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## BENTON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL SEASONAL FIELD INSPECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION

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**PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT:** Seasonal  
**JOB LOCATION:** Benton County Mosquito Control, West Richland  
**DEPARTMENT:** Field  
**SUPERVISOR:** Stephen Ingalls, Field Supervisor  
**REVISION DATE:** January 1, 2024

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### **SUMMARY:**

The Field Inspector reports directly to the Field Supervisor. The Field Inspector must fulfill all the duties of a Control Operator and will be assigned additional duties and responsibilities as outlined below. The Field Inspector will abide by all local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The Field Inspector is responsible for larviciding, adulticiding, surveying, and controlling mosquito populations, and will coordinate and report on (to the Field Supervisor) regional field operations. The Field Inspector will assist all Control Operators within his/her assigned area. Daily meetings with the Control Operators and providing assistance in the field is a requirement of the position. Frequent communication with the Field Supervisor is also a vital component of this position.

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### **PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Coordinate and plan field activities with the Field Supervisor and provide support and direction to Control Operators in an assigned area, such as Prosser or Tri-Cities.
- The Prosser Field Inspector is responsible for ensuring that the Prosser shop is maintained in a clean and safe manner. Items requiring maintenance should be reported to the maintenance department (Maintenance/Groundskeeper). Other needs or concerns should be reported to the Field Supervisor.
- Assist the Field Supervisor with monthly inventories for the West Richland and Prosser warehouses.
- Assist the Field Supervisor with maintaining sufficient inventory of field and first aid supplies.
- Report personnel issues or training opportunities to the Field Supervisor and stay informed of District policies and procedures. Some personnel issues may require referencing the district's employee handbook.
- Attend and participate in all required classroom and field training.

- Investigate and ensure all service requests within your assigned area are handled in a timely manner. This will require frequent communication and follow-up with the Control Operators in your assigned area.
- Assist the Field Supervisor with closing pending service requests in Mosquito MD (MMD) and report any operational issues with Mosquito MD to the Assistant Manager.
- Coordinate with the public, city, county, and state agencies as necessary to manage habitats known to produce mosquitoes.
- While performing work duties, communicate with the public and individual landowners in a professional manner.
- Coordinate fogging schedules with the Assistant Manager and operate truck mounted sprayers. Consider all negative impacts prior to applying adulticides. (i.e., pedestrians, environmental concerns, location of beehives in proximity to the spray route, location of organic crops, etc.).
- Maintain access to mosquito sites and promote proper drainage of habitats that produce mosquitoes. This may include the removal of vegetation with a machete, digging ditches, cleaning culverts, or altering beaver dams. **Permits may be required before performing these tasks.**
- Assist the District Manager, Field Supervisor, and the Assistant Manager with various tasks as assigned including the spring tire drive event.
- If assigned, perform maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds.
- Perform additional duties and projects as assigned.

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**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- High School Diploma or equivalent, which may include appropriate work experience to demonstrate a level of general knowledge and literacy sufficient to carry out the responsibilities of the position.
- Experience in biology, entomology, public health, field sampling, GIS (geographical information systems), or Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS/Drones) is preferred.

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must obtain a Washington State Pesticide Applicator's license for Public Health within two (2) weeks of employment.

- Possess a valid driver's license. Review of an employee's driving record for a 3-year history is a condition of employment.
- Maintain in good standing, a current Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) pesticide applicators license, and a current driver's license.
- Be in good physical condition (Able to walk over uneven sloping terrain while carrying backpack spray equipment of 50+ pounds.
- Able to work independently and cooperatively with other employees and the public with minimal direct supervision.
- Able to accurately interpret pesticide labels and make proper pesticide applications using information contained on the pesticide label or labelling.
- Able to learn the operation of specialized equipment including computers, tablets, smartphones, and other equipment utilized in the field.
- Safety minded with the ability to keep detailed records and evaluate situations while accurately implementing an effective course of action.

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**ABILITIES:**

A successful candidate will share a passion for and a commitment to the mission of Benton County Mosquito Control. A successful candidate will show enthusiasm and initiative. Applicant must be detail-orientated and capable of managing multiple tasks simultaneously. The ability to follow established, detailed procedures is necessary. Strong written and verbal communication skills are preferred. Experience in science-based education or employment is preferred. Previous experience with UAS/Drone operations is preferred.

Employee Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_