Field supervisor in spatial ecology and conservation at the University of Florida

We are seeking a highly motivated biologist to supervise a field experiment at the University of Florida. This biologist will work as part of a collaborative research group on a NSF-funded project investigating the role of habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, and matrix quality on the population and community dynamics of insect herbivores. The project includes field work at the nearby Ordway-Swisher Biological Station (http://www.osbs.ufl.edu), including experiments manipulating habitat and matrix types, using prickly-pear cactus and their associated species as a model system (see, e.g., Fletcher et al. 2011, 2013, 2014).

We expect the biologist to work from late summer 2018 (ideal start date: July 16, but date is somewhat flexible) until Nov 1 2018, with a potential for extending it for one year. Duties and responsibilities include coordinating field surveys, GPS and GIS work, mark-recapture, greenhouse work, database management, and supervising interns. Expectations include working in the field approximately 4 days / week throughout this time period, being able to work under hot and buggy conditions during some times of the year, and tolerating cactus spines. Prior field experience, some GIS experience, strong organizational skills, and interest in field experiments are preferred. Pay $12/hour for 40 hours/week. Field vehicle will be provided for research. Housing is not provided.

For more information, see: http://plaza.ufl.edu/robert.fletcher/. If you are interested in the position, please send a CV, unofficial transcripts, names of 3 references, and a brief statement of why you are interested in the position to Thomas Smith (email to: thomassmith@ufl.edu).

Information about Gainesville, Florida:

Situated in the rolling countryside of north-central Florida, Gainesville is much more than a stereotypical college town. Home of the University of Florida, seat of Alachua County's government and the region's commercial hub, it is progressive, environmentally conscious and culturally diverse. The presence of many students and faculty from abroad among its 120,000-plus population adds a strong cross-cultural flavor to its historic small-town Southern roots. Its natural environment, temperate climate and civic amenities make Gainesville a beautiful, pleasant and interesting place in which to learn and to live. Gainesville has been ranked as one of the best cities to live in the United States.