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### **Job Description - Seasonal/Temporary Technician**

Headwaters Corporation is a natural resources management consulting firm that assists clients in developing sustainable solutions in the areas of water resources engineering and planning, ecological science, and land management. We are seeking a seasonal technician to join a team that conducts interdisciplinary research with a focus on implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (PRRIP). Headwaters serves in a unique role as a private consulting firm that carries out the day-to-day functions of PRRIP implementation. This includes PRRIP administration, managing the PRRIP's land and water resources, and implementation of a robust adaptive management program to inform the use of those resources.

PRRIP is focused on enhancing, restoring, and protecting habitat for piping plovers, least terns, and whooping cranes along the central Platte River through adaptive management. To provide information on species response to habitat management, PRRIP staff monitor species behavior, habitat use, and reproductive output. PRRIP currently has a position open for full-time, temporary summer employment in Kearney, Nebraska.

The successful candidate will assist with research related to piping plovers and least terns, and factors that impact their reproductive success along the Central Platte River. Responsibilities include the collection and processing of data obtained from direct observation of the birds in the field and through camera and video monitoring. Successful candidates will be willing to work reviewing camera/video footage in the office as well as working in the field. Field work may be limited and will require successful completion of the Program provided MSHA (Miner Safety and Health) training. Training for all responsibilities will be provided.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Assisting with preparation and maintenance of tern and plover nesting sites.
- Viewing and processing of video and camera monitoring data.
- Conducting track surveys along sandpit shorelines.
- As needed, assisting with the monitoring of least terns and piping plovers using a scope or binoculars from outside sand and gravel pits in a vehicle, and along the river from an airboat between Lexington and Chapman.
- Will have progress reports and check-ins for any independent work given

**Requirements:**

- Must be 18 years or older and possess a valid driver's license.
- Must attend PRRIP's provided Miner Safety and Health Training (MSHA Training) on March 3, 2023, 8:00 a.m. CT, all day commitment.
- Must be able to attend trainings prior to May 1st, 2023
- Must be able to swim
- Must be willing to complete work in the office (processing data), as well as assist with field work on off-channel sand and water sites and on the central Platte River.
- Must be comfortable working semi-independently and with others following adequate training.

**Preferred Skills:**

- Detailed behavioral observation and data collection experience
- Knowledge of trail camera operation
- Knowledge of predator communities
- Track identification
- Visual species identification
- Willingness to learn
- Flexible work schedule

**Position: Seasonal/Temporary Technician**

Salary: \$20.00 hour, up to 40 hours a week, no overtime

Required Paid Training: March 3, 2023

Approximate Start Date: May 2023

Approximate End Date: August 2023

Start and end dates may vary depending on the work available.

**Applicants, please send a cover letter and a resume to:**

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