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This week, ecological research interns will be wrapping up their summer field season gathering information for the Department of Energy's Environmental Surveillance, Education and Research Program. This year the S.M. Stoller Corporation employed six interns who spent most of the summer in the field on the INL site collecting data for a vegetation community map.

The vegetation community map project is part of the Department of Energy's conservation management planning efforts for potential listing of sage grouse and pygmy rabbits on the Endangered Species List. The data gathered by interns this summer is a critical part of understanding these species. In addition to contributing to the scientific understanding of site ecology, students themselves gained improved understanding of field ecology and ecological research.

"This job is a lot better than other jobs you can have as an undergrad, not only does it pay better, but it is very good on a resume," said Josh Ellis, a biology student at Idaho State University. "Ecological research looks very good in any field of science."

Stoller has had a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy for the Environmental Surveillance, Education and Research Program for about eight years now. During that time they have hired about twenty interns. Many continue on to graduate school. "Some go to professional schools, medical schools, dental schools and some get hired by Stoller, and are incredibly valuable members of our team," said Roger Blew, Ph.D. ecologist. "Other former interns have gone on to become college professors. It is an excellent program for students who are interested in science."

Each year Stoller hires summer interns primarily to support ecological field work. The company looks for students with backgrounds in biology, ecology, range- or wildlife-management or an interest in science and hands-on field research.

"The internship has been a great experience for me," said April Bock, a watershed management student at the University of Wyoming. "It opens a lot of doors and opportunities."

For more information about Stoller's Internship Program, visit [www.stoller-eser.com](http://www.stoller-eser.com) or call (208) 525-9358.

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Thursday is Stoller Night at Melaleuca Field

Interns, Scientists and Managers will be available for interviews at both events.

B-Roll of interns working in the field is available

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