



**BREEDING BIRD SURVEY TECHNICIANS (6)** are needed for a study of grassland use and abundance of breeding birds in north central Montana. Duties will include visual and auditory surveys of a variety of grassland species.

Minimum of 2 years college education required. BA/BS desirable but not mandatory Applicants must be U.S. citizens and possess a valid driver's license.

Start date in early May is preferred, but <u>MUST</u> be available to work **14 May 2018 through 21 July 2018.** 

Preference will be given to applicants with strong visual and auditory bird ID skills. Keen interest in grassland ecology and willingness to work irregular hours are desirable, as are skills with operation of large 4-wheel-drive vehicles, GPS units, range finders, ability to navigate using aerial photographs, and maintaining computer databases. Selectee must provide a valid driver's license and safe driving record.

Work will be conducted under harsh field conditions, with significant driving time being necessary. Technician must be able to negotiate difficult terrain on foot, including walking through tall grassland vegetation while carrying field gear, and crossing over/under barbed-wire fences. Extended hours/days may be required and work during early mornings will be necessary. Surveys will be conducted during early morning hours. Some office work will be required to maintain field records and conduct data entry. Most work will be conducted independently.

Successful applicants will be hired through USGS Student Service Contracts. To qualify for student service contracts, applicants must be currently enrolled at a college or university, or recently graduated (<1 year).

Pay is \$15-\$17/hour depending on qualifications and housing will be provided. Up to 6 individuals will be hired under this announcement.

Send resume, transcripts, diploma (graduate) and contact information for 3 references to:

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