Field ecology summer research assistant positions in the Rockies!

Full-time summer field technician positions through the University of California, Berkeley
Approximately May–October 2010

We are seeking excellent field assistants for summer work in an experiment studying the effects of global warming on treeline dynamics. The work will take place at the University of Colorado Mountain Research Station at Niwot Ridge, near Boulder, Colorado (http://www.colorado.edu/mrs/). The successful applicants will (1) monitor subalpine tree seedling germination and survival in experimental forest and alpine field sites and (2) document naturally-occurring recruitment and demography patterns.

**Education/Experience:** The positions will provide great experience for any individual interested in high elevation plant ecology and climate change. Strong applicants will either be currently enrolled in or have graduated from a program in forestry, plant ecology, plant physiology, botany, or a related field. And they will have knowledge of Rocky Mountain forest systems and species. Ability to enjoy long days of repetitive but meaningful work is strongly desired. Applicants must have proven experience in working well with others, be very attentive to details, highly organized and responsible, and have a high level of physical fitness. We are looking for assistants who are not afraid of hard work and have a sincere interest in ecological field research.

**Conditions:** Applicants must be enthusiastic about and capable of carrying a pack with equipment, working and hiking at high elevations (up to 11,500'). Candidates will be required to provide their own personal field gear. Successful candidates must be able work long hours in often inclement weather. Snow is likely, and rain and high winds are inevitable. Candidates are expected to work 40 hours a week. Work days usually start around 7am. Field work may be cut short by weather on some days, but go longer than 8 hours on other days.

**Benefits:** $12-16/hour depending on experience and lodging at the Mountain Research Station.

**To Apply:** Complete applications should include a cover letter (indicating available dates), a resume, transcripts (unofficial ok), and two letters of recommendation. Submit application materials to Dr. Cristina Castanha (ccastanha@lbl.gov). All application materials should clearly indicate your name and the position (Niwot Field Assistant). **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.** Start/End dates may be flexible. Please contact Dr. Castanha with any questions.

Please also contact us for information regarding research opportunities for Post-Docs, Graduate Students, and Science Teachers, as well as employment with the infrastructure support crew. Contact Dr Castanha or any of the project PIs: Lara Kueppers (UC Merced), Margaret Torn (UC Berkeley and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab), John Harte (UC Berkeley), Jeff Mitton (CU Boulder), or Matt Germino (Idaho State University).