

Joe Maxon



Joe Maxon works as a Hydrologic Technician in Reclamation's River and Reservoir Operations. He came to Reclamation through the Student Temporary Employment Program. His hometown is Nampa, Idaho.

I learned about this position at Reclamation through an announcement on my Boise State University student blackboard account. I followed the link and applied.

My experience at Reclamation has been rewarding. I have already learned so much just in the first couple of months working here. The staff has been extremely helpful and eager to answer my questions.

During my first few weeks I was trained to ensure the quality of Hydromet/Agrimet data. This involves intimate knowledge of all incoming data from nearly all of the Hydromet/Agrimet sites in the PN Region. I do a Quality check every morning on this data to make sure all sensors are transmitting "good" data. I review old Agrimet station data to fix bad data and to learn when stations were upgraded, what they were upgraded too, and when new sensors were installed. I also travel to Agrimet stations to repair or replace sensors.

Furthermore, I have been responsible for drafting crop charts for the ending season of 2011, monitoring inventories, working on various excel projects, and building and Calibrating equipment. All of my work supports data quality.

My education objective is to finish my Bachelors in Civil engineering at Boise State University. I am still exploring my career objectives.