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Park Grassland Ecologist – Permanent Full-Time Opportunity

Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
Regina, SK

The Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport's mission is to enhance economic growth and support quality of life by managing the provincial parks system and providing recreation, sport, heritage and cultural opportunities for residents and visitors. The Ministry is currently seeking a dynamic and highly motivated individual who is a flexible team player for the position of Park Grassland Ecologist. Reporting to the Director, Landscape Protection Unit, this position will be the provincial lead for strategic grassland management planning and associated project implementation.

In this role you will be responsible for:

- Developing new and amending existing resource management policies and legislation as related to grassland management;
- Completing range health assessments;
- Invasive exotic plant species management, including carrying out treatment applications;
- Native grassland rehabilitation and restoration planning and project implementation;
- Species at risk and associated critical habitat protection management;
- Establishing and carry out inventory and monitoring programs;
- Collecting field data and completing statistical analysis;
- Completing ecological reviews and assessments for project developments occurring on provincial park lands;
- Other associated duties related to grassland management activities occurring either in the core or backcountry areas of the provincial park system.

As the Park Grassland Ecologist you will be required to provide direction, guidance and technical/scientific support to Parks Executive and to parks operational staff in carrying out grassland programs on a variety of provincial park lands throughout the province. In addition, you will be required to create a positive work environment with variety of stakeholders and public including, academia, Aboriginal Groups, industries, non-government agencies, grazing patrons and others who utilize natural resources on provincial park lands. You will be required to work independently or in a team setting through a professional and collaborative approach to address the needs and concerns of parks managers, park operational staff and the needs and requirements of the Division and Ministry and others.

The successful candidate will have working knowledge of applied native grassland management practices, concepts and principles, rangeland health assessments, grassland plan development, grazing regimes, survey and monitoring programs, including field applied techniques. You will possess knowledge of species at risk and their associated critical habitat management, native prairie plants and grassland ecosystems of Western Canada, natural disturbance regimes, native prairie rehabilitation and restoration plan development and implementation. In addition, you will have knowledge of floristics, invasive exotic plant species management including treatment applications such as the use of herbicides and prescribed burns to improve native grassland health and integrity. Knowledge of the development of other related program services associated with grassland management on native and altered landscapes is required.

You will require strong communication skills combined with extensive experience in dealing with individuals and groups to be able to form partnerships, develop and administer contracts and be able to deliver and communicate complex grassland management concepts and best management practices to wide variety of audiences. You will have a good working knowledge of GPS/GIS applications, be able to write complex management plans and reports and be able to assess needs in order to effectively achieve goals and objectives established for provincial park grassland programs.

Typically, the competencies required for this position would be achieved through the completion of a Master's Degree in grassland ecology (associated with the Great Plains in the Canadian Prairie Provinces), resource management or other closely related discipline, supplemented with several years of field related experience and direct involvement in grassland management planning and implementation.

A current and valid driver's license is required. You will be required to conduct field work in remote and isolated locations within the provincial park system and be required to operate ATV's, UTV's, snow machines, small motorized boats and light duty four-wheel drive vehicles.

Closing Date: June 19, 2019

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