

Wildlife Field Technician Position Announcement – Hair Snagging Assistant (#19_003) University of Montana / US Fish and Wildlife Service Cabinet-Yaak and Selkirk Mountains Grizzly Bear Study, Libby MT

Closing Date: 1 March 2019

Position: We are taking applications for 2 assistant technician positions for the summer of 2019, assisting with hair snagging for grizzly bears in northwest Montana and north Idaho. Position is employed by University of Montana, but supervised by US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Duties: Primary tasks will include: assist other technicians in set-up, checking, and collecting hair from rub trees for DNA analysis, set-up and maintenance of barb wire corral hair collection sites (DNA) and remote cameras, ground monitoring of radio collared bears, and other duties as assigned. Applicant **must expect and be willing** to hike and work in grizzly bear habitat. This position will require the employee to be capable of driving pick-up trucks with manual and automatic transmissions. Experience pulling trailers on state highways and forest service logging roads will be beneficial. Additional tasks may include minor equipment maintenance, and data entry. Applicant must write legibly and keep accurate records for biological data collection, organize collected samples, and perform data entry.

Qualifications: Applicant must be in good physical condition with ability to hike 5-10 miles per day for several consecutive days often in poor weather conditions and carry a 20-30 pound back pack in rugged terrain. Applicant must have ability to work with others and will work in a team with the lead technician. Valid state driver's license required. License must be presented to supervisor for inspection on first day of work. Applicant must be experienced and proficient at operating a four-wheel drive truck on gravel and dirt roads.

Experience: The following are work experiences that are preferred but not required. Performing fieldwork in grizzly bear habitat; driving on gravel or dirt logging roads; operation of 2-way radio communications, use of a satellite communication device, trail camera experience, set-up and collection of hair at corral sites, use of bear spray, and operation of GPS. Ability to enter Canada preferred (Passport book or card).

Terms of Appointment: Early-May through August (possibly September), 2019 (specific start and finish dates may be negotiable), Position will receive \$10.70/ hour plus \$20.00 per diem each day worked Work schedule is typically 10 days on, 4 days off, but may vary. Housing provided. Successful applicant required to provide their own transportation to field camps.

Please contact us with any questions. To apply send a generous or lengthy resume and cover letter to email or mailing address below before March 1, 2019. Files should be labeled with last name, then first name, and job announcement number:
Doe_J_19_003_Coverletter@xxx, Doe_J_19_003_Resume@xxx.

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