

**YAKAMA NATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**



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Vegetation Technician III
(3) Positions
Wildlife
Department of Natural Resources
Hourly Wage: \$13.87/Temporary/Full-Time

The Vegetation Technician works as a member of a vegetation sampling team collecting plant and habitat data. The technician will navigate to and from remote sites in rugged terrain to collect plant species and habitat data, collect GIS data, complete data entry and conduct quality control of data. The position assists with the identification of unknown plant species using dichotomous plant taxonomy keys in order to complete surveys.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge and experience conducting habitat and vegetation surveys.
- Knowledge of East Cascades/Columbia Basin plants and habitats.
- Ability to learn plant identification using taxonomic keys.
- Ability to learn to identify plants visually.
- Ability to use topographic maps to navigate to remote sites.
- Ability to use digital camera, GPS unit and hand-held data devices to collect habitat and vegetation data.
- Ability to drive a 4 wheel drive vehicle in rugged terrain.
- Ability to work long hours and walk long distances in rugged terrain in difficult weather conditions.
- Ability to work well in a team setting.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to maintain accurate records and data pertinent to the field surveys.

General Recruiting Indicators:

- Minimum of one year college coursework in botany, plant biology, natural resources program or closely related field and a minimum of one college course in plant taxonomy, plant identification or the equivalent course OR 6 months experience conducting vegetation surveys OR 6 months relevant work experience in Cascades/Columbia Basin Habitats.

Special Requirements:

- Required to pass a pre-employment drug and alcohol test.
- Required to pass a pre-employment background check.
- May be required to possess a valid Washington State Driver License and be able to obtain a Yakama Nation Tribal Drivers Permit.
- Required to demonstrate ability to successfully identify plants to species with a taxonomic key prior to hiring.