Graduate Student Research Opportunity in Restoration Ecology

The Schwinning Lab is recruiting a graduate student (M.S.) to start in January 2018. The position is in partly funded through a grant from the USGS and partly through a teaching assistantship in the Biology Department at Texas State University, San Marcos.

The study is located in Utah conducted in collaboration with Dr. Lesley DeFalco (USGS Field Office, Henderson, NV). The goal is to develop guidelines for the restoration or rehabilitation of abandoned oil/gas exploration sites within the Colorado Plateau bioregion. The student’s responsibility will be to conduct restoration experiments to identify the main barriers to native shrub establishment and develop remedies for overcoming such barriers. The student will complete an M.S. degree in Population and Conservation Biology in the Biology Department at Texas State University, San Marcos.

Minority students are especially encouraged to apply. The successful candidate must have a strong background in any field of plant science and the willingness and ability to do field work under challenging physical conditions. If you are interested and want to learn more, contact Dr. Susan Schwinning at schwinn@txstate.edu. To apply for the position, send (1) a cover letter expressing your research interests, relevant experience and present career goals; (2) a resume or CV; and (3) unofficial transcripts to Dr. Schwinning. Applications to The Graduate College for the Spring Semester of 2018 are due in early December.