Vacancy Announcement
Seasonal Restoration Team Member
Application Due Date: March 20, 2020

The Longleaf Alliance is seeking four Team Members for the Gulf Coastal Plain Ecosystem Partnership (GCPEP) Seasonal Restoration Team. The team will consist of four seasonal members supporting the lead biologist and biological technician. The team will be developed to support restoration of reticulated flatwoods salamander (RFS) breeding wetlands on Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area (EPWMA). EPWMA borders the western edge of Eglin Air Force Base in the Florida panhandle. The WMA conserves nearly 5000 acres of unique habitat and contains more than 13 different natural communities. EPWMA provides lots of exciting opportunities to encounter many different rare and threatened species. Priority work by the team will center on habitat restoration of RFS breeding wetlands using chainsaws, brush cutters, and herbicide application. Restoration methods include mechanical removal of overgrown over/midstory species from wetlands, dragging material from wetland basins, and applying herbicide to cut stumps to prevent regrowth. Team members will be working closely with the Wildlife Biologist and will need to provide frequent progress updates. They may also need to communicate daily with the FWC site biologist and local state employees. The position is part time (<35 hours per week) and funded for 13 weeks (May through end of first week of August). Schedules and on-site work locations can change often during a work week.

**Duties:** The Team Members are responsible for assisting the restoration of priority RFS breeding wetlands on EPWMA using chainsaws, brush cutters, and herbicide application.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have at a minimum, an AA or BS in biology, ecology, natural resources management or related field and one year of related work experience or related experience in land management. A valid driver’s license is also required. In addition, it is preferred the applicant have basic NWCG sawyer qualifications of S212, and experience controlling invasive species with herbicide application. Applicants should also be in good physical condition and comfortable walking long distances on difficult terrain or wading in shallow water while carrying heavy equipment for short distances and hauling cut debris out of wetlands. They should be familiar with UTV operation and 4-wheel drive vehicles. Additional preferred qualifications include experience working closely with a small team under very adverse conditions (insects/snakes, extreme heat, wet conditions). Positive attitude is a must.

Pay will be $12.50 per hour and housing is not provided. A resume, cover letter, and three references must be received no later than March 20, 2020 electronically to:

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**Final candidate interviews will be conducted in late March/early April 2020.**