

Conservation Scientist

The Walla Walla County Conservation District (WWCCD) is seeking an entry or mid-level full-time conservation scientist to join our team. Our mission is to conserve and enhance natural resources in the county through voluntary participation and education.

The District has a talented team who are mission-driven and care about serving and improving our community. Our dynamic organization is led by volunteer board members and paid staff members who help landowners implement “on the ground conservation”. The successful candidate will work closely with local landowners, coworkers, and conservation partners to develop and implement conservation plans.

Job Duties:

Work closely with partners, staff, and landowners to complete our mission. Write grants to gain funding for projects that will improve natural resources. Implement projects from start to finish in cooperation with partners, staff, and landowners. Monitor projects and natural resources for compliance. Includes other duties as assigned.

Work Conditions:

Working conditions may include office and outdoor environments. Applicant must be able to walk on uneven ground in varied weather conditions and occasionally carrying up to 30 pounds of equipment and/or materials. Work requires finger dexterity and must be able to use office equipment and computer software. This is a full-time position 40 hours/week (negotiable). The position will require some pre-scheduled work in the evenings or after regularly scheduled work hours.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Must have great verbal/written communication skills for grant writing, technical reports, and project correspondence.
Must maintain accurate records, be self-motivated, and have the ability to work in a positive manner both independently and collaboratively within diverse teams and landowners.
Must maintain a valid driver’s license and provide a clean driving record at the time of hire.
Must be able to pass security and drug screening to work in a federal building.
Understanding of natural resource priorities as they relate to salmon recovery, water quality, & agriculture viability.

Desired Skills:

Ability to import, analyze, and develop data sets using ArcGIS
Knowledge of Microsoft Suite and ArcGIS
Public speaking skills with the ability to enhance support for programs to a diverse group
Ability to work closely, cooperatively, and in a non-confrontational manner with others
Knowledge of NRCS conservation planning principles
Knowledge of local, state, and federal partners, ordinances, and regulations

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\$20-26 per hour, DOQ

Paid Benefits & Holidays

Office hours M-F 8-4:30

Field work Opportunities

Enhance Natural Resources

Mid Level: Agricultural experience OR Bachelor’s degree in Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences, or closely related field.

Entry level: Technical degree (AS/AA) and 2-years related experience. Qualifying experience may substitute year-for-year for the education requirement.