Caribou Program
Employment Opportunity:

Summer Field Technician
June 2014 to August 31, 2014 (exact start day TBA)

Overview:
FRI’s Caribou Program was created in 2013 to conduct and coordinate research on caribou in Alberta. The goal of the program is to provide knowledge and planning tools through applied research to land and resource managers in support of Alberta’s caribou recovery efforts and ultimately to aid in the long-term conservation of caribou in Alberta. For more information on the Caribou Program, please visit our website: http://foothillsri.ca/program/caribou-program.

Job Description:
The technician will carry out fieldwork as part of a study to assess how caribou respond to previously disturbed habitat at different stages of re-vegetation. Specifically, the successful applicant will carry out field surveys of seismic lines at different stages of re-vegetation to assess human and animal use and to quantify caribou and bear food availability. The technician will work as part of a two person field crew based out of a remote field camp north of Grande Cache, Alberta. Applicants should be comfortable working in remote field settings, driving on poor roads (gravel, mud) where extensive heavy duty truck traffic occurs, and in all weather conditions. The applicant needs to be physically fit and willing to work long hours regardless of weather conditions. Applicants with knowledge of vegetation sampling and strong identification skills are preferred.

Essential Job Qualifications:
1. A minimum of two years completed of a natural resources, forestry or wildlife diploma/degree program
2. A minimum of one season of previous related field experience
3. Familiar with Rocky Mountain and Boreal forest plants and field sampling methodology
4. Organized, highly motivated and able to work in a team environment comprised of people from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines
5. Comfortable working in camp conditions for extended periods of time
6. Experience navigating with GPS, maps and compass
7. Experience with and proficiency with quads and 4x4 driving
8. Valid drivers license
9. Valid first aid
10. Eligible for Canada Summer Jobs funding

Salary: Up to $3000 monthly depending on experience. All expenses are covered while in the field.

Please email your cover letter (clearly indicating how your experience meets each of the job qualifications), resume, and two letters of reference to: Laura Finnegan (lfinnegan@foothillsri.ca) Subject line: “Application – Summer Field Technician”

Closing Date: March 31st, 2014, 1600 hours, MST

We thank all applicants in advance; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.