or following established field collection protocols;
  - Knowledge of or ability to learn how to use Trimble GPS units;
  - Experience creating maps and manipulating data using ArcGIS, desirable;
  - Motivated, self-starter, detail oriented, and possess good organizational skills;
  - Ability to camp and work in remote locations;
  - Ability to work in harsh and rapidly changing environments, traverse uneven terrain and hike cross-country for extended distances (8-10 miles)
  - Ability to read and navigate using topographic maps and a compass;
  - Clean, valid, state-issued driver's license with knowledge of or ability to learn how to safely operate an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and 4WD pickup;
  - Willingness and ability to work safely; and
  - Citizenship or U.S. work authorization required
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- Optimum qualifications include above with overnight field experience, experience working alone, GPS, GIS skills, 4WD driving experience, ATV experience w/ safety course completion, and an excellent safety record.

### How to Apply:

Qualified and interested applicants should forward a cover letter, their résumé, and a list of three professional references to Kasia Urban, Great Basin Institute Recruitment Specialist at [kurban@thegreatbasininstitute.org](mailto:kurban@thegreatbasininstitute.org).