MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 13, 2013

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 22, 2013 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

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POSITION TITLE: Big Hole River Summer Intern **# OF POSITIONS:** 1

LOCATION(S): Butte, Big Hole River Drainage

WORK START/END DATES: June 3, 2013 to August 23, 2013 **HOURS/WEEK:** 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: June 3, 2013

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC: $10.00/hr for 12 weeks, or combination of wages and credits

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries intern in the Big Hole Drainage will assist in the collection of data and inventory of waters in the Big Hole River drainage. Work will include electrofishing small streams to quantify the abundance and distribution of Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, and other trout species. Mid elevation lakes will also be sampled using netting techniques such as gill and trap nets. Backcountry work sampling high mountain lakes will also be performed. Inventories of native burbot, western pearl shell mussels and restoration of westslope cutthroat trout may all be conducted. Work will include tagging and radio telemetry of native lake trout in Twin Lakes. Major projects will include an inventory of the tributaries to the Big Hole River to determine their fisheries status and potential importance to the mainstem river as spawning and rearing tributaries. Person will also assist in monitoring of Big Hole mainstem flow and temperature according to the Big Hole River Drought Management Plan.

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 drivers license and be comfortable riding ATV's. Person must also be comfortable communicating with private landowners and the public.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): 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. Please send to contact person listed above.

NOTE: IF A STUDENT IS INTERESTED IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR BOTH THE BIG HOLE AND BEAVERHEAD/RUBY WATERSHED POSITIONS, PLEASE INDICATE THAT IN THE COVER LETTER. NO NEED FOR STUDENTS TO SUBMIT TWO SEPARATE APPLLICATIONS FOR THESE SIMILAR POSITIONS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Housing is provided in a camper trailer located in Wisdom, MT. The rewards are great for the student who is capable of successfully filling this position, but the job is physically challenging. This is an excellent summer opportunity for someone majoring in Fish and Wildlife Management or related field and for those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project, or independent study. It is also suitable for teachers pursuing college credit for re-certification, although they must arrange for the credits themselves.