



## Employment Opportunity

**Position Title:** Lead Field Research Technician

**Reports To:** BVRC Research Officer

**Status:** Full-time, temporary

**Start date:** May 1, 2026

**Location:** Smithers, BC

**Hourly Wage:** \$34.00 - \$36.00 per hour, plus 4% vacation pay

**Application Closing Date:** Feb 19, 2026 or until filled

### Who We Are:

The Bulkley Valley Research Centre is an independent, not-for-profit research hub located in Smithers, British Columbia, on the traditional territory of the Gitdumden Clan of the Wet'suwet'en Nation. Founded in 2002, the Centre's purpose is to support high-quality, inter-disciplinary research to inform and advance policy and practice related to sustainable natural resource management in BC.

Research initiatives involve collaboration amongst a range of stakeholders including industry, government, First Nations, academic institutions and other organizations. The Centre also connects researchers, practitioners and the wider community through seminars, workshops, conferences and other networking events.

The Centre is managed by an Executive Director and administrative staff, with research scientists and technicians running programs and projects, overseen by an active Board of Directors. Visit [bvcentre.ca](http://bvcentre.ca) to learn more.

### Position Summary:

The BVRC is seeking a Lead Field Research Technician to lead a 3-person field crew for data collection in our 2026 field season for the Silviculture Innovation and Fire Stewardship Programs. You will be responsible for planning and coordinating field data collection, ensuring data quality, and supporting research scientists and project managers. You will work collaboratively with team members to ensure projects are completed safely, efficiently, and to high professional standards. This role is ideal for an experienced technician who enjoys leading small teams in remote field settings and contributing to high-quality, applied research, and provides an excellent opportunity to advance your career within the natural resources applied research sector.

### Responsibilities:

- Lead a 3-person field crew in conducting field surveys (e.g. tree mensuration, vegetation, wildlife habitat, and forest fuel surveys).
- Coordinate daily field logistics, safety procedures, transportation, and equipment needs.

- Collect high-quality field data.
- Ensure adherence to field protocols and contribute to the refinement of field methods.
- Manage and maintain field equipment and digital data collection tools.
- Conduct data entry and quality assurance.
- Collaborate with BVRC staff, Indigenous partners, and land stewards where applicable.
- Contribute to report preparation, field summaries, and project documentation.
- Participate respectfully and collaboratively in projects involving Indigenous partners and communities.
- Uphold BVRC's commitment to safe work practices, reconciliation, and respectful engagement.

**Candidate Profile:**

Diploma or degree (MSc or BSc) in forestry, natural resource management, environmental science, or a related field, with minimum 2 - 4 years experience, with at least 1 year in a supervisory or lead role.

**Qualifications:**

*Required:*

- Strong skills in vegetation identification, forest mensuration, or ecological monitoring.
- Demonstrated experience working safely in remote field conditions.
- Familiar with research methodologies.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office applications, GPS/GNSS devices, digital data collection, and spatial software (ArcGIS/QGIS).
- Excellent teamwork, communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills.
- Valid Class 5 driver's license.

*Preferred:*

- Knowledge of British Columbia's forestry sector, such as forestry practices, planning and implementation, forest values (i.e. social, ecological, cultural, economic values of forests), forest management principles, and/or policy.
- Experience collaborating with Indigenous communities or participating in co-developed field programs.
- OFA Level 1, Wilderness First Aid, or other relevant safety certifications.
- Experience with basic data analysis in R, ArcGIS, QGIS, or other software

**Working Conditions:**

- Fieldwork in variable weather, rugged terrain, and remote locations.
- Overnight and multi-day (up to 10 days) field shifts will be required; accommodations and food per diems are provided.
- Possibility of a camping shift in which tent and sleeping supplies are not provided.
- Ability to carry equipment and work safely outdoors for extended periods.
- Office-based data management and analysis work during non-field periods.
- Safety gear and training are provided.

**Terms of Employment:**

This is a full-time, temporary position starting May 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2026, with the opportunity for extension based on funding. The hours of work will vary between 35-40 hours/week, with lower weekly hours when based in the office and higher when in the field. This position is based in Smithers, BC, but the successful candidate should be prepared to travel across the central interior. Applicants must be legally eligible to work in Canada.

**Additional Information:**

At the BVRC, we value diversity — in backgrounds and in experience. A diverse team enables the Centre to better achieve its objective of supporting research and extension in the public interest. The Centre is an equal opportunity employer and committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace and in science. We strongly encourage members of groups that are underrepresented and/or historically excluded from these sectors to apply.

**Apply:**

To explore this opportunity further, please email a cover letter and resume to [sip.research@bvccentre.ca](mailto:sip.research@bvccentre.ca) with the following title formats:

- Resume: "(Last Name) (First Name) – Resume"
- Email subject: "(Your Name) – Application for Lead Field Research Technician"