Research Entomologist or Ecologist, GS-0408-12/13

The USDA Agricultural Research Service is seeking a permanent, full-time Entomologist or Ecologist as lead investigator to develop predictive applied models of rangeland insect pest distribution, outbreak dynamics, population growth, dynamic action thresholds, or risk. The position is at the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory in Sidney MT. We expect the selected candidate to lead a research program that develops practical methods and strategies that improve forecasting and risk assessment of key insects such as rangeland grasshoppers, Mormon crickets and wheat stem sawfly as part of developing more effective and ecologically sustainable approaches to pest management. The candidate must have strong publication, collaborative and stakeholder-interaction skills. The mission of the research unit is to develop and implement ecologically based strategies, technologies, and products for the sustainable management of insects, pests, and weeds in crops and rangeland. Our location houses a team of highly collaborative and enthusiastic scientists and support staff working in the fields of ecology, botany, entomology, pollinator resources, biological control, population genetics, plant community restoration and agronomy. The position is advertised at the GS-12 or 13 level ($74K or $88K starting salary), includes full government benefits, has promotion potential to GS-15, and is open to all U.S. Citizens and Nationals. Please apply on USAJobs (www.usajobs.gov; Job Announcement Number: 547211300). Ad closes on Oct. 29, 2019. Questions? Please contact Dr. John Gaskin (john.gaskin@usda.gov).

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