

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Friday, January 7, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

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

POSITION TITLE: Madison and Gallatin Watersheds Summer Intern

OF POSITIONS: 1

LOCATION(S): Madison and Gallatin River Drainages

WORK START/END DATES: June 6, 2022 to August 26, 2022

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 480

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: June 6, 2022

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): \$13.00/hr. for 12 weeks, or a combination of wages and credits. No housing provided.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The fisheries intern in the Madison and Gallatin watersheds will assist with westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling conservation in tributaries of the Madison and Gallatin rivers, as well as the management of high elevation lakes stocked with westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling to provide recreational sport fisheries. The selected intern will assist a FWP crew in survey and inventory of native resident westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling 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, and survey 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 as well as age and growth analysis of river and reservoir sport fisheries.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Must be currently enrolled in a college or university.

Minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in majors such as Biology, Fish and Wildlife, Outdoor Recreation, or Environmental Science/Studies. Applicants should be in good physical shape and be able to hike 8 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 occupied by grizzly bears. 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/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): Cover letter, transcripts, and resume that includes three references. Please send to contact person listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (; HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.) Housing is not guaranteed but may be available in the form of a camper/trailer which may be shared with other interns. There may be a camping fee for use of the trailer at a recreation site. The housing market in Bozeman is very competitive, so arrangements should be made prior to arrival. Trout fishing around Bozeman is world renowned with the Gallatin, Madison, and Yellowstone rivers less than an hour away. Bozeman also offers ample hiking and camping opportunities in the surrounding national forest.

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.