

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 11, 2013

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, March 4, 2013 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

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POSITION TITLE: Grizzly Bear Technician

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Kalispell, MT

WORK START/END DATES: Mid-May 2013 to Mid-August 2013 **HOURS/WEEK:** 40 hrs/week

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: Upon beginning of duties

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC):

- FWP Vehicle will be provide during working hours
- Housing is provided (may be shared with others)
- Food is provided when overnight in the field
- \$9.50 / hour (work schedule varies from week to week)
- per diem when away from work station on day trips

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

- Collect radio collars in the field that have been shed by bears
- Place collars in the field for a GPS habitat bias study
- Collect samples of bear foods and bear scat for stable isotope study
- Monitor bait sites in the field, set leg hold snares and culvert traps and assist with bear captures.
- Maintain and stock equipment
- Individuals will have to help prepare baits and lures for field studies
- Individuals may be required to assist in fixed-wing/helicopter telemetry flights

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

- Identification of bear sign including foods, scat, tracks, and rub trees.
- Individuals will have to hike and work under variable conditions including steep mountainous terrain, unpredictable weather, stream crossings and wildlife encounters.
- Individual may be required to camp in tent or field cabin for 6 – 10 days at a time

- Firearm experience is preferred
- Individual may work alone in the field as required
- Working towards a degree in wildlife biology, biology, or a related degree in natural resources.
- Valid state driver's licence
- Ability to work closely with others for extended periods of time.
- Ability to navigate using a map and compass or GPS.
- Experience with telemetry equipment and locating collars in the field (Preferred)

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Please send or email (both addresses) cover letter, resume, and references to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

The housing provided is a camper trailer parked at a campground that provides cooking/eating utensils, electricity, showers, laundry, and internet. When in the field for extended periods of time accommodations will be provided and include tent or trailer camping, NPS cabins, or hotel room.