POSITION TITLE: Weed and Pest Seasonal Assistant

REPORTING TO: Fall River County Weed and Pest Supervisor, Fall River County Commissioners, and Fall River Weed and Pest Board

SALARY: Hourly wage and all benefit selections available to County employee

HOURS: Seasonal – weekly hours; variable with weather

LOCATION: Fall River County Courthouse, Hot Springs, SD, travel in Fall River County

**PURPOSE OF THIS POSITION:** The Fall River County Weed and Pest Seasonal Assistant is responsible for assisting in developing a program for the prevention, suppression, and eradication of weeds and pests in Fall River County.

**PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

* Report and carry out the objectives and assignments of the Weed and Pest Supervisor, the Weed & Pest Board and the Fall River County Commissioners.
* Assist and implement comprehensive protection plans - that includes but not limited to: noxious weeds (*i.e. Canada thistle, leafy spurge*), rodents (*i.e. prairie dogs, pocket gophers*), tree pests (*i.e. mountain pine beetle, gypsy moth*), aquatic nuisance species (*i.e. curly pondweed, didymosphenia geminate*) vector borne transmitted diseases (*i.e. West Nile virus*)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**KNOWLEDGE:**

* Knowledge of processes and procedure utilized in the management of natural resources
* Knowledge of various threats (invasive weeds, pests, aquatic invasive species, diseases, etc.) that negatively impact the natural resources of the county.
* Read and understand various EPA registered product labels
* Be able to identify various invasive species and the damage they cause

**SKILLS:**

* Read and understand various EPA registered product labels.
* Mix, load, and apply pesticides in full accordance with label; ensures proper pesticide application rates are being applied.
* Ensures proper and accurate daily application records are being kept.
* Be able to identify various invasive species and the damage they cause.
* Fill out required state and federal record keeping forms.
* Be able to deal with landowners.
* Must have body strength to life/move a maximum of 50 lbs.
* Must have no allergic reactions to pesticides
* Must be able to mix, load, and apply pesticides in full accordance with label; ensure proper pesticide application rates are being applied

**ABILITIES:**

* Must be able to frequently use pesticide application equipment, mosquito surveillance equipment, computer with Microsoft office and GIS software, GPS units, pick-ups & 1-ton trucks, trailers, ATV/UTV vehicles, various shop equipment and power tools.
* Upper body strength is a requisite to lift/move a maximum of 50 lbs.
* Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
* Coordinate and cooperate with landowners and other agencies
* Follow pesticide recommendations.
* Follow safety plans and ensure proper safety equipment is used.
* Apply and use GIS geodatabases for field data collection.

**EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, LICENSES:**

* High School Diploma or GED
* Awareness of various Agricultural Practices
* Must be able to obtain a South Dakota Commercial Pesticide Applicator
* Must be able to obtain an ATV Safety Operation Certification
* Valid operator license.

**ADVANCEMENT/PROMOTION:** Wages may increase with position advancement/promotion.

THIS POSITION DESCRIPTION SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE THE EXCLUSIVE DUTIES OF THE POSITION. INCUMBENTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW ANY OTHER INSTRUCTIONS, AND TO PERFORM ANY OTHER RELATED DUTIES AS MAY BE ASSIGNED.