

Position Announcement: Assistant Wildlife Field Technician – Grizzly bear DNA hair snag (#23_04); University of Montana / US Fish and Wildlife Service; Cabinet-Yaak & Selkirk Mountains Grizzly Bear Study, Libby MT Closing Date: 13 February 2023

Position: We are taking applications for assistant technician positions for 15 May – 30 September of 2023, assisting with hair snagging for grizzly bears in northwest Montana and north Idaho. Position is employed by University of Montana but supervised by US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Duties: Primary tasks will include: assist the lead technician in set-up, checking, and collecting hair from rub trees for DNA analysis, set-up and maintenance of barb wire corral hair collection sites (DNA) and remote cameras, and other duties as assigned. Applicant **must expect and be willing** to hike and work in grizzly bear habitat. This position will require the employee to be capable of driving pick-up trucks with manual and automatic transmissions. Experience pulling trailers on state highways and forest service logging roads will be beneficial. Additional tasks may include minor equipment maintenance and data entry. Applicant must write legibly and keep accurate records for biological data collection, organize collected samples, and perform data entry.

Qualifications: Applicant must be in good physical condition with ability to hike 5-10 miles per day for several consecutive days often in poor weather conditions and carry a 20-30 pound backpack in rugged terrain. Applicant must have ability to work with others and will work in a team with the lead technician. Valid state driver's license required. License must be presented to supervisor for inspection on first day of work. Applicant must be experienced and proficient at operating a four-wheel drive truck on gravel and dirt roads.

Experience: The following are work experiences that are preferred but not required. Performing fieldwork in grizzly bear habitat; driving on gravel or dirt logging roads; towing and backing up a trailer with a pick-up truck; operation of 2-way radio communications, use of a satellite communication device, trail camera experience, set-up and collection of hair at corral sites, use of bear spray, and operation of GPS.

Terms of Appointment: 15 May – 30 September 2022. Position will receive \$14/ hour plus \$20 per diem each day worked. Work schedule is typically 10 days on, 4 days off, but may vary. Housing provided. Successful applicant required to provide their own transportation to field camps, where a government vehicle will be used for work related transportation.

Please contact us with any questions. To apply send a generous resume and cover letter with dates of availability to email or mailing address below on or before February 13, 2023. If applying for more than one of our positions, please note this in your cover letter and submit only one resume. Files should be labeled: NAME_Coverletter23_04.pdf, NAME_Resume23_04.pdf.

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