

**MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS**  
**INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

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**DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friday, January 12, 2018

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Friday, March 2, 2018 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

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**POSITION TITLE:** Mountain Lakes Summer Intern

**# OF POSITIONS:** TWO

**LOCATION(S):** Billings—Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness

**WORK START/END DATES:** Approx. July 9, 2018 to August 16, 2018 Can be flexible

**HOURS/WEEK:** 40 hours per week, 240 hours total internship

**TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES:** July 2018 (upon hire)

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

\$11.00/hr for 6 weeks, or a combination of wages and credit

**POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

Fisheries fieldworker intern in the Absaroka-Beartooth (A-B) Wilderness. Typical work week will be 4-days of backpacking into the A-B Wilderness to sample fisheries. Personnel will utilize gill nets and angling equipment to collect fish weights, lengths and aging structures. Will necropsy fish and assess gut contents, assess potential spawning habitat and provide information regarding access and camping. Interns may also assist with other regional fisheries projects.

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

Must be currently enrolled in a Montana college or university, preferably around the Billings area. Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in a major such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. **MUST BE ABLE TO HIKE AN AVERAGE OF 9 MILES PER DAY WITH A 60+ POUND BACKPACK.** Knowledge of camping and backpacking would be a plus, as would the ability to read and interpret topographical maps.

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

1. Recent academic transcript
2. Cover Letter (include why you would like this position, how it relates to your goals and backcountry experience with the number of days spent and location of backpacking trips the past 2 years)
3. Brief resume with at least 2 references

Please send to contact person listed above via email or postal service.

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

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 those desiring college credits as an internship, individual problems project, or independent study.