Job Title: Biological Science Technician (Up to 2 positions)  
Job Announcement Number: NOROCK 15-03 (AMENDED)  
Salary Range: $13.55 USD/hour  
Series & Grade: GG-0404-04  
Open Period:  
Monday, February 23, 2015 to Friday, March 6, 2015  
Amendment: Monday, February 23, 2015 to Friday, March 13, 2015  
Position Information:  
Temporary position not to exceed 180 work days in a year. This position begins approximately 6/1/2015 (or later, contingent on pre employment requirements) and ends approximately 11/15/2015. Starting and ending dates will be dependent on field conditions and accessibility to the field location(s). Employees are expected to work full-time with periods of intermittent time as needed.  
Duty Location:  
Cougar, WA  
Who May Be Considered:  
United States Citizens  
What General Information Do I Need To Know About This Position?  
THIS IS A TEMPORARY EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITION for which all qualified applicants, with or without Federal status, may apply and be considered. Appointment to this position, however, will not convey permanent status in the Federal service. This position has an intermittent work schedule. The incumbent's services will be required primarily during the research field season, starting approximately in June and ending approximately in November of each year. At the end of the work period, the incumbent will be placed in a non-work, non-pay status  
Key Requirements:  
• Suitable for Federal employment, as determined by background investigation.  
• Overnight travel of up to 20 nights per month may be required.  
• Selectee must provide a valid driver's license and safe driving record.  
• Selectee subject to the satisfactory completion of a medical exam.  
• Selectee must be able to work and perform all job duties after sunset.  
Major Duties:  
As a Biological Technician within the U.S. Geological Survey, Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center, the incumbent(s) will work in support of research regarding reintroduction of coho and Chinook salmon and steelhead in the lower Columbia River basin and climate-related research in Wyoming. Some of your specific duties will include: implant PIT tags and track movements and habitat of tagged fish; collect fish diet and samples for isotope analyses; conduct snorkel surveys during the day or night; collect genetic information; monitor stream flows and temperatures; and/or survey aquatic habitat. Work will require basic navigation using a GPS unit and field maps. The incumbent will work as part of a field crew, but may be expected to travel to field sites and work independently at times.
- Operate a government owned vehicle as an incidental driver.

**Physical Demands:** Walking over steep, uneven mountainous terrain or through swift water current, occasional lifting of moderately heavy items; hiking up to 10 miles per day carrying a heavy (up to 50 lbs) pack; working in water and onboard boats; overnight camping for up to a week may be required.

**Working Environment:** Outdoors in a wilderness setting; may encounter extreme weather conditions and physical hardships.

**Qualifications:**
To be basically qualified for this position, applicants must possess experience or education beyond high school as described below:

- 6 months field party experience (includes outdoor field work making and recording field measurements and observations designed to collect data for biological science investigations).
- OR 2 years sub-professional experience (includes work performed in support of field investigations related to the biological sciences which provided knowledge and skill in gathering, recording and assembling scientific data).
- OR 1 year of college study related to field of employment (must include at least 9 hours of undergraduate level course work in the biological sciences).

You must meet all qualification and eligibility requirements for the position by the closing date of the announcement.

If this position requires specific educational course work to qualify, or you are qualifying based in whole or part on education, you are required to provide all unofficial transcripts (undergraduate, graduate, etc.) or list of course work, which includes semester hours earned and/or grade received, by the closing date of this announcement or you will be disqualified from further consideration. This proof may be faxed, emailed or hand delivered to the contact listed. If you are currently employed by the Federal government in the same occupational series as the advertised position, you are not required to submit transcripts at this time.

**Are There Any Special Requirements For This Position?**
A background investigation will be required for this position. Continued employment will be subject to the applicant's successful completion of a background security investigation and favorable adjudication. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination.

You will be required to operate a government-owned or -leased vehicle in the performance of your official duties. Applicants for this position must meet the following requirements: (1) possess a valid State license, and (2) possess a safe driving record. If selected, you will be required to provide proof of a valid State license and a copy of your driving record.

**How You Will Be Evaluated:**
All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of education and experience (including unpaid or volunteer experience). Applicants must meet all qualifications and eligibility requirements by the closing date of this announcement. If selected for this position, applicant must provide a copy of their driving record. If it is determined the applicant does not possess a safe driving record, it may disqualify them from consideration of this position.

**NOTE:**
Applicants will receive a basic eligible or ineligible rating based upon the qualification requirements. First preference in referral will be given to eligible applicants entitled to 10 point veteran’s preference who have a compensable service-connected disability of 10 percent or more. All other qualified applicants entitled to veteran’s preference will be given preference over qualified applicants not entitled to veteran’s preference.
Benefits:
Working for the U. S. Geological Survey offers a benefits package including paid vacation, sick leave and holidays. In addition, temporary appointees expected to work at least 130 hours per month for at least 90 days will be eligible to enroll in a Federal Employee Health Benefits (FEHB) plan. Individuals eligible under this rule receive the full government contribution to their premiums regardless of work schedule and will also be eligible to participate in the Flexible Spending Accounts and Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. Temporary appointees are not covered by the Federal Employee Retirement System and are ineligible for Federal life, dental, or vision insurance.

Other Information:
Under Executive Order 11935, only United States citizens and nationals (residents of American Samoa and Swains Island) may compete for civil service jobs. Agencies are permitted to hire non-citizens only in very limited circumstances where there are no qualified citizens available for the position.

USGS employees are subject to Title 43, USC Section 31(a) and may not: (a) have any personal, private, direct or indirect interest in lands or mineral wealth of lands under survey; (b) have any substantial personal, private, direct or indirect interests in any private mining or mineral enterprise doing business with the United States; or (c) execute surveys or examinations for private parties or corporations.

The application contains information subject to the Privacy Act (P.L. 93-579, 5 USC 552a). The information is used to determine qualifications for employment, and is authorized under Title 5, USC, Section 3302 and 3361.

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How To Apply:
Applications must be received via fax, mail or hand delivery BEFORE close of business (5:00pm Mountain Time) (Denver time) on the closing date of this announcement. If you fail to submit a complete resume, you will not be considered for this position. Requests for extensions will not be granted. Please contact Paula Thomsen at (406) 994-1977 with any questions.

U.S. Geological Survey
Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center
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Bozeman, MT 59715
Or Fax to 406-994-7525

Required Documents:
1) If you are claiming 10-point veterans’ preference, the Northern Rocky Mountain Science Center must receive your DD-214, SF-15 and supporting documents (e.g., official statement from the Department of Veterans’ Affairs) by the closing date of this announcement. If you fail to do so, you will only be granted 5-point tentative preference if appropriate.
2) DD-214 showing character of discharge is required if you are claiming 5 point veteran preference.
3) Transcripts (if required to qualify)
4) Resume: the following must be included:

JOB INFORMATION:
- Vacancy number, title, and grade(s) of the job for which you are applying

PERSONAL INFORMATION:
- Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day and evening phone numbers (with area code)
- Social Security Number
- Country of Citizenship
- Veteran’s preference
- Highest Federal civilian grade held (also give job series and dates held)
EDUCATION:
- High school (name, address, including zip code if known)
- Colleges and universities (address including zip code if known)
  - Majors
  - Type and year of any degrees received (if no degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours)
- Send a copy of your college transcripts or list of college courses completed. Specify title of course, semester or quarter hours earned for each course, date completed, grade earned.

WORK EXPERIENCE:
- Give the following information on your paid and nonpaid work experience related to the job for which you are applying (do not send job descriptions)
  - Job Title (include series and grade if Federal job)
  - Duties and accomplishments
  - Employer's name and address
  - Supervisor's name and phone number
  - Starting and ending dates (month, day and year)
  - Hours per week
  - Salary
- Indicate if we may contact your current supervisor

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS:
- Job-related training courses title, length, date taken
- Job-related skills (e.g. other languages, computer software/hardware, tools, machinery, typing speed)
- Job-related certificates and licenses (current only)
- Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g. publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities public speaking, and performance awards). Give details but do not send documents unless requested.

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Veterans Information:  http://www.usajobs.gov/vi
Legal and Regulatory Guidance:  http://www.usajobs.gov/lrg