

Program Director - SWERI Cross-Boundary Fire and Fuel Treatment Assessment and Application

The [Ecological Restoration Institute](#) (ERI) at Northern Arizona University, in coordination with our sister institutes — the [Colorado Forest Restoration Institute](#) (CFRI) at Colorado State University (CSU), and the [New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute](#) (NMFWR I) at New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) — is seeking to recruit a Southwest Ecological Restoration Institutes (SWERI) Program Director of Cross-Boundary Fire and Fuel Treatment Assessment and Application to lead a multi-year, national project funded through the bipartisan “[Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act](#)” (IIJA) of 2021. The program of work, as specified in the IIJA, includes compiling and managing geospatial data for federally funded fuels treatment projects and wildfires occurring across jurisdictions; coordinating and facilitating use of these data in assessing, planning, and monitoring fuel treatment interactions with wildfires; and reporting fuel treatment effectiveness to Congress and affected entities. The specific language authorizing the SWERI for this project in the IIJA can be viewed [here](#).

The program director will be the driving force behind this high-profile, multi-institutional project, and will direct the development, function, implementation, coordination, communications, and success of this unprecedented program.

What We Do

Congress created the institutes in response to the escalating frequency, size, and severity of wildfire in the early 2000s. The legislation directed the institutes to:

- Develop, research, promote, and monitor restoration-based hazardous fuel reduction treatments to accelerate forest restoration and fire risk reduction.
- Synthesize and adapt conventional research for practical application.
- Transfer scientific and interdisciplinary knowledge about restoration-based hazardous fuel reduction treatments to key audiences.
- Assist with the design and implementation of monitoring and adaptive management.

Salary Range - \$72,445 - \$90,556; commensurate with candidate's qualifications and related experience.

We Make an Impact

The institutes operate individually and collectively to serve their home states, as well as partners, throughout the frequent-fire forests of the Intermountain West. The institutes prepare annual work plans for their federal appropriations in cooperation and consultation with land managers, stakeholders, and others who benefit and rely on SWERI's services. The work of the three institutes has influenced treatments and outcomes on several million acres across the Intermountain West.

How to Apply

Interested individuals can visit [NAU's Careers website](#) or click the link below for more details on the position (Job ID: 606186) and for instructions on how to apply. For more information, feel free to contact SWERI leadership using the information provided below.

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