

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Monday, January 3rd, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 21st, 2022 (postmarked)

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

POSITION TITLE: Native Fish Species Intern **# OF POSITIONS:** 1

LOCATION(S): Dillon, Montana

WORK START/END DATES: July 11th – September 30th

HOURS/WEEK: 40

TOTAL HOURS FOR INTERNSHIP: 480

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: July 11th

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC): Compensation will be \$13 per hour. Compensation will also include a respectable per diem rate for extended stays in the field. Cheap housing options may be available but not guaranteed.

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The successful recipient of this position will be responsible for assisting with conservation efforts for Westslope cutthroat trout and Arctic grayling in Southwest Montana. Responsibilities of this position will include electrofishing rescue efforts for entrained grayling, collection of eDNA samples in Westslope cutthroat project streams, using electrofishing for survey and inventory of Westslope cutthroat conservation populations, assisting on non-native fish removals using mechanical and chemical removal, and assisting in annual electrofishing sampling in Arctic grayling spawning tributaries. Other responsibilities may include data entry and gear maintenance.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS): Recipient must be currently enrolled or enrolled the previous Spring (2022) in a college university. A minimum GPA of 3.00 is required in a Natural Resources, Biology, Environmental Science, or similar major. Recipient must be able to complete strenuous work in remote locations with varying weather conditions. Hikes of upwards of ten miles carrying overnight backpacks and sampling gear will be required. The position requires extended camping trips; however, camping gear will be provided. Applicants should be skilled in map reading, navigation with GPS, operating an ATV, data collection, and communicating with the public. Experience in fisheries is a plus, but not required.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.): Resume, Cover Letter, Transcripts, and References 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 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. Housing is not guaranteed. Dillon is located in the southwest corner of Montana. The population of Dillon is around 4300 and the town offers several grocery stores, great food options, a brewery, and numerous parks. Trout fishing around Dillon is world renowned with the Beaverhead River flowing through town and the Ruby, Big Hole, Jefferson, and Madison rivers all nearby. Dillon also offers ample hiking and camping opportunities in the surrounding National Forest.