

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF RESTORATION ECOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ECOSYSTEM AND CONSERVATION SCIENCES COLLEGE OF FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

POSITION APPOINTMENT: The College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana seeks a full-time faculty member with expertise in restoration ecology. This is a 9-month, tenure track position as an Assistant Professor in the newly formed, interdisciplinary Department of Ecosystem and Conservation Sciences (DECS). The position offers great opportunities for collaboration across campus with faculty and programs in biology, forestry, wildlife biology, geology, and environmental studies. The Department is especially interested in candidates who contribute to the diversity and excellence of our academic community through their research, teaching, and service. Employment could begin as soon as Fall 2006. More information is available at www.forestry.umt.edu and <http://www.forestry.umt.edu/departments/DECS/>

RESPONSIBILITIES: Specific responsibilities include: 1) teach courses that include introductory and upper division and/or graduate courses in restoration ecology to majors and non-majors; 2) develop a rigorous, nationally recognized and externally funded research program pertinent to restoration ecology and conservation issues; 3) advise undergraduate students and direct graduate student research in the Department; and 4) participate in Department, College, and University committees, and interact with state, federal, and private conservation organizations.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: The candidate must possess: 1) a Ph.D. earned by time of appointment in a discipline with direct relevance to restoration ecology including, but not limited to terrestrial or aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife biology, range science, soil science, and other natural resource sciences; 2) a record of research achievement in restoration of disturbed grassland, shrubland, forest, riparian, aquatic, or wetland communities; 3) a record of coursework in restoration ecology or related fields; and 5) an ability to communicate effectively with students, professionals, and/or the public, and 6) evidence of teaching excellence.

Preferred qualifications include experience teaching courses in restoration ecology and conservation, demonstrated success in securing research funding, post-doctoral experience and training and/or experience with resource agencies, publications in peer-reviewed journals, experience mentoring members of underrepresented groups, and active participation in professional organizations. Preference may be given to applicants whose research complements existing programs in DECS, the College of Forestry and Conservation, and The University of Montana.

THE COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES: National and state forests, parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas surround Missoula, a city of approximately 60,000 people. Scientists and students also have access to the College's Lubrecht Experimental Forest and Bandy Experimental Ranch, the Flathead Lake Biological Station, and the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch.

APPLICATION INFORMATION: Screening of completed applications will begin 30 January 2006 and continue until a suitable candidate is appointed. A complete application will include statements of teaching and research interests, curriculum vitae, recent publications, academic transcripts, and 3 letters of reference (under separate cover). All application materials should be sent to: Diana L. Six, Search Committee Chair, DECS, 32 Campus Drive, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812; email: diana.six@cfc.umt.edu. *No faxed or email applications will be accepted.*

The University of Montana is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. The University of Montana is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award focused on the status of women in science. Qualified applicants can request veterans' preference in accordance with State law. This position announcement can be made available in alternative formats upon request.