

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Job Description

Job Title: Resource Conservationist

Reports to: Fish & Wildlife Program Manager

Duration: Full Time

Summary:

The Resource Conservationist will be an employee of the SWO and will be under the direct supervision of the SWO Fish & Wildlife Program Manager. Their responsibilities include developing conservation plans, providing technical guidance, and assisting landowners or lessees apply resource management systems.

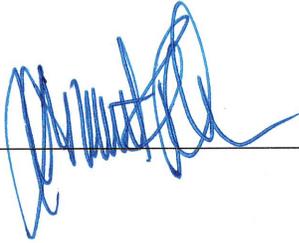
Duties may include, but are not limited to:

- Responsible for developing conservation plans on agricultural and range lands to protect the natural resources of the Lake Traverse Reservation. Conservation plans are developed for each leased tract of land on the Reservation.
- Reviews the farm, hay and pasture soil and moisture conservation practices and stipulations to determine appropriateness, and makes recommendations for changes, deletions and additions.
- Annually analyzes land up for new leases to determine appropriateness for enrollment into United States Department of Agriculture Conservation Reserve Program or other applicable programs. Analysis consists of both the entire property as well as those areas determined to be at risk of degradation due to the physical nature of the area (i.e. erodibility, steepness, soil type etc.).
- Discusses and explains conservation plans with lessees and potential lessees, and beneficial landowners.
- Performs field checks and compliance reports on Trust lands under lease contract. Field checks are made to determine status of required conservation practices and to determine need for changes to said practices. Contacts lessees concerning conservation compliance issues. With minor issues, contacts are made informally, while for major or significant issues, contacts are formal and in writing.
- Conducts on-site field visits as needed to assure installation operations and maintenance of conservation practices. Conducts on-site field visits to identify possible violations. Makes recommendations regarding corrective action on lease violation and upon consultation with Fish & Wildlife Program Manager, initiates corrective action.

Qualification requirements:

- A valid driver license at the time of employment.
- Must be self-motivated, able to work independently as well as within a team setting.
- Applicants must have a degree or be currently working towards completion of a degree in biological/environmental sciences, agriculture or related disciplines appropriate to the position.

Approved by _____



Date _____

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