

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN ANNOUNCEMENT

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 3, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, February 18, 2022

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

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

LOCATION(S): Anaconda, Butte, Big Hole River Drainage

WORK START/END DATES: May 2, 2022 through August 19, 2022 **HOURS/WEEK:** 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 16 weeks or 640 hrs

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: May 2, 2022

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): \$15.00/hr for 16 weeks, or combination of wages and credits, housing is provided.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Fisheries intern in the Big Hole Drainage will have 2 primary responsibilities: 1. In May and early June successful applicants will assist in fish culture duties at the Washoe Park Fish Hatchery in Anaconda. These duties will include spawning and rearing westslope cutthroat trout, spawning of wild cutthroat trout that are reared in an isolation building, and other hatchery duties including stocking of fish, grounds keeping and maintenance. The second primary duty will be to assist in a large-scale native fish restoration project in French Creek which will last until the end of the position. This project will involve the removal of non-native trout species and the eventual restoration of native westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling. The internship will also include electrofishing small streams to quantify the abundance and distribution of Arctic grayling, westslope cutthroat trout, and other fish species. Mid elevation lakes will also be sampled using netting techniques such as gill and trap nets. Backcountry work sampling high mountain lakes may also be performed. Inventories of native burbot, western pearl shell mussels and restoration of westslope cutthroat trout may all be conducted.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a college or university. If an out of state student's college does not accept our intern contract, the student will be required to take at least one credit at a college in Montana during their internship. 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. Almost all 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.

REQUIRED 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), 3 references from most recent positions, and a brief resume. Please send to contact person listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Housing for this position is provided in an FWP camper trailer. 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.