Summer Field Assistant Needed in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia

Duties
Position serves as an assistant field researcher to Ellen Frondorf, a BSU graduate student. The crew of two will perform vegetation sampling to assess correlations between burn severity and oak and pine regeneration in numerous vegetation types within Shenandoah National Park in the state of Virginia. Monitoring protocols include identifying oak and pine to species, recording various environmental conditions, and measuring litter and duff layers. Must record data neatly and accurately while in the field. Employee will use maps, compass, and GPS to locate plots.

Physical Demands and Work Environment
Work is performed outdoors in backcountry terrain that is often steep and sometimes covered in thick vegetation. Work temperatures typically range from 80 to 95 ° F. Field hazards include heat, biting insects, ticks, venomous snakes, and black bears. Field assistant will be required to wear a pack, carrying supplies, water, and food, along with safety gear including gators and possibly a hard hat. The work is performed in isolated locations that are away from roads. Many miles will be hiked each day.

Area and Housing Information
Free housing will be provided at Pinnacles Research Station located in the central district along Skyline Drive in Shenandoah National Park. Housing will be shared accommodations with other researchers. The town of Luray, located 15 miles away, includes grocery stores and other typical small town amenities.

Employment Dates and Work Hours
- May 29th, 2017 to August 8th, 2017
- Weekly schedule will be Monday through Thursday, 10 hour days; some flexibility required

Pay
- $10 an hour for 420 hours of work before taxes
- No overtime pay will be given

Transportation
Field assistant will need own transportation to and from Virginia and for living purposes. Another vehicle will be used for transport to and from research sites.

To Apply
Give resume and cover letter, addressed to Ellen Frondorf, to the College of Arts and Sciences Main Office, Sattgast 215, by February 10th, 2017. Please list one BSU professor as a reference. Any questions, please email Ellen at Ellen.Frondorf@live.bemidjistate.edu.