

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**

**INTERN PROGRAM REQUEST**

**EMPLOYER:** Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, January 5, 2024

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, February 16, 2024 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

**\*\*STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE\*\***

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**POSITION TITLE:** Beaverhead and Ruby Watersheds Summer Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** 1

**LOCATION(S):** Dillon, Beaverhead, Red Rock, and Ruby River Drainages

**WORK START/END DATES:** June 10, 2024, to August 30, 2024

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40 **TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP:** 480

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** June 10, 2024

**HOURLY PAY:** \$13.00/hr

**POSITION DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK:** The fisheries intern in the Beaverhead and Ruby River Watersheds will assist in completion of two projects pertaining to native fishes: 1) Westslope cutthroat trout conservation in tributary streams to the Beaverhead and Ruby rivers, and 2) Management of high elevation lakes stocked with Westslope cutthroat trout to provide recreational sport fisheries. The selected intern will assist a FWP crew in survey and inventory of native resident Westslope cutthroat trout populations to determine population status and genetic characteristics to develop conservation plans, physical removal of non-native fishes occurring in sympatry with Westslope cutthroat trout via electrofishing and piscicide. Surveying and inventory of fish assemblages in high mountain lakes via gill netting to develop lake-specific management strategies. This position will also assist with data entry, age and growth analysis of river and reservoir sport fisheries, and Arctic grayling conservation and monitoring.

**SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):**

**Must be currently enrolled in a college or university, preferably around the Butte or Dillon areas (i.e., no housing will be provided). Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in majors such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. The person hired must be in good physical shape and be able to hike 5 miles per day and carry equipment including, but not limited to a 40+ lb. backpack, small outboard motors, and other heavy objects. Most work will be performed outside and often in remote places. Incumbent must be comfortable working outdoors and knowledge of camping and backpacking are valuable, as is the ability to read and interpret topographical maps. Person must have a valid driver's license and be comfortable riding ATV's. Person must also be comfortable communicating with private landowners and the public.**

**APPLICATION MATERIALS:**

**Recent transcripts, letter of application (include the following in the letter: why you would like this position and how it relates to your career goals and how you are physically prepared for strenuous outdoor work), two letters of reference, and a brief resume.**

**SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: [lbateman@mt.gov](mailto:lbateman@mt.gov)**