

NPS Vegetation Inventory Volunteer Description:

Volunteer needed for three months (June through August 2009) to assist field crews surveying the vegetation of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the west Hawaii National Parks (Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, and Puukohala Heiau National Historic Site). Surveys are intended to provide accurate descriptions and classifications of vegetation communities within the parks for ecosystem and vegetation maps that will be used for management purposes. The project will involve GPS use, environmental and vegetation data collection, and data entry in addition to some other natural resources duties in the office or field. The volunteer will work in a group of 2-4 individuals conducting vegetation surveys and establishing plots in a wide array of vegetation types under the supervision of a field crew leader. Position requires a background in biology/botany, preferably an interest or knowledge of Hawaiian plants, and experience in challenging backcountry conditions (hiking extended distances carrying a 30 lb. backpack, high heat and high humidity). Applicant must be at least 21 years of age and able to camp overnight occasionally. A meal reimbursement (\$20.00 per working day) and housing (4,000' elevation) will be provided at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. If you are interested in volunteering, please list specific relevant vegetation experience in your application. For additional information contact the Inventory and Monitoring Botanist Alison Ainsworth by calling (808) 985-6181, or write to: Alison Ainsworth, Hawai`i Volcanoes National Park, Inventory and Monitoring Program, P.O. Box 52, Hawai`i National Park, HI 96718 or email: Alison_Ainsworth@nps.gov.