Stream Habitat Assessment Technicians

**Locations:** Craig, CO; Montrose, CO; Alamosa, CO; Rawlins, WY; Moab, UT; Salt Lake City, UT; Vernal, UT; Boise, ID; Taos, NM; Fairbanks, AK

**Description:** The National Aquatic Monitoring Center (Utah State University) is seeking stream habitat assessment technicians to assist in the implementation of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) aquatic Assessment, Inventory, Monitoring (AIM) initiative. Technicians will sample streams and rivers on BLM land using the BLM’s aquatic AIM protocol. Successful applicants will spend 4-8 days in a row in the field camping and collecting water quality data, stream habitat data, and benthic macroinvertebrate samples.

**Necessary Qualifications:**
- An excellent attitude, work ethic, and willingness to learn
- Course work in natural resources/ecology or other scientific fields
- Field experience collecting scientific data
- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- The ability to read, interpret, and navigate using topographic maps
- The ability to work in the field in harsh weather conditions, with little contact with the outside world for up to 8 days at a time
- The ability to work closely and amicably with 1-2 other field technician(s) for several days at a time with little to no contact with other people
- The ability to interact and communicate professionally with multiple stakeholders including: landowners, recreationalists, hunters, anglers, and BLM employees
- A high degree of comfort wading in all types of streams including those with slick rocks, boulders, fast water, cold water, deep mud, and log jams
- A willingness to work long days (10 - 12hrs)
- Experience with primitive camping
- Experience driving 4X4 vehicles on rough roads (or a willingness to learn)
- A valid driver’s license

**Additional qualifications (desired but not required):**
- Backcountry travel experience and solid navigational skills
- Wilderness first aid certification
- Leadership skills and experience
- Coursework in stream ecology, hydrology, or geomorphology

**Approximate employment dates:** Positions will begin in May (the 16th at the latest) and extend through the end of September. If arranged prior to hiring, end dates may be able accommodate academic calendars.

**Pay rate:** $12 – 15 per hour depending on experience (Plus per diem). Opportunities exist for crew leaders.

**To apply:** Email a cover letter, resume, and contact information for 3 references to: usubuglab@gmail.com. In your cover letter, explain your field experience, outdoor experience, and knowledge of stream and river systems. Also, identify your top 3 desired duty locations (or state no preference). Application materials are due by March 7th.